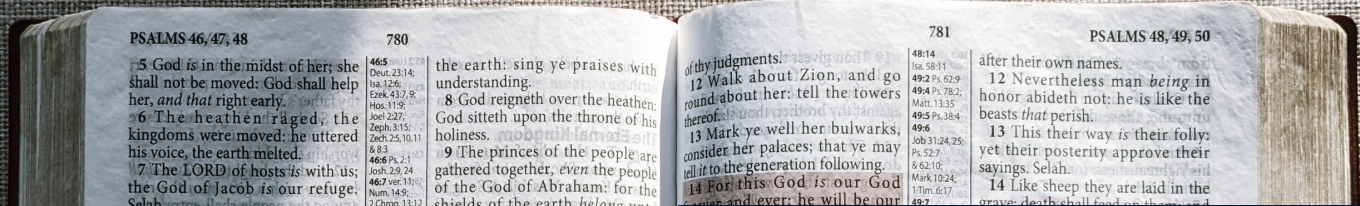




IMAGINING WORK

IMAGES OF WORK FROM THE BIBLE



EPISODE 5 / IMAGINING WORK IMAGES INTRO IMAGES YOU CAN'T UNSEE

A story is a sequence of images in time that are meaningful in relationship to each other.

Images can haunt us, like Frank the Rabbit from Donnie Darko.

I was very adamant that it had to make an impact. It has to disturb people. It has to make the audience sit up in their seat and have a really intense response."

– Writer-director Richard Kelly¹

Images can lead us into beauty and into life, like JDL's street mural ['The gift of Alexa and her MS'](#) in downtown Aurora Illinois.

The images that God gives us in the Bible can help us enter into life with God.

"An icon is not simply a religious picture designed to arouse appropriate emotions in the beholder; it is one of the ways whereby God is revealed to man. Through icons the . . . Christian receives a vision of the spiritual world."

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Archbishop Kalistos Ware

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What images haunt me?

What images have led me into beauty and into life?



¹ As quoted in Devan Coggan, "The Behind-the-Scenes Story of Donnie Darko's Creepy Bunny Suit," Untold Stories, Entertainment Weekly, March 31, 2017, <https://ew.com/movies/2017/03/31/donnie-darko-bunny-suit-frank-untold-stories/>

² Timothy Ware, The Orthodox Church, 6th ed. (London: Penguin, 1984), 214.



EIGHT IMAGES OF WORK FROM THE BIBLE



EPISODES 6–13

- Gardener
- Artist
- Priest
- Builder
- King
- Servant
- Friend
- Emissary

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. . . . For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him.

Colossians 1:15, 19 NIV

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Am I already familiar with one or more of these images from the Bible? What comes to my mind and heart when I reflect on it?

How have I known Jesus as one or more of these images?

Do any of these images connect with my sense of how I do my everyday work?

PRACTICE TO TRY

ART TO INSPIRE OUR IMAGINATIONS

Take a few minutes to find a literal image or work of art for two or three of the images above. You can do a quick Google Images search, or check out Vanderbilt University's [Art in the Christian Tradition](#) database.

Look at each image and ponder: How does this rendition help you connect to the story the Bible is telling about work?

Consider picking one image to print out and use as a bookmark or keep at your desk at work.