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# The Interchangeability **Sacrifice**

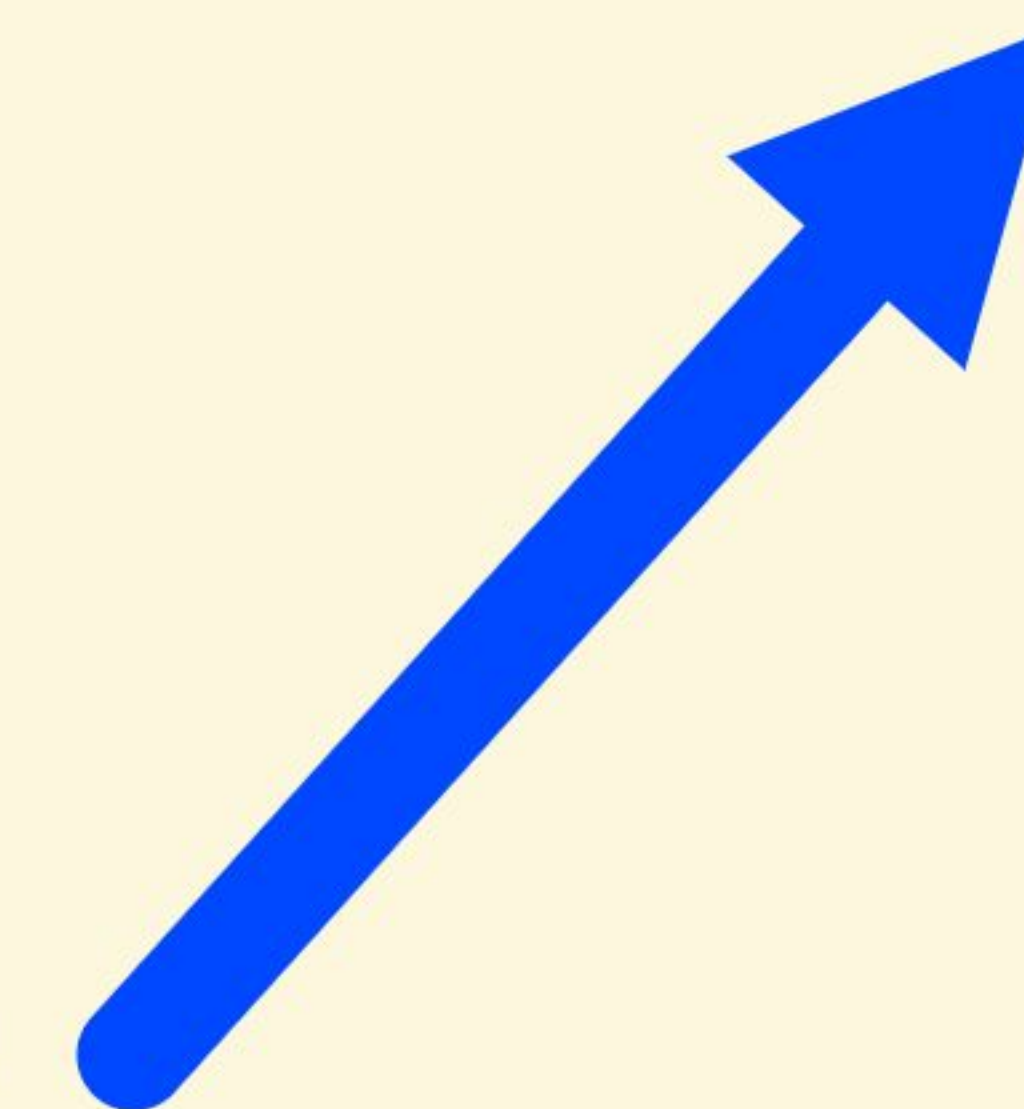
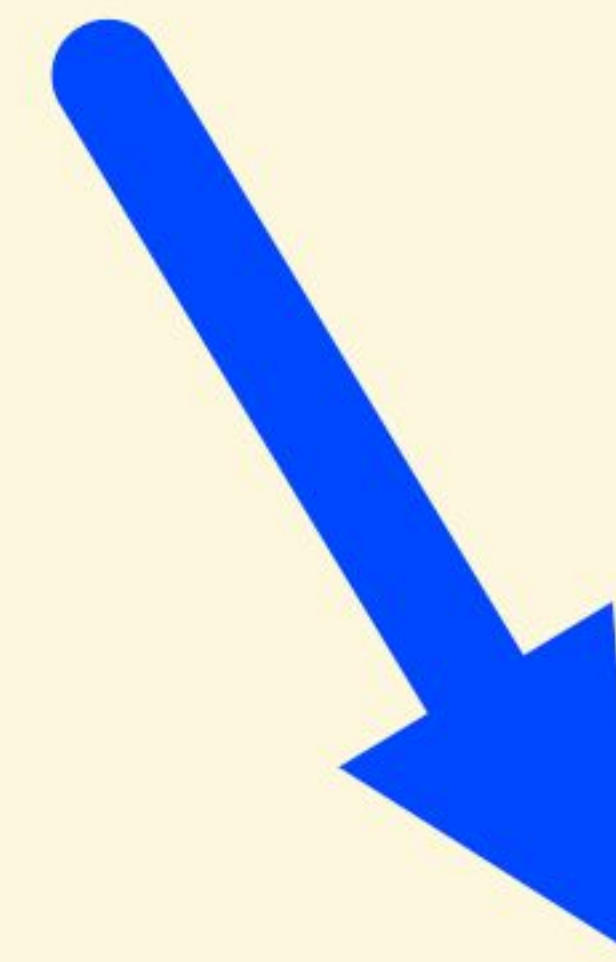
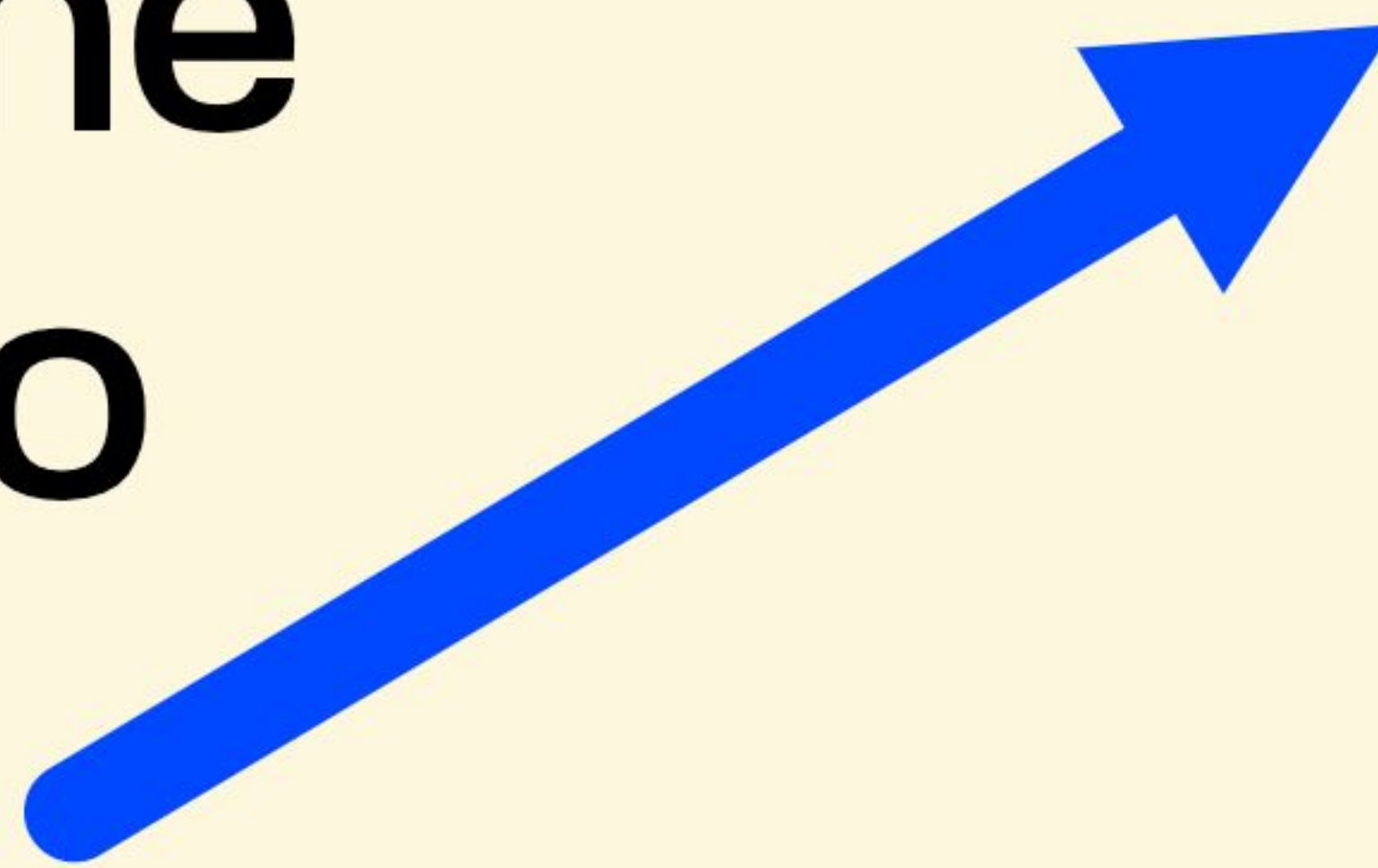


