

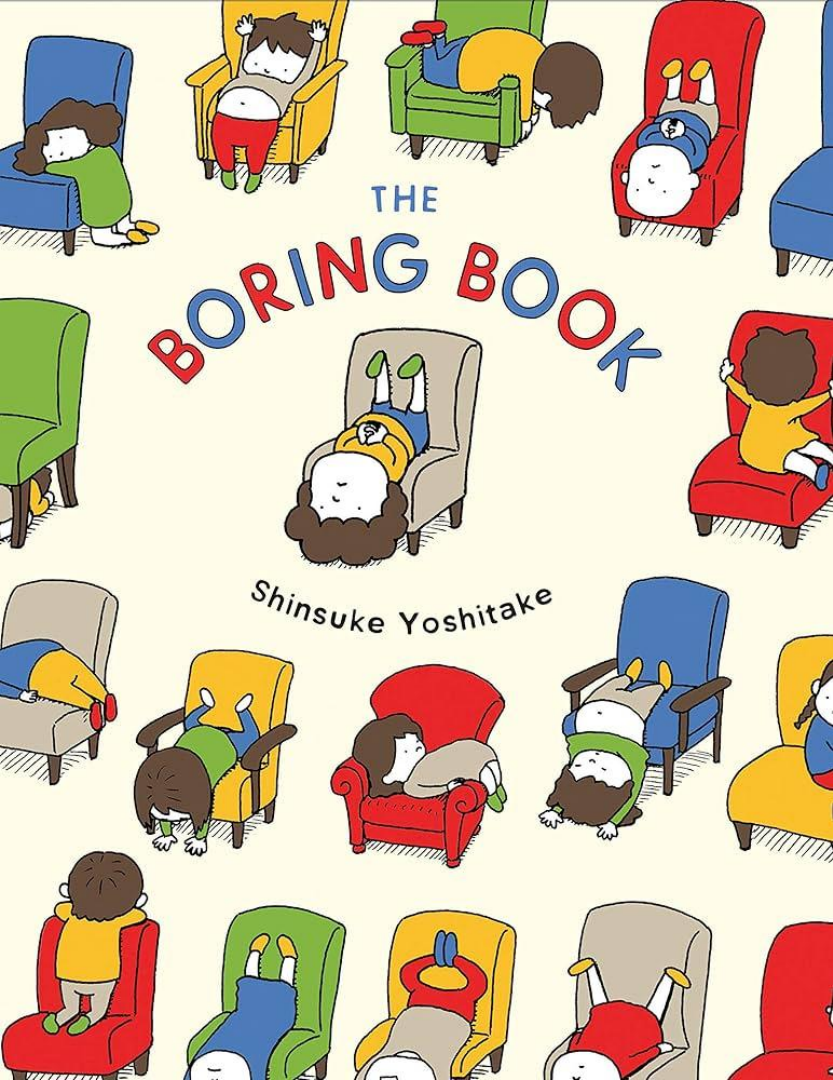


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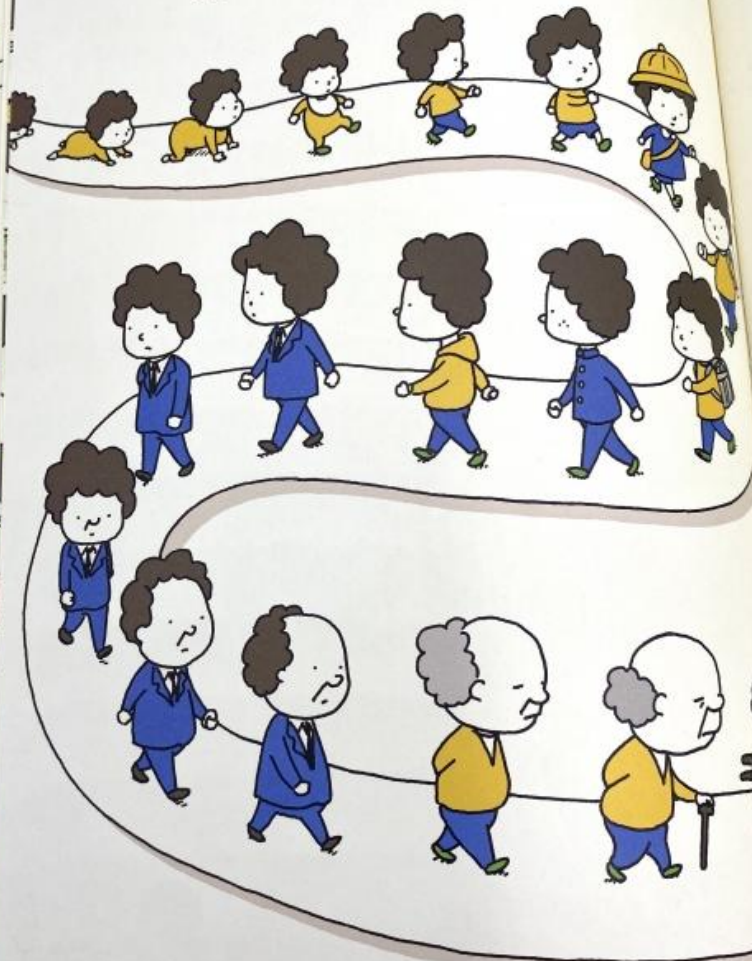
Arrival Fallacy

THE BORING BOOK

Shinsuke Yoshitake



I wonder what the most boring age in a person's life is.



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The fading shadow element to prophecy

OT history	Prophets' message	NT fulfillment
Creation	A new creation is coming	Jesus
Exodus	A new exodus is coming	Jesus
Law/Temple	A new law and temple is coming	Jesus
David	A new David is coming	Jesus
Return to the land	A new return is coming	Jesus

Today's Sermon: "Feeding on Ashes"
Passage: Isaiah 44:14-20, John 6:25-40

1. Image of God

Genesis 1:27

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

1. Image of God
2. No Images of God allowed

Exodus 20:4-5a

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them”

What is an idol (literally)

1. Resembles the deity
2. Has some power/ability of the deity
3. Reminds us of the deity's power/domain

- 1. Image of God**
- 2. No Images of God allowed**
- 3. God Hates False god's and their Idols**

1 Samuel 5:1-5

After the Philistines had captured the ark of God, they took it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. ² Then they carried the ark into Dagon's temple and set it beside Dagon. ³ When the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the Lord! They took Dagon and put him back in his place. ⁴ But the following morning when they rose, there was Dagon, fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the Lord! His head and hands had been broken off and were lying on the threshold; only his body remained. ⁵ That is why to this day neither the priests of Dagon nor any others who enter Dagon's temple at Ashdod step on the threshold.

PUNY



GOD

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Isaiah 44:14-20

¹⁴ He cut down cedars,
or perhaps took a cypress or oak.
He let it grow among the trees of the forest,
or planted a pine, and the rain made it grow.

¹⁵ It is used as fuel for burning;
some of it he takes and warms himself,
he kindles a fire and bakes bread.
But he also fashions a god and worships it;
he makes an idol and bows down to it.

Isaiah 44:14-20

¹⁶ Half of the wood he burns in the fire;
over it he prepares his meal,
he roasts his meat and eats his fill.
He also warms himself and says,
“Ah! I am warm; I see the fire.”

¹⁷ From the rest he makes a god, his idol;
he bows down to it and worships.
He prays to it and says,
“Save me! You are my god!”

Isaiah 44:14-20

¹⁸ They know nothing, they understand nothing;
their eyes are plastered over so they cannot see,
and their minds closed so they cannot understand.

¹⁹ No one stops to think,
no one has the knowledge or understanding to say,

“Half of it I used for fuel;

I even baked bread over its coals,

I roasted meat and I ate.

Shall I make a detestable thing from what is left?

Shall I bow down to a block of wood?”

Isaiah 44:14-20

²⁰Such a person feeds on ashes; a deluded heart
misleads him;
he cannot save himself, or say,
“Is not this thing in my right hand a lie?”



The human heart is an idol factory that takes good things like a successful career, love, material possessions, even family, and turns them into ultimate things. Our hearts deify them as the center of our lives, because, we think, they can give us significance and security, safety and fulfillment, if we attain them.

— *Timothy Keller* —

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What is an idol (spiritually)

- 1. Looks good**
- 2. Feels good**
- 3. Makes me feel powerful**

Surface Sins vs. Heart Idols



Surface Sins

Food and Drink

Finances

Image

Family/relationships

How to identify a Heart Idol

Ask yourself, “what do I love, trust, or fear?”

Heart Idols

Approval

Control

Reputation

Success

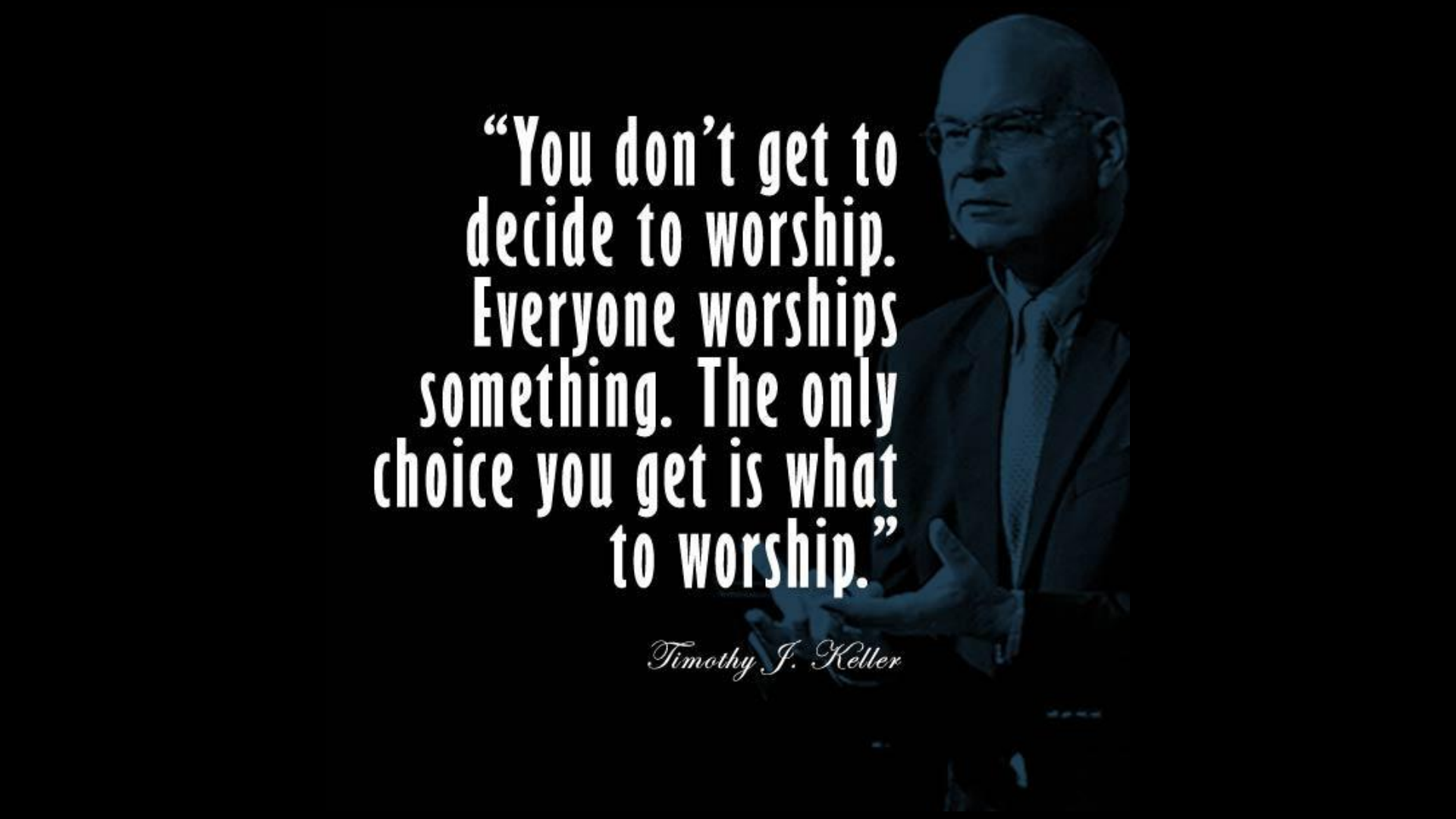
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Knowledge

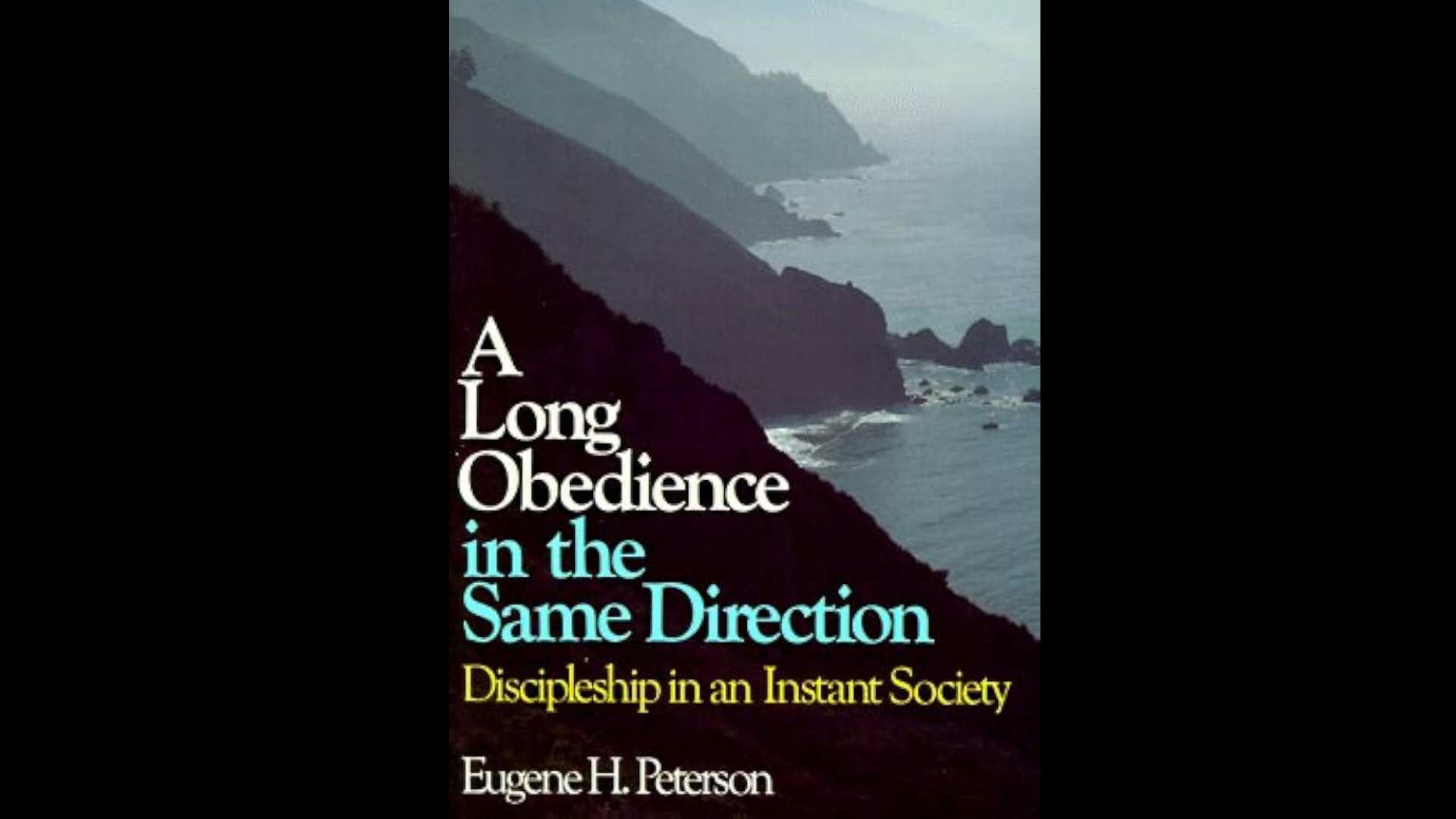
Recognition

Respect



“You don’t get to
decide to worship.
Everyone worships
something. The only
choice you get is what
to worship.”

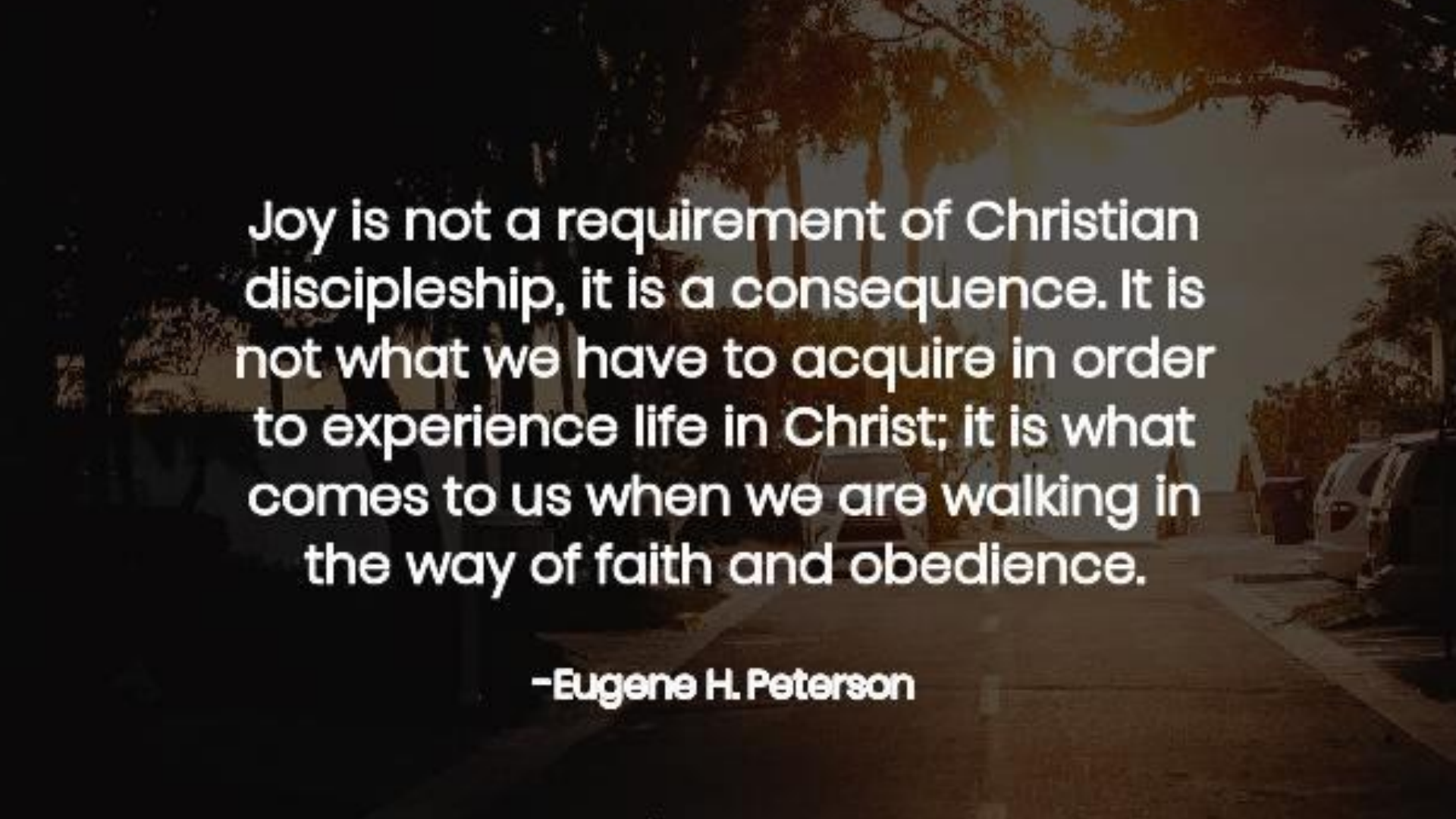
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A
Long
Obedience
in the
Same Direction

Discipleship in an Instant Society

Eugene H. Peterson



Joy is not a requirement of Christian discipleship, it is a consequence. It is not what we have to acquire in order to experience life in Christ; it is what comes to us when we are walking in the way of faith and obedience.

-Eugene H. Peterson

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- 6. Can anything be done to fix it?**

John 6:25-34

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

²⁶ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

John 6:25-34

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." ³⁰ So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

³² Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴ "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

John 6:35-40

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. ³⁷ All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Gospel Application

Repent and Believe that Jesus is the Hope of the
World