The Greatest Journey

Scripture Reading — John 1:1-14

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. John 1:14 —*

The greatest journey of all time cannot be measured in miles or kilometers. The magnitude of this journey leaps the gulf between the divine and the human. The eternal Word, the Second Person of the Trinity, "became flesh." God went on a camping expedition. Literally, he "pitched his tent" in Jesus Christ among people sunk deep in hopelessness. Why did God do this? Author Garret Keizer tells a story about his father, a foreman for an electric company. On a miserably wet night, Garret's father received a call about a power outage. He and young Garret drove out to the pit that housed the power equipment. His father's men had already arrived, uncertain of what to do next. Garret's father stripped off his overcoat, jumped down into the pit with his men, and set to work on the wires. Half an hour later, Garret's father emerged from the pit wet and dirty—but with the power running. His father had turned on the lights. For Keizer, that episode became a model of the incarnation. For centuries God had spoken through the prophets about what needed to be done in this dark world. But that wasn't enough. God himself showed up on the scene and got down into the dirt. He did the work no one else was able to do. God turned the world from darkness to light.

Prayer

*Lord Jesus, shine the light of the gospel into the dark places of our lives. May we walk your paths with the certainty that comes from knowing you are always with us. Amen.*

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