

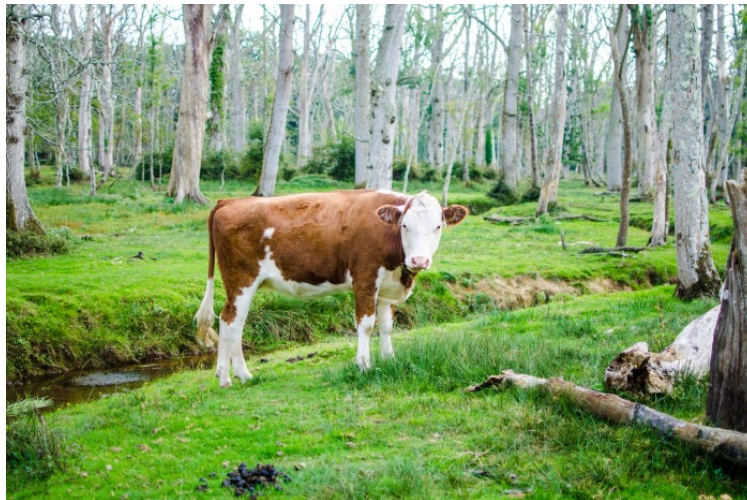
# Bad Management Side-Tracked Us: A Parable

I was given this spiritual parable this morning to help explain the importance of constantly keeping our lives aligned with Heaven's plans. It explains our deviated Christian past and where we are now.



A property owner put a manager on her cattle property to manage it and give a good return for the investment. The owner was a 'Pitt Street farmer', a wealthy lawyer who had her own business in Sydney's CBD. The manager had a degree in animal husbandry and was quite qualified for the job he was employed for.

The cattle property was on an alluvial floodplain, with the boundary including a considerable area of rocky hills on the border. The hills were timbered with grass under the canopy which the cattle grazed at certain times of the year.<sup>1</sup>



Early in his time of employment, the manager attended a silviculture seminar at the local hall which highlighted the better financial returns from pine plantations in rocky hills and 'trap' country. The manager was so taken by the economics of the seminar that he decided to transform the rocky hills with plantation pines. The Conservation Farming factor using pines was another appealing aspect of the seminar as it protected the thin soil on the hills from damage caused by cattle hooves which led to soil erosion.<sup>2</sup>



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The manager focused all his attention on turning the rocky areas into a pine plantation, however, this was to the detriment of the cattle enterprise. He looked after the basics of managing the beef cattle, but he didn't give them the full attention they required for rapid productivity. His thoughts and energies were misdirected, being taken up with the pine plantation so that some cattle died. A couple died from bloat, and a few cows died during calving. Medication against parasites was haphazard so that parasitic infestations reduced the animal's weight gains and prolonged the time to get them ready for market.

All this mismanagement reduced the profits of the cattle property, even though the enterprise continued making money for the owner. As a consequence, the manager continued on his management tack of cattle plus pines without any interference from the owner. However, when the owner retired and moved to the property to live, she discovered all the mismanagement that had been going on. The manager was sacked and a new one was employed who would do whatever the owner wished.



**INTERPRETATION:** King Jesus has placed Father's sons in charge of the affairs of planet Earth. They were to extend the Kingdom of Heaven onto Earth so that the planet looked like it was when it was created. Sons were to do things for him, in partnership with him, and these things were to be done his way and to his standard. However, his people gave up their lives as sons and became false representatives of him. They formed a religion around his messianic title and worshipped him in ways that they thought were appropriate for a deity. They neglected what he wanted them to do, shut down his spiritual power supply and lost the ability to hear him communicate with them.

In the same way that the farm manager mistook the owners lack of comment on the pine plantation as approval to continue, so our Christian predecessors mistook Grace for approval. In their ignorance, they took his grace to mean that he approved of their religious activities and theology, because they didn't really know him and his heart. Despite their non-compliance, his grace, which he extended to them, has allowed them to keep doing what they were doing without any retribution for their rebellion. His extravagant grace which he operates with in this New Covenant age is why he hasn't obliterated them as he did to Israel and Judah under the Old Covenant.

But, at the right time (this century) he is raising up true sons who allow him to inhabit them, who submit to his will out of love and devotion for him. As time goes on, these dedicated sons will reproduce themselves and be used to replace those who thought they were doing wonderful work for him.

Our King has been inviting us to be true sons and to live in intimacy with him so we are aligned heart-to-heart with him. Only then can we enter our true destiny, the one we were given before we left Father's presence and entered our physical body. This is an example of what he's been saying to us:

*"You have asked me, "When will I find my destiny and true purpose for my life?" I tell you, now is the time for you to run with me. For out of intimacy with me your destiny is released. When you join your heart to mine, purpose is realized. As you lean in to my love, your will entwines with mine and my glory becomes evident, even in seasons of waiting."*<sup>3</sup>

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