

[For use only after using #621A.]

EXERCISE: After the pastiche, use the rest of the sheet (both sides) to do midrash [commentary, from personal conviction/experience] on, serially, the three principles.

III. PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

How could we speak about Christian leadership without mentioning Jesus Christ, His life, His crucifixion and His resurrection? The only answer is: He has been here from the first page of this chapter. The understanding of Mr. Harrison's condition and the search for a creative response were based on God's revelation in Jesus Christ. This revelation shows in the paralyzing condition of Mr. Harrison, the condition of man. It also reveals to us the possibility of following Christ in a faithful waiting for another beyond the boundaries which separate life from death. Therefore we can discover and rediscover in the encounter between Mr. Harrison and John the basic principles of Christian leadership: first, personal concern, which asks one man to give his life for his fellow man; second, a deep-rooted faith in the value and meaning of life, even when the days look dark; and third, an outgoing hope which always looks for tomorrow, even beyond the moment of death. And all these principles are based on the one and only conviction that, since God has become man, it is man who has the power to lead his fellow man to freedom. Let us now pay special attention to these three principles which we derived from John's visit to Mr. Harrison.

--p.71, Henri Nouwen, THE WOUNDED HEALER:
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