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**Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

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***In order for us to put a stop to selfish ambition, Christians must...***

Hold their tongues, refusing to speak uncharitably about a Christian brother or sister.

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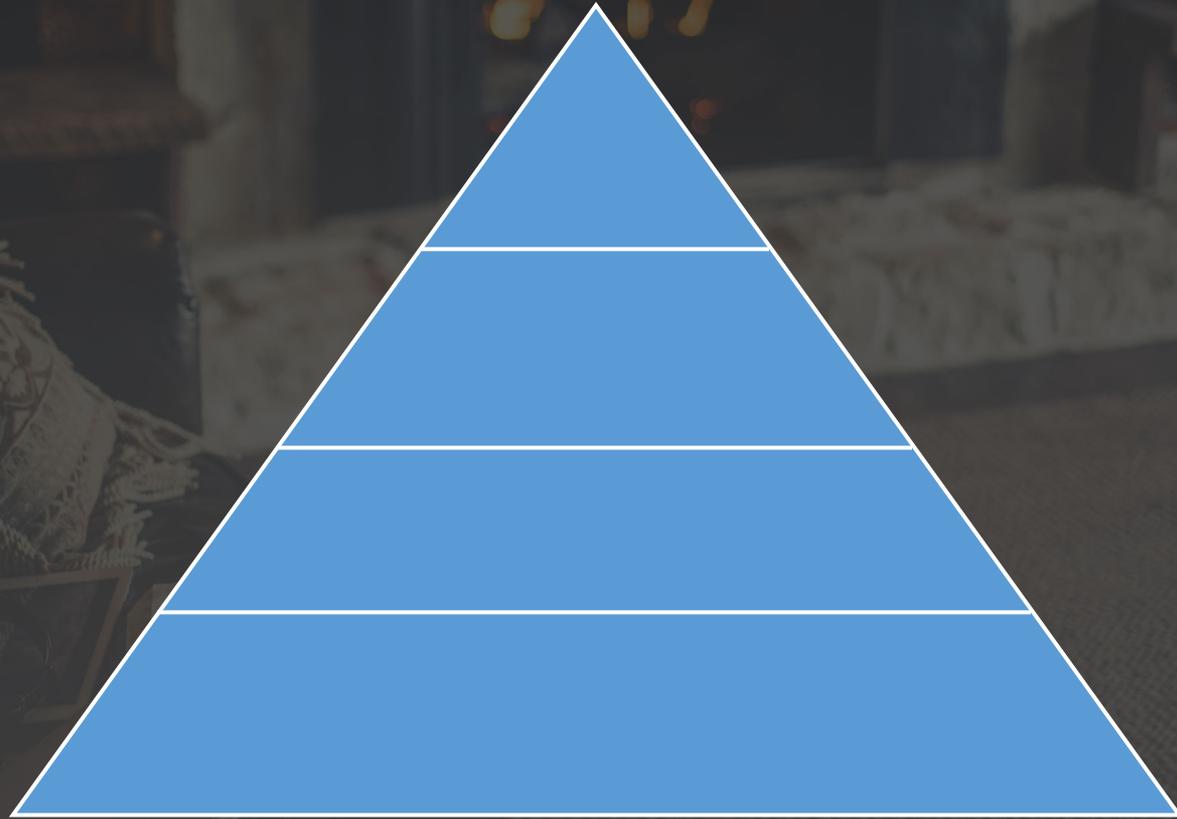
