

