**Sacrifice is  
interchangeable  
by definition.**

**Thanks and  
respect is no  
compensation.**

**A sacrifice  
gets a worse  
deal.**

**There are  
some things  
that no one  
has to do  
but  
someone  
had better  
do.**





**Under the curse,  
nothing flourishes without  
sacrifice.**





# **HPC Core Value #4**

## **Sacrifice (Sacrificial Service)**

**We are becoming a community for others.**

**Sacrificial generosity (of time, risk, and resources) is the result of gospel motivation and the price of influence. Therefore, sacrifice is necessary in order to make the gospel believable to many who are skeptical, and to accomplish the work of ministries that save lives and save souls Christ sacrificed his own life to save. Sacrifice is the currency of love.**





# 1. Someone has to choose to make sacrifices

***Nehemiah 11:1*** “Now the leaders of the people lived in Jerusalem. And the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to live in Jerusalem...”







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## 2. Be thankful and respectful of the sacrifices of all

***Nehemiah 11:2*** “And the people blessed  
all the men who willingly offered to live  
in Jerusalem.”





# **1 Thess. 5:12 – 13 NIV**

**Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.**





## Hebrews 13:17 NIV

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.







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### **3. You are probably called to some kind of sacrifice**

***Nehemiah 11*** – it took all kinds: Heads of families, brave warriors, stewards, musicians, gatekeepers, temple servants, chief officers, singers, king's agent





# Sacrifices

Relational

Vocational

Demonstrating Godliness

**Gal. 4:29, 2 Tim. 3:12 – 14, 1 Pt. 4:12 – 16**





# 4. Embrace sacrifice as a Christian

***Nehemiah 11:1*** “cast lots to bring one out of ten to live in Jerusalem, ***the holy city***...”

Neh. 11:1, 18, Isa. 48:2, 52:1, Dan. 9:24,

Matt. 4:5, 27:53, Rev. 11:2, 21:2, 10, 22:19





# Dignity of sacrifice

You are suffering with, for, and like Christ

Colossians 1:24, Phillippians 3:10, 1 Peter 4:12 – 16, John 15:18 – 20

God is counting you worthy

Acts 5:41, 2 Thessalonians 1:4 – 7

God does not leave sacrifice unrewarded

Luke 6:38, Mark 10:30, Matt. 24:14ff, Eph. 6:8, Col. 3:18, Heb. 11:26





# 5. Let your appreciation of Christ's sacrifices deepen

Nehemiah became an exile to give people a home with God.





He chose sacrifice to bring life.

He became an exile to make a home.

His sacrifice was not thanked and respected  
by all those he served.

He suffered indignity as well as cost.

He chose the rubble to make beauty.

He saw the truth beyond the material.

**He chose you to walk in his way.**







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