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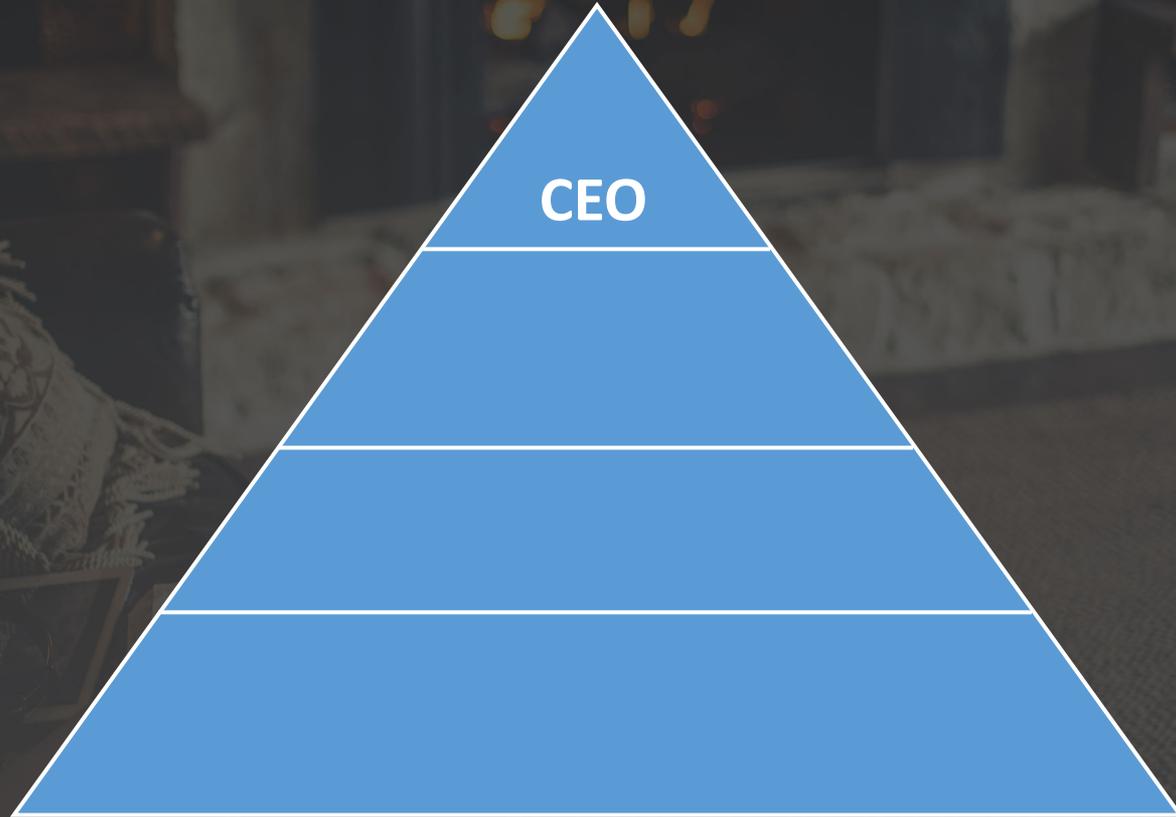
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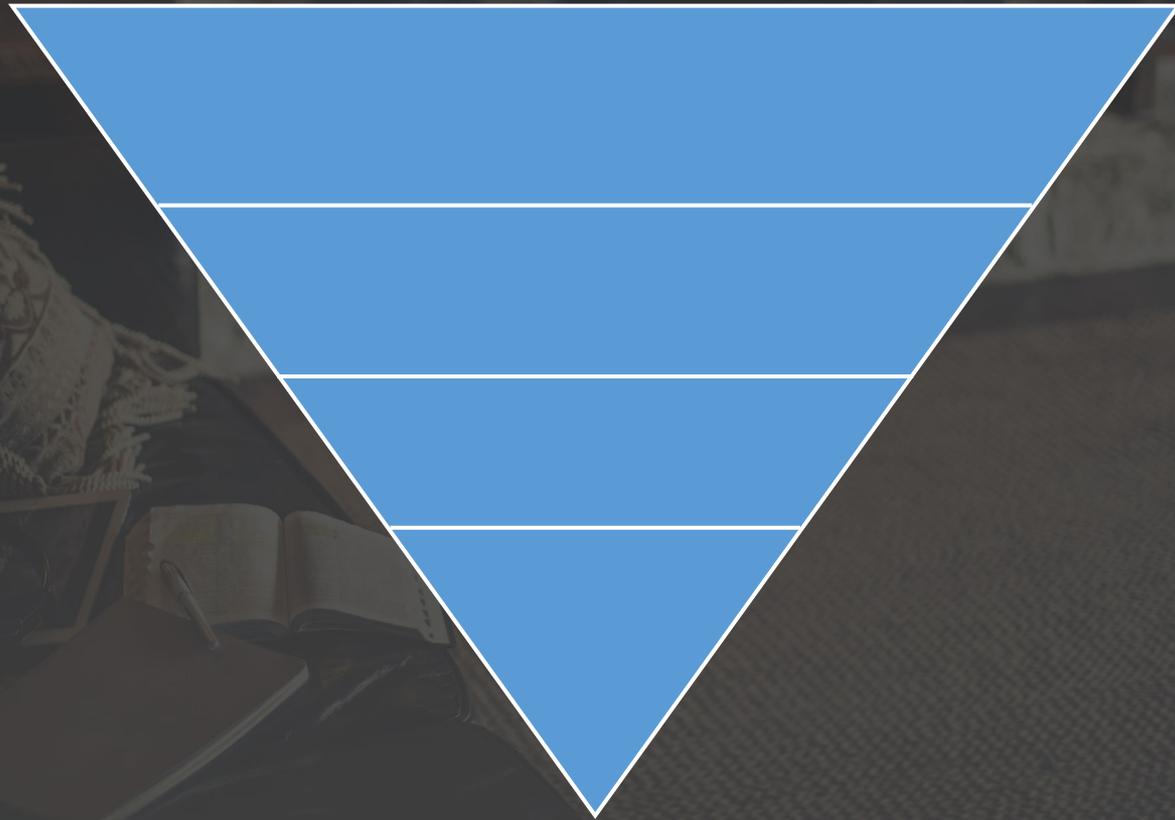
