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Dear Parents,

Increase Our Faith

This small parable makes the point that meeting the demands of the kingdom of God is the duty of our station in life.

The parable begins by appealing to the common place practice with slaves in the world of Jesus' day. After a man has done a hard day's work in the fields, his wife may indeed feel a reciprocal obligation to have a meal ready and waiting for him on his return. But a slave, like a farm animal, is there to work. He should not be starved or mistreated but he is doing no favor when he works; he was purchased for that end.

Just as no thanks are due to the slave for fulfilling his natural societal role, so it is in our relationship to God. We exist for him, not he for us. As the one who is unimaginably supreme over us, he deserves our total loyalty and unstinting obedience. There is nothing meritorious in such obedience; it is merely the fulfillment of a natural obligation.

Fr. Peter