



## *Wisdom Teachings for Ordinary Life*

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# **WE DEDICATE THIS TIME TO -**

**growing in our understanding of and acceptance of  
who we truly are;**

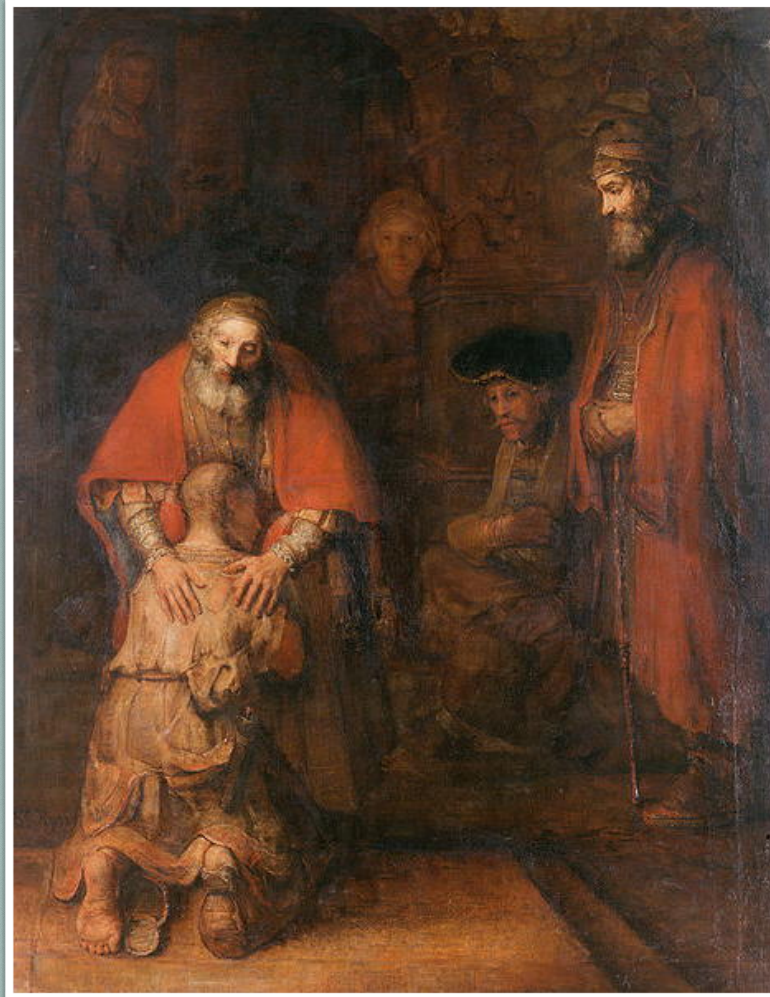
**growing in our understanding of and acceptance of  
who our neighbor is;**