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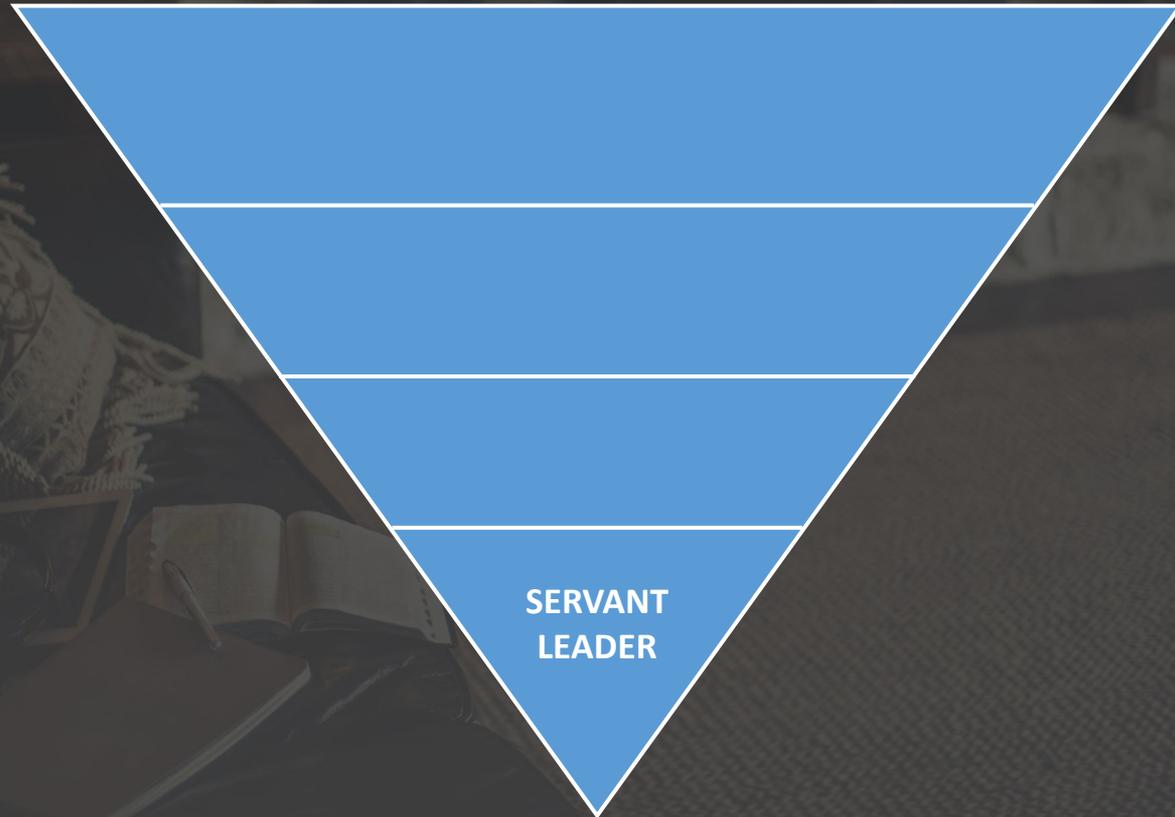
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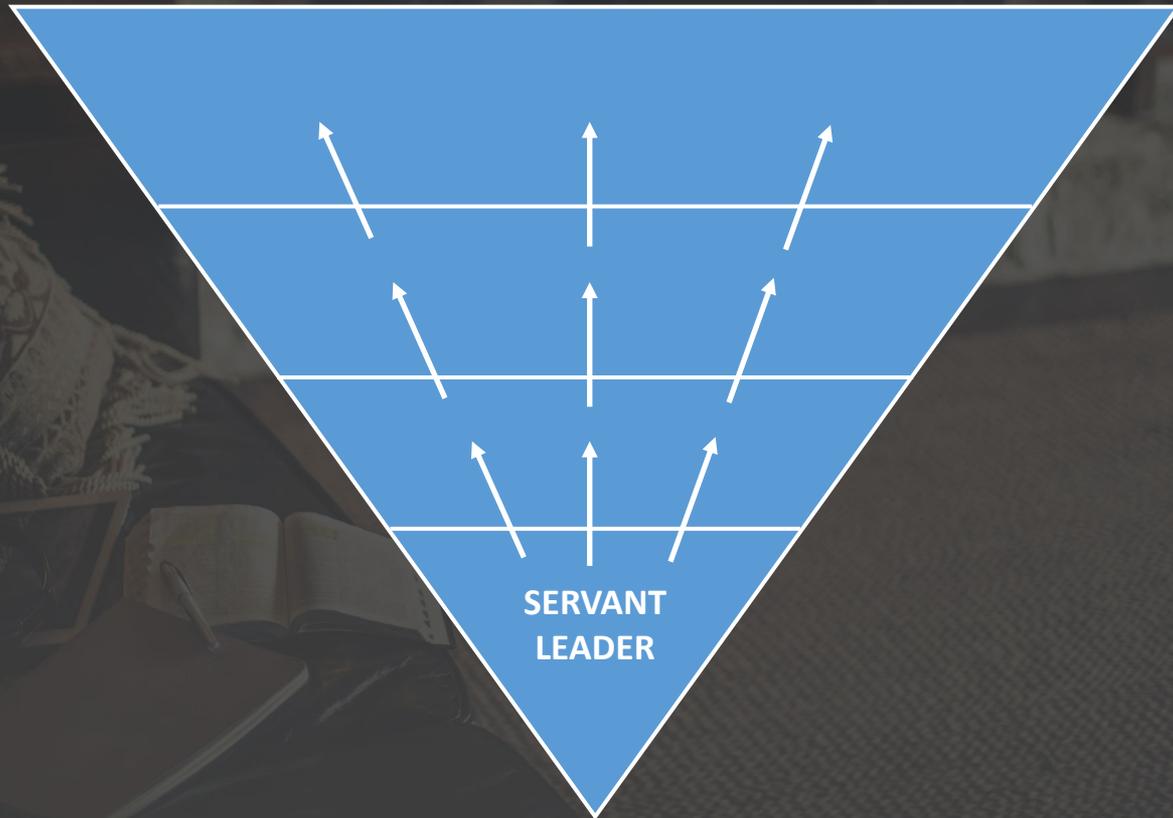
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