



# CATCHING GOD IN **THE ACTS**

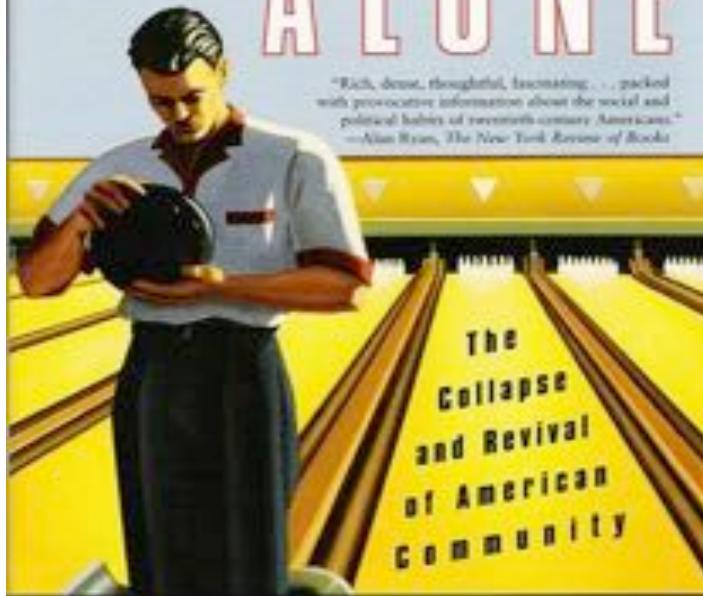




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# BOWLING ALONE

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Tracey Crouch, left, Britain's under secretary for sport and civil society, is to coordinate the government's response to loneliness. Stephen Pond/Getty Images for Sport England



BY VIVIAN MURRAY

# WORK AND THE LONELINESS EPIDEMIC

Reducing isolation at work is good for business.



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"If you talk to any therapist today, the problems we see mostly are mood disorders: depression, anxiety, loneliness, and social detachment. As blessed as we are as Americans, as prosperous as we are, there's all this depression. So where is it coming from? I'm convinced it's rooted in the loss of 'refrigerator rights' relationships...too many Americans suffer mentally and emotionally because they have too few of these kinds of relationships."

*Dr. William Miller*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common.<sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

*Acts 2:42-47*

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that there were no needy persons among them.

For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

*Acts 4:32-35*



"If today's church does not recapture the spirit of the early church, it will be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the 20th century."

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. 2

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

*Matthew 10:1-4*



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the documentary  
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AMERICAN  
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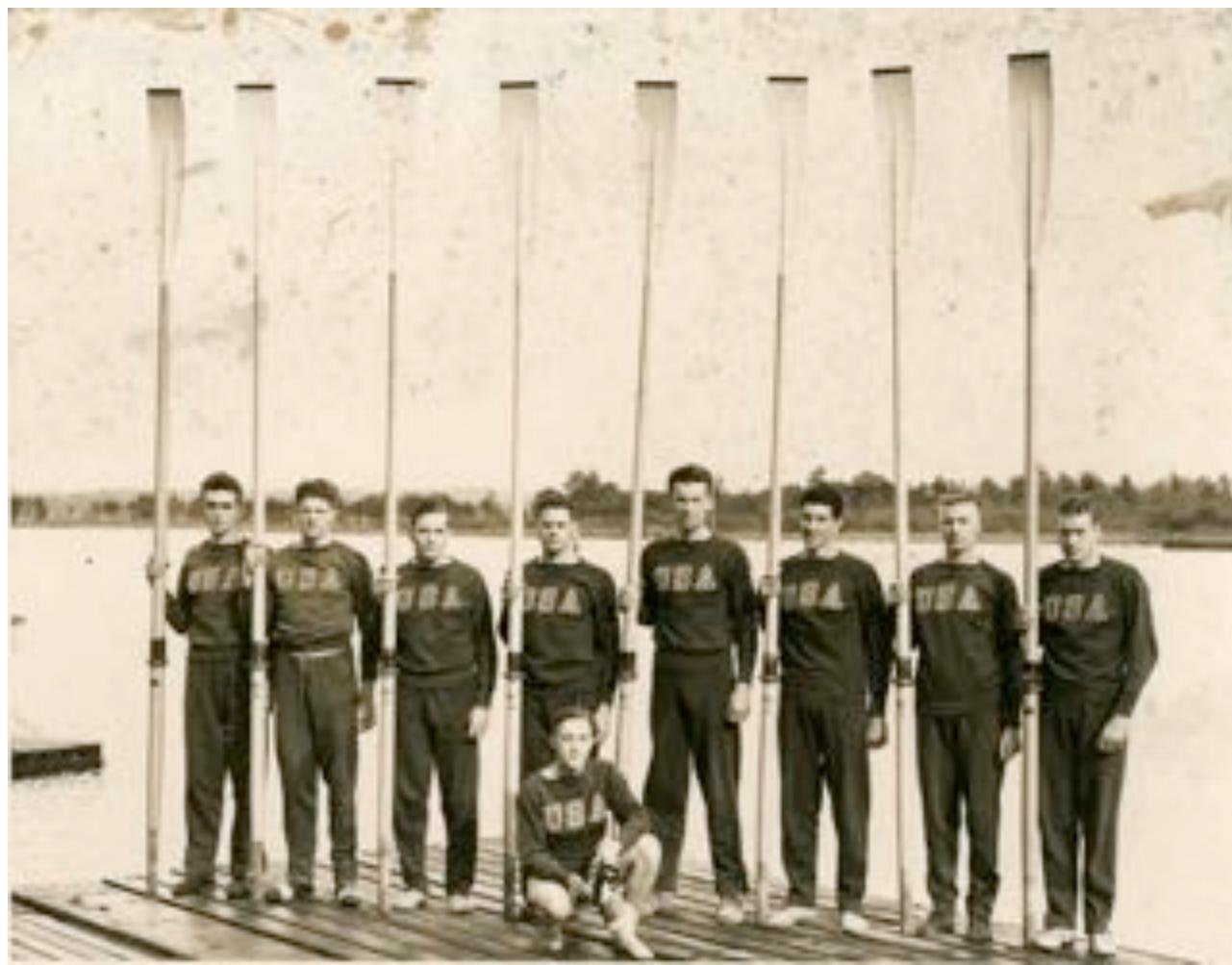


Nine Americans and Their  
Epic Quest for Gold at the  
1936 Berlin Olympics



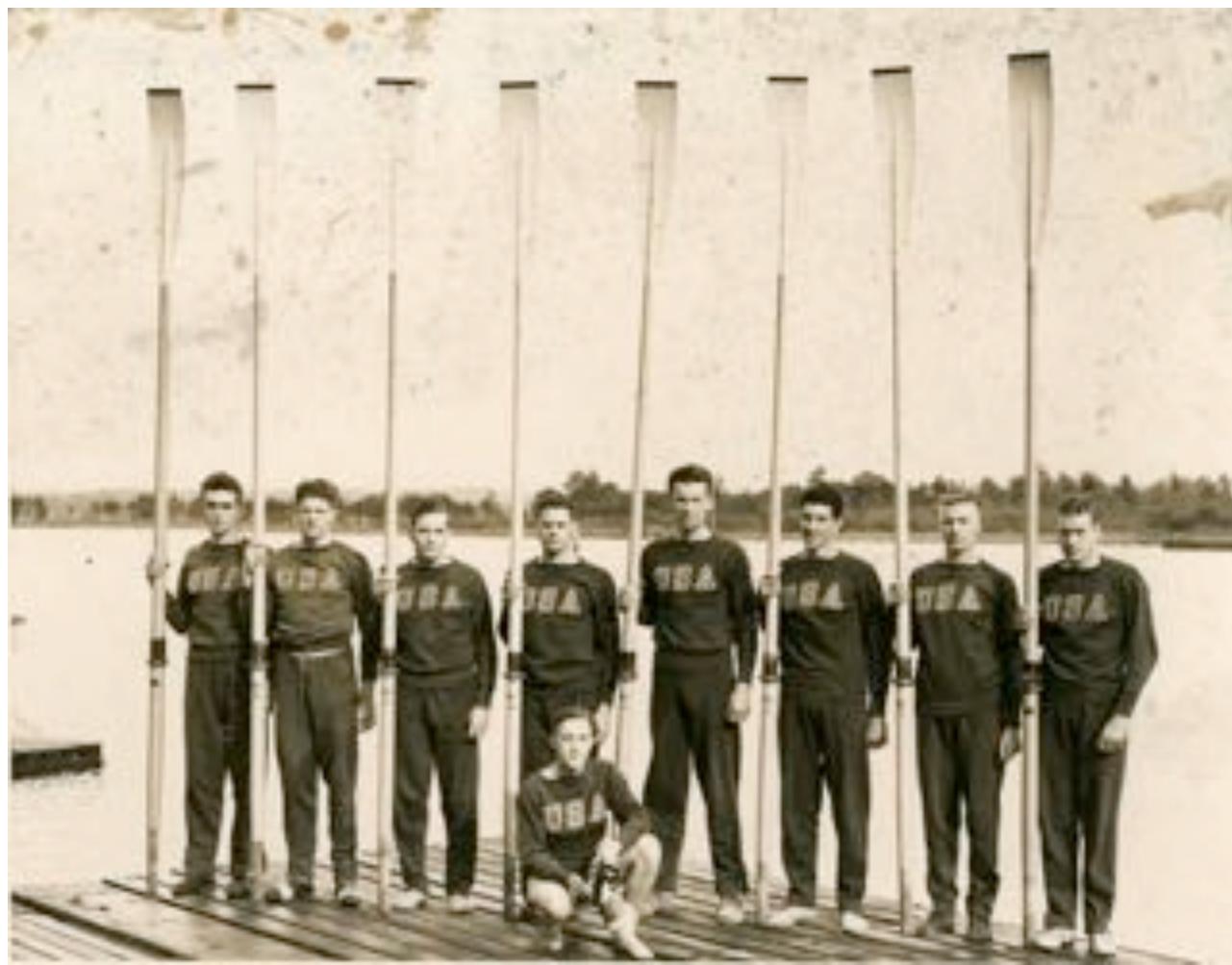
Daniel James Brown

CROWN ARCHETYPE









"Good crews are good blends of personalities: someone to lead the charge, someone to hold something in reserve; someone to pick a fight, someone to make peace; someone to think things through, someone to charge ahead without thinking. Somehow all this must mesh. That's the steepest challenge....No other sport demands and rewards the complete abandonment of the self the way that rowing does. Great crews may have men or women of exceptional talent or strength ...but they have no stars. The team effort — the perfectly synchronized flow of muscle, oars, boat, and water; the single, whole, unified, and beautiful symphony that a crew in motion becomes — is all that matters. Not the individual, not the self."

*Daniel James Brown*