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Mode of protection - self-sufficiency is safer than relating
wanted to be different - fear
Christ's attitude never were self-protective - hurt,
controlled, own space + time
Goals - ① conform to Christ ② Reach unbelievers
Autonomy will prevent Jas. 4:14-17
Paul's. I Cor. 9:19 ff - slave to all - might win the more

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