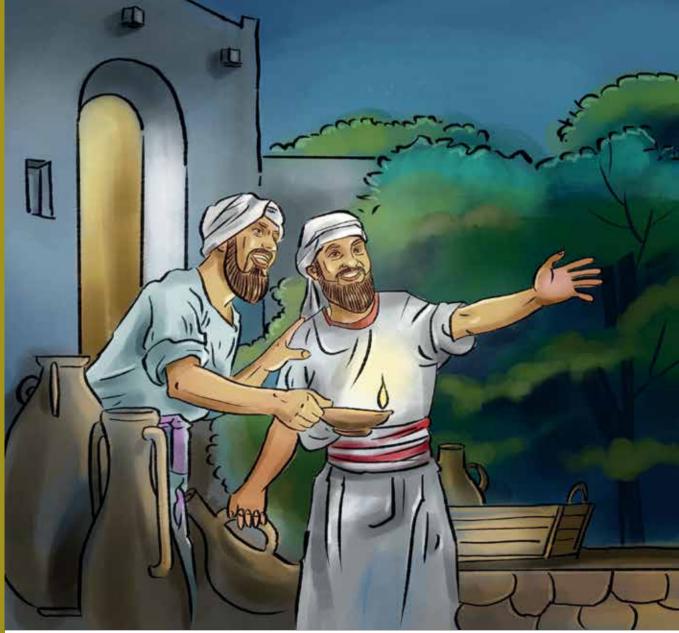


The Waiting Servants



The final call of the Lord will lead everyone into eternal life after death. But how do they prepare themselves to be able to enter into His blessed Kingdom? Jesus said to His people that they must be like the faithful and watchful servants, awaiting the call of their master.



In the parable of the Waiting Servants, Jesus asked those present to imagine a big household with many servants, each given a certain responsibility while the master was away attending a wedding. The servants knew he may come back anytime, late at night, or even at daybreak.

They were to keep awake and alert. They had to keep the lamps lit. And they had to respond to the master's knocks and open the doors at once, welcome him back and attend to his needs. If they did so, the master would be happy and reward them.

Jesus told His disciples to stay awake and be alert too, because like the master in the parable He may return at an unexpected hour. Indeed, nobody knows when Jesus will knock at the doors and call people to meet the Lord. It is good to be prepared for the knock. That means reading and listening to the word of God contained in the Bible, celebrate the faith in individual prayer and community worship, and practice the faith in real life.

Followers of Christ must always be prepared for the final call to a happy and everlasting life.



Word of God

Luke 12: 35 - 36

"Be ready for whatever comes, dressed for action and with your lamps lit, like servants who are waiting for their master to come back from a wedding feast. When he comes and knocks, they will open the door for him at once."

Insight



Pope Paul VI was the first pope to visit India. He started the tradition of undertaking apostolic journeys to other countries and was the first widely travelled Pope. He attended the International Eucharistic Congress held in Mumbai in December 1964. At Mumbai airport, the pope was welcomed by Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, Vice-president Dr. Zakir Hussain, Maharashtra Chief Minister Vasantrao Naik and Information and Broadcasting Minister Indira Gandhi. The pope also met Indian President Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He celebrated Mass at the Oval Maidan in Mumbai.

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http://bit.ly/39qp8Z1. For an in-depth study of the servant's heart and the	
parable. Read the book,	
"Servanthood, the Calling of Every Christian" by the same author.	
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Read aloud the parable Luke 12: 35 – 40 with the whole family and discuss it.