




THE STORIES IN BETWEEN


A series on the parables of Jesus

A Servant's Manifesto



*Worship is an act that develops feelings
for God, not a feeling for God that is
expressed in an act of worship.*

*Eugene Peterson
A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*



*"Everyone wants a revolution.
No one wants to do the dishes."*

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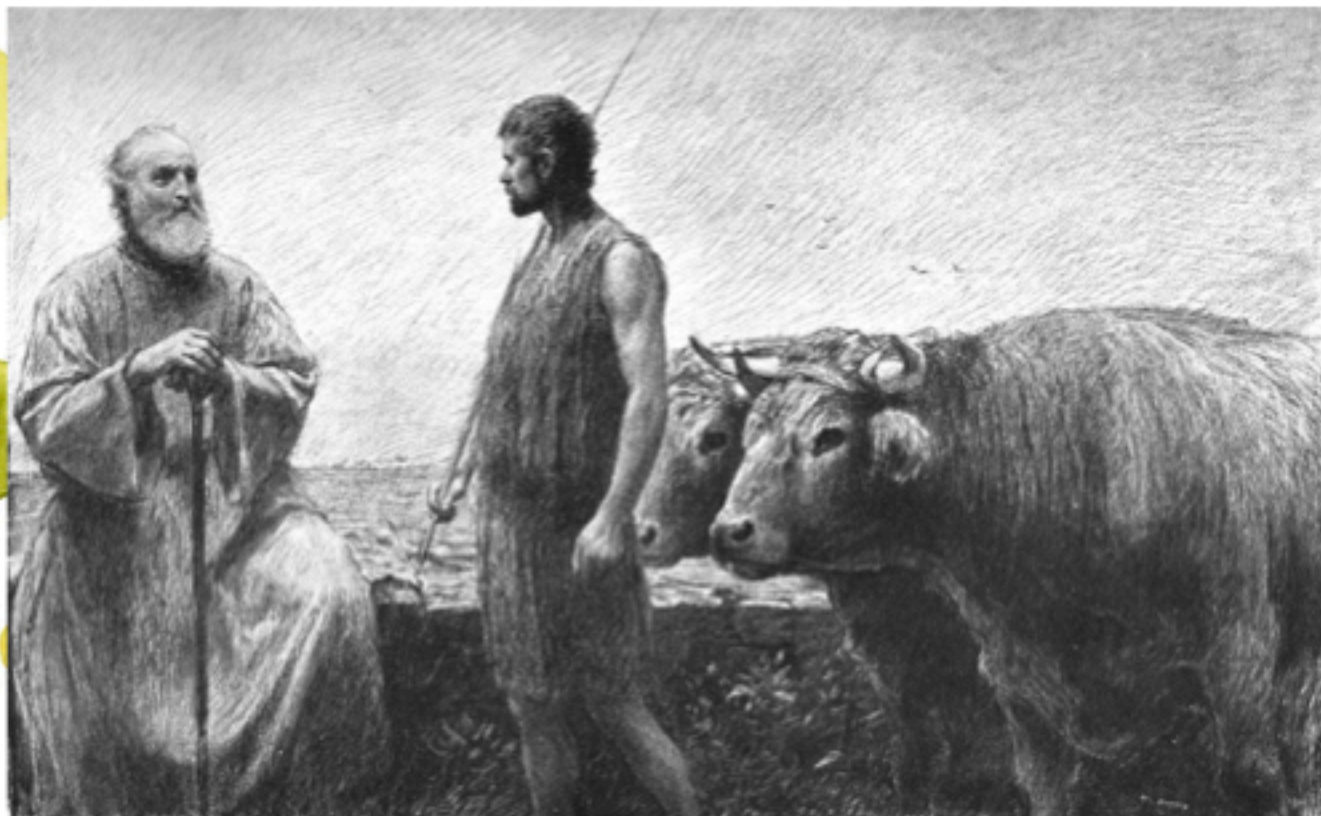


"Mr Bates"
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Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? 8 Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'?

vv.7-8



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Does he thank the servant because he did
what was commanded?

v. 9

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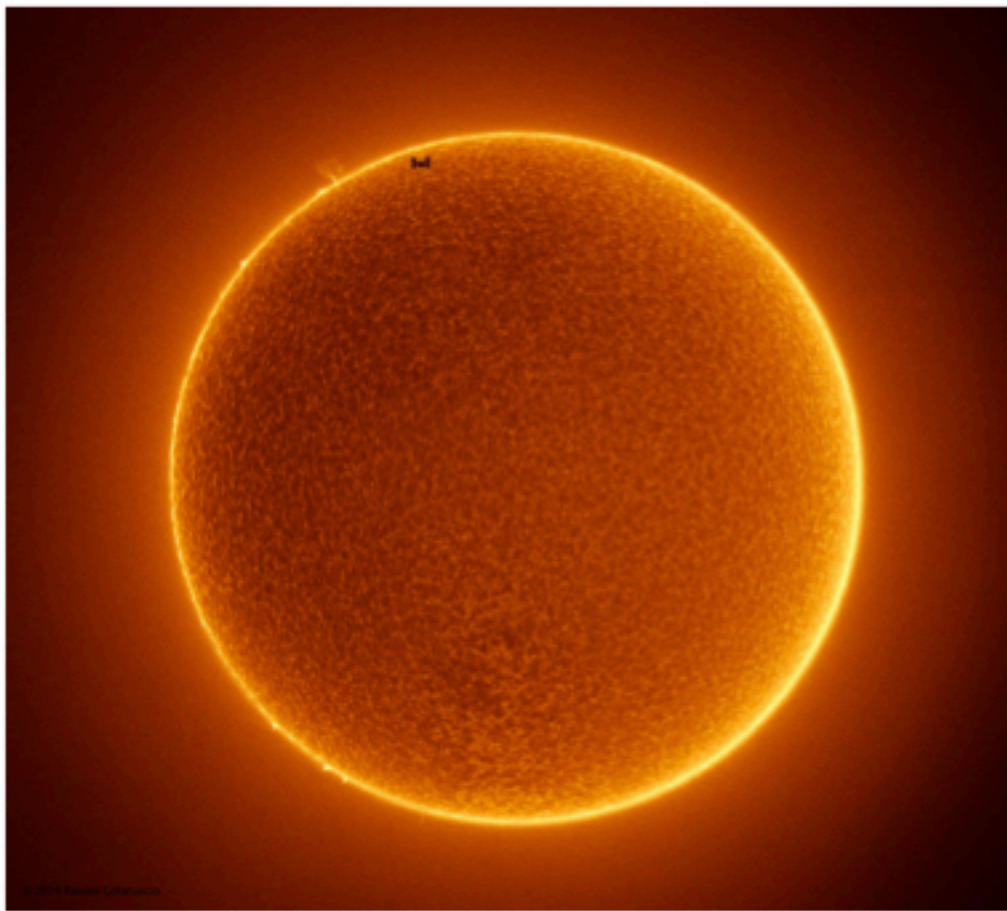
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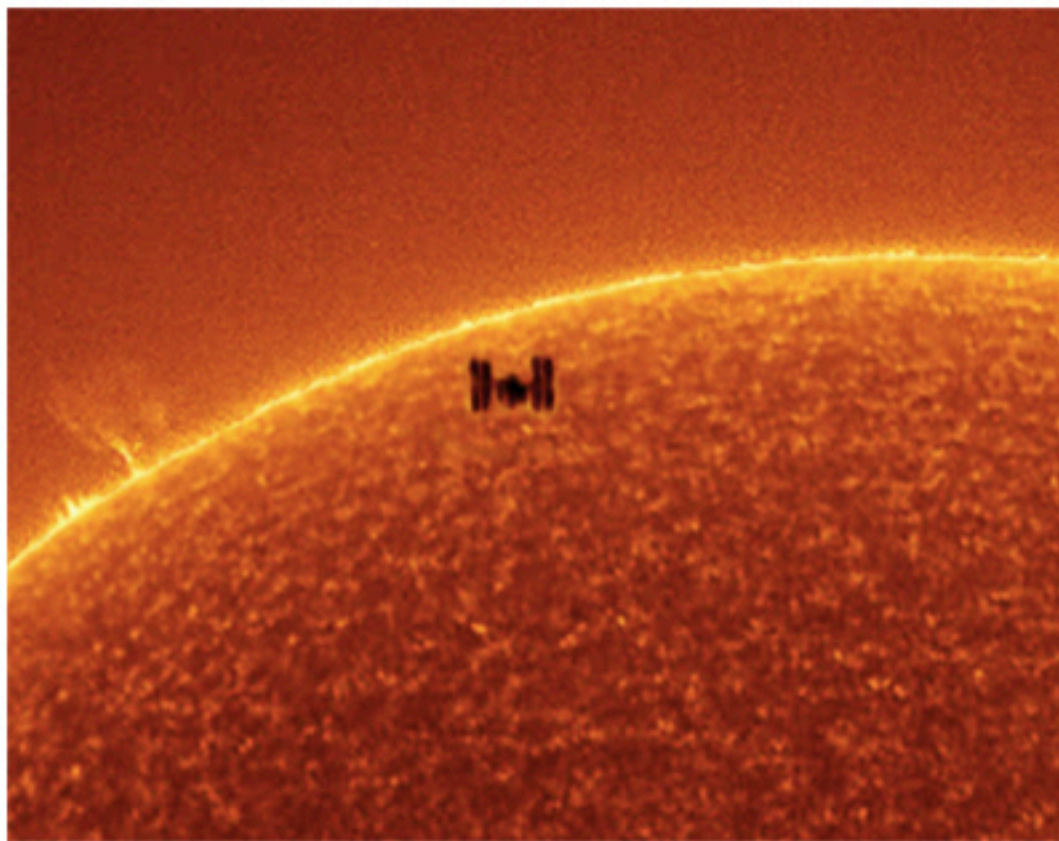


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No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:25



when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.




*If you love me, you will keep my
commandments. . . .This is my
commandment, that you love one another
as I have loved you.*

John 14:15; 15:12

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. . .in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. . . . For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Galatians 5:6; Ephesians 2:10



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*So you also, when you have done all that
you were commanded, say, 'We are
unworthy servants; we have only done
what was our duty.'*

v. 10



We can never put God in our debt.

N.T. Wright

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"Lady Sybil, Tom Branson"
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*Father, if you are willing, remove this cup
from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but
yours, be done.*

Luke 22:42



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If Christians worshipped only when they felt like it, there would be precious little worship...Worship is an act that develops feelings for God, not a feeling for God that is expressed in an act of worship.

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*When we obey the command to
praise God in worship our deep,
essential need to be in
relationship with God is
nurtured*

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Every day I put love on the line. There is nothing I am less good at than love. I am far better in competition than in love. I am far better at responding to my instincts and ambitions to get ahead and make my mark than I am at figuring out how to love another. . .

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. . .yet I decide, every day, to set aside what I can do best and attempt what I do very clumsily—open myself to the frustrations and failures of loving, daring to believe that failing in love is better than succeeding in pride.

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