

A series on the parables of Jesus

Faith is Math



If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

v. 26



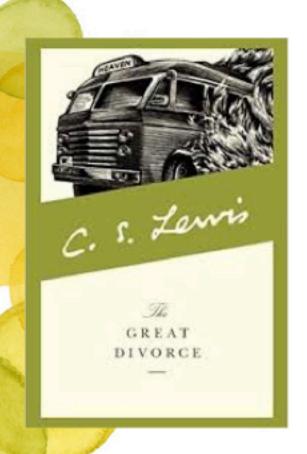
Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

v. 27



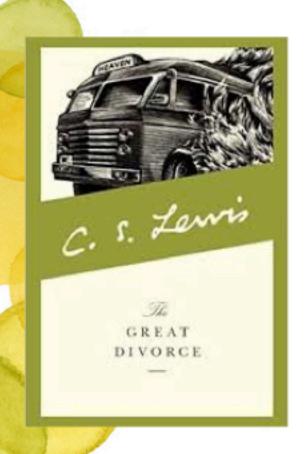
. . .therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

v. 33



"You will become solid enough for him to perceive you when you learn to want Someone Else besides him."





"You're treating God only as a means to Michael. But the whole thickening treatment consists in learning to want God for His own sake. . ..You cannot love a fellow creature fully till you love God."



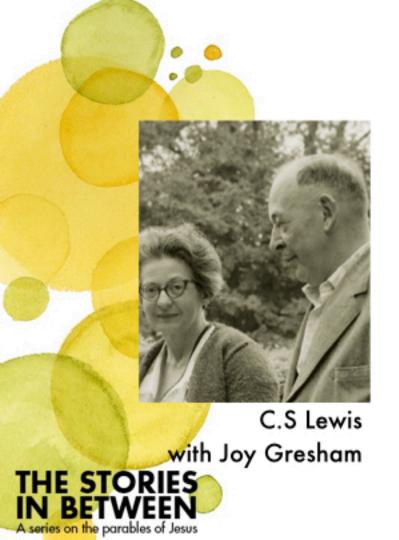


It is simply not possible to get rich off your own human capital without exploiting yourself and impoverishing your inner life, and meritocrats who hope to have their cake and eat it too deceive themselves.

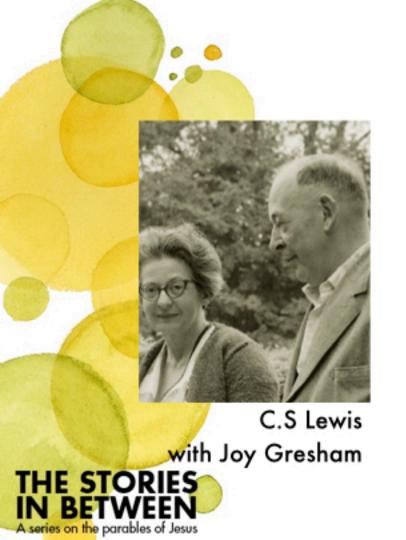


For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

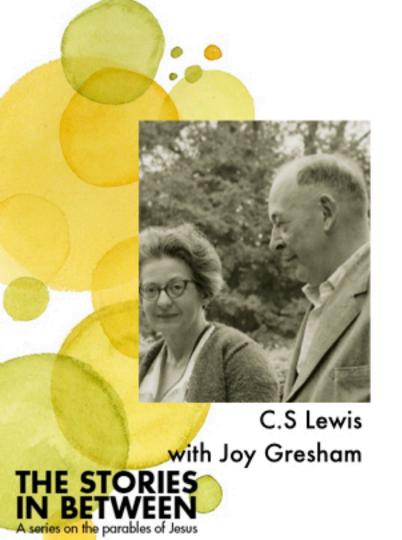
Matthew 16:26



The woman who makes a dog the centre of her life loses, in the end, not only her human usefulness and dignity but even the proper pleasure of dog-keeping. . .



It may be stated as follows: every preference of a small good to a great, or partial good to a total good, involves the loss of the small or partial good for which the sacrifice is made. . .



Put first things first and we get second things thrown in: put second things first & we lose both first and second things. We never get, say, even the sensual pleasure of food at its best when we are being greedy.



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