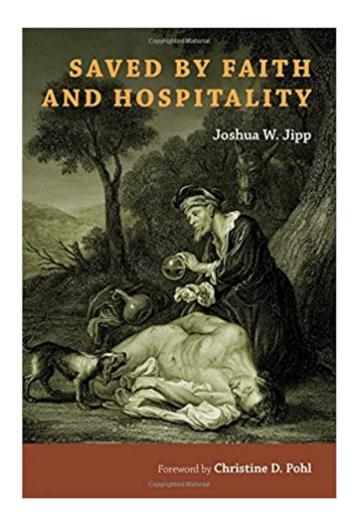
## A flourishing life...

Hospitality and Race Relations 2

#### Joshua Jipp

"Hospitality is the act or process whereby the identity of the stranger is transformed into that of guest. While hospitality often uses the basic necessities of life such as the protection of one's home and the offer of food, drink, conversation, and clothing, the primary impulse of hospitality is to create a safe and welcoming place where a stranger can be converted into a friend."



He entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully.

7 And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

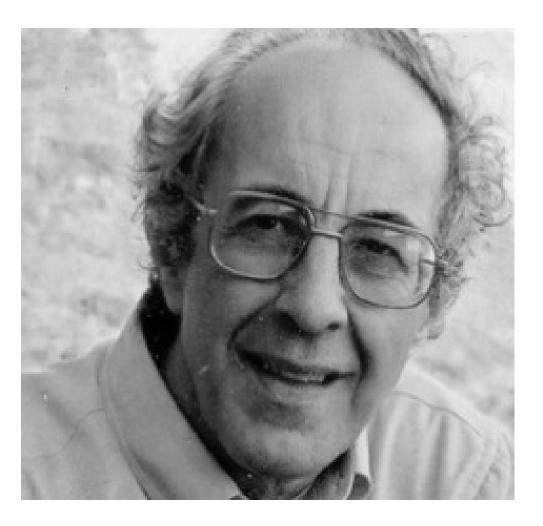
# Mike Erre on Lament "Lament is faithfulness in the current situation because it assumes

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God and evil's evil."



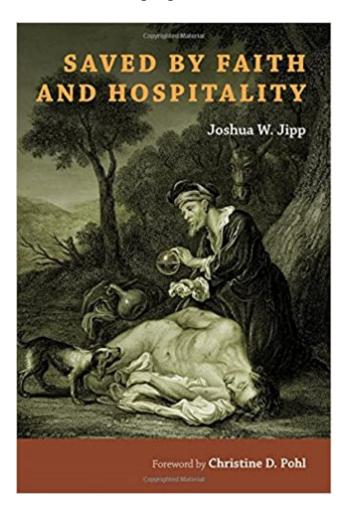
#### Henri Nouwen



"Our society seems to be increasingly full of fearful, defensive, aggressive people anxiously clinging to their property and inclined to look at their surrounding world with suspicion, always expecting an enemy to suddenly appear, intrude and do harm. But still- that is our vocation: to convert...the enemy into a guest and to create the free fearless space where brotherhood and sisterhood can be formed and fully experienced."

8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold."

#### Joshua Jipp



"...Christians must reject anything that dehumanizes, stigmatizes, and perpetuates violence against the marginalized and vulnerable."

**9** And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. **10** For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

#### Joshua Jipp

"God's hospitality in the loving gift of Christ to a broken and lost humanity creates a people constituted by hospitality to one another, to strangers, and to the world."

