

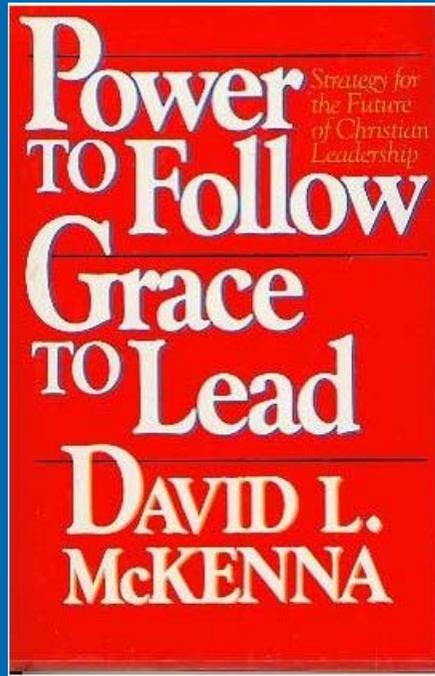
How can God use
an NMI President
in His Mission?



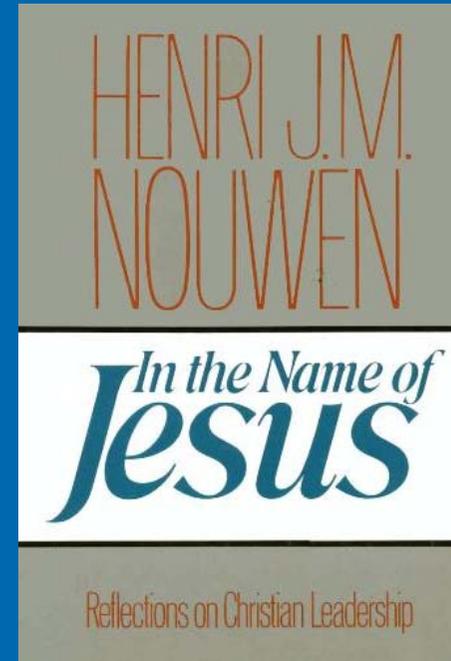
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The Incarnate Model

based on

*“And the Word became flesh
and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.”*

--John 1:14

And the Word became flesh...

- Filled and led by the Holy Spirit
- *“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.”*

--Philippians 2:5-8

And the Word became flesh...

- Filled and led by the Holy Spirit
- Christ's example:
 - The emptying of self-glory
 - The nature of the servant
 - Obedience
 - Death(repeated)

...And lived among us...

- Know our people
- Know our culture(s)
- Know the needs

...Full of grace and truth

*“Grace is God giving Himself to us and
‘truth’ is God revealing Himself to us”*

--David McKenna

...Full of grace and truth

*“And if I have prophetic powers, and
understand all mysteries and all
knowledge, and if I have all faith,
so as to remove mountains,
but do not have love,
I am nothing.”*

--1 Corinthians 13:2

...Full of grace and truth

- Walk and lead in grace and love;
Let truth be our standard.

...We have seen his glory...

“And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.”

--2 Corinthians 3:18



...We have seen his glory...

- There will be glory...and temptations
 - Temptation 1: glory in success
 - Temptation 2: being relevant
 - Temptation 3: being irrelevant

Avoiding the temptations...

- Focus on Christ's glory
 - Time in prayer
 - Dwelling in God's presence
 - Listening to His voice
 - Reading and meditating on His Word

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For God to use us!