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Another Story

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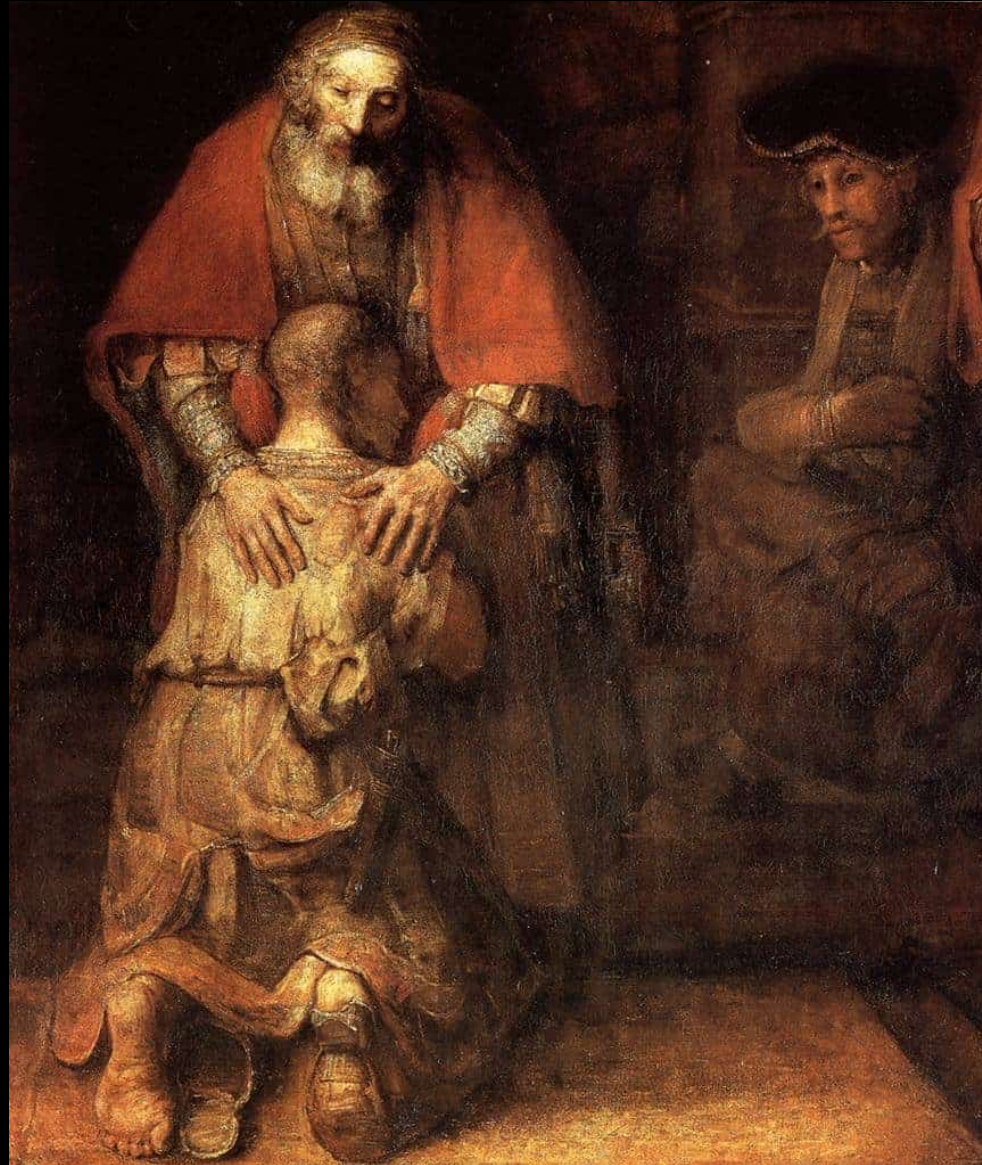
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Matthew 23:1-4

¹ Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ² “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat, ³ so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. ⁴ They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger.”

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Luke 9:51-53

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³ But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.



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The EVEN MORE UNEXPECTED Response

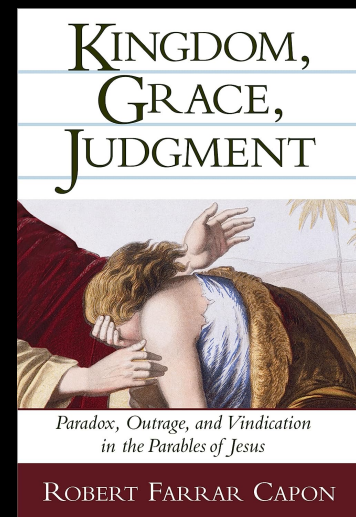
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The operative devices of (grace are) lastness, lostness, littleness, and death...The unique contribution of this parable to our understanding of Jesus is its insistence that grace cannot come to the world through respectability. Respectability regards only life, success, winning; it will have no truck with the grace that works by death and losing – which is the only kind of grace there is.

Robert Farrar Capon, *Kingdom, Grace, Judgment: Paradox, Outrage, and Vindication in the Parables of Jesus*, Combined edition. (Grand Rapids, MI; Cambridge, U.K.: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2002), 329.





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Exodus 6:6-7

⁶ Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

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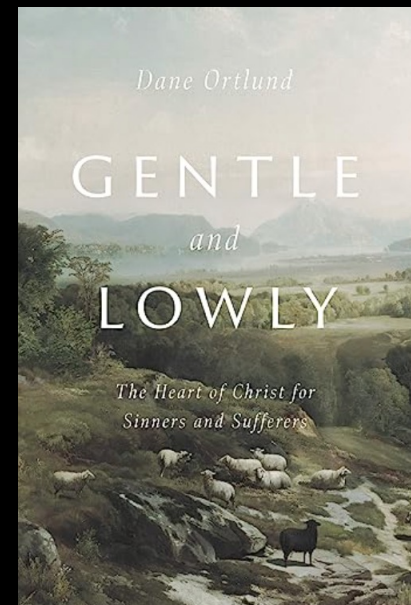
And in that day his burden will depart from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck.



GOOD
FRIDAY

When Jesus says all who labor and are heavy laden... You don't need to unburden or collect yourself and then come to Jesus. Your very burden is what qualifies you to come.

Dane Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*, p. 20



Matthew 11:28–30

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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