**growing in our understanding of and ability to  
relate to the Mystery.**



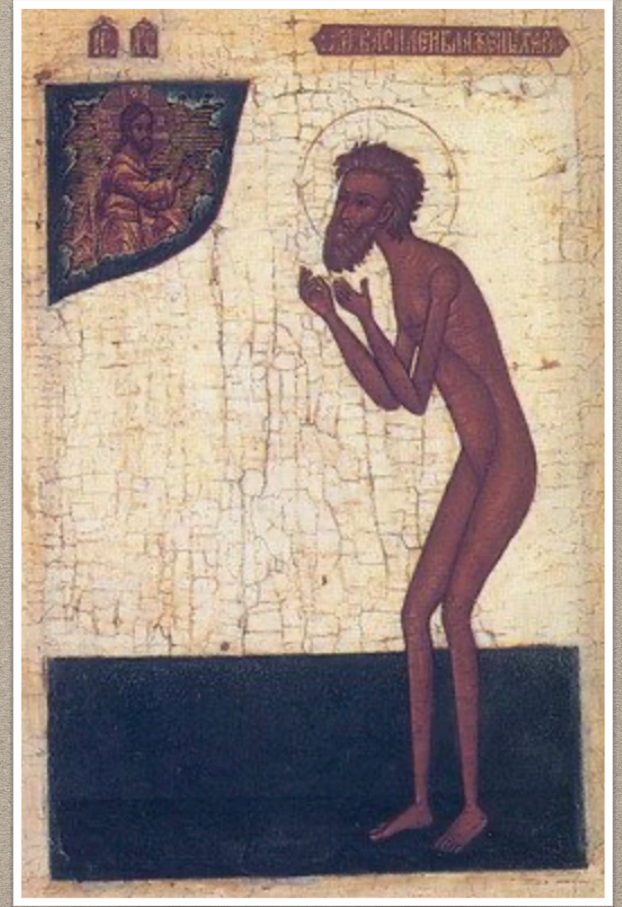
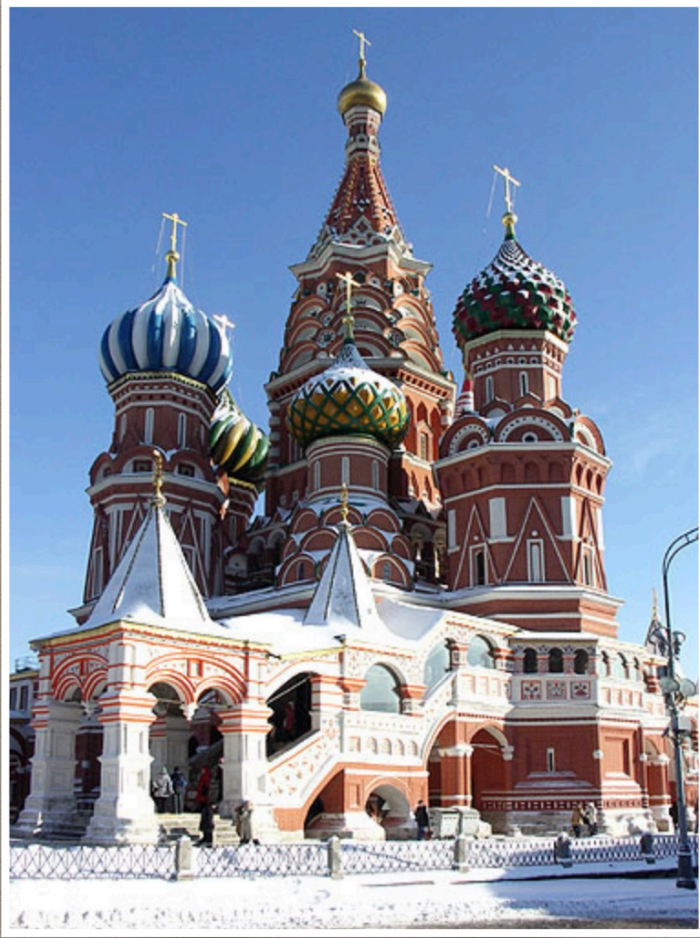
*No matter who you are, no  
matter where you are in  
your spiritual journey, you  
are welcome here.*





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*Blessed Basil of Moscow, fool for Christ*







**"THE STORY OF THE COMPASSIONATE  
FATHER AND HIS TWO LOST SONS."**





# Hear Then the Parable

A Commentary on the Parables of Jesus

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# Stories *with* Intent

*A Comprehensive Guide  
to the Parables of Jesus*





*Sacred Mystery is present, personal,  
absent, is seeking and desires to be  
sought - all at the same time!*



*The men and woman who were our spiritual ancestors were not wrapped up in the technological world in which we are. They were middle-eastern and did not think like we do nor acquire knowledge like we do.*

*They had two ways of experiencing and expressing the Sacred.*

*One was "mythos"  
the other was "logos"*



# **"MYTHOS"**

**was primary and concerned with meaning**

**is deeply rooted in the unconscious, in the  
collective unconscious**

**requires rituals to keep them alive and active**



PRELUDE in C

3

FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN  
Op. 28, No 1

*Agitato*

1

*f*

*piu f*

*dim.*

*meno f*

*cresc.*

*stretto*

10

15

20

*ff*

*dim.*

25

*piu p*

30

*dim. rit.*

*pp*

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# **"LOGOS"**

**was the rational, pragmatic and scientific thought that allowed people to function in the world**

**we have virtually lost the "mythos" in our time and have made "logos" the basis of our society.**



*The call to life, love and justice in this story is a call into life in the Spirit, not a call into a religion.*



*The path of contradiction and paradox is not about making God visible to us. It is about making us visible to God. We're not trying to see God in a new way. We're trying to see ourselves and our world in a new way. This is not about something you do in order to have a spiritual relationship. This is about how a spiritual relationship results when we open our eyes to see the world like God sees, when we learn to open our arms to embrace those whom God embraces.*



*Elevating logos to the level we have in our culture has hurt us in two significant ways. It has made people skeptical about spiritual reality and religious practice. It has led us to be preoccupied with factuality.*



**What we want most deeply from each other is not to be fixed but to be received. Our deepest need is to be seen and heard and held, as we are, without being evaded or invaded.**

**An honest question is one we ask without knowing the answer to ahead of time.**

**An open question does not back someone into the answer we want to hear.**



*The Sacred is calling us from darkness into light,  
from bondage into freedom, from death into life  
- all in the here-and-now.*



*This business of becoming a “holy fool” is risky.  
It is also rewarding.  
Can you hear?*



*No matter where you go this  
week, no matter what  
happens, remember this:  
you carry precious cargo.  
So, watch your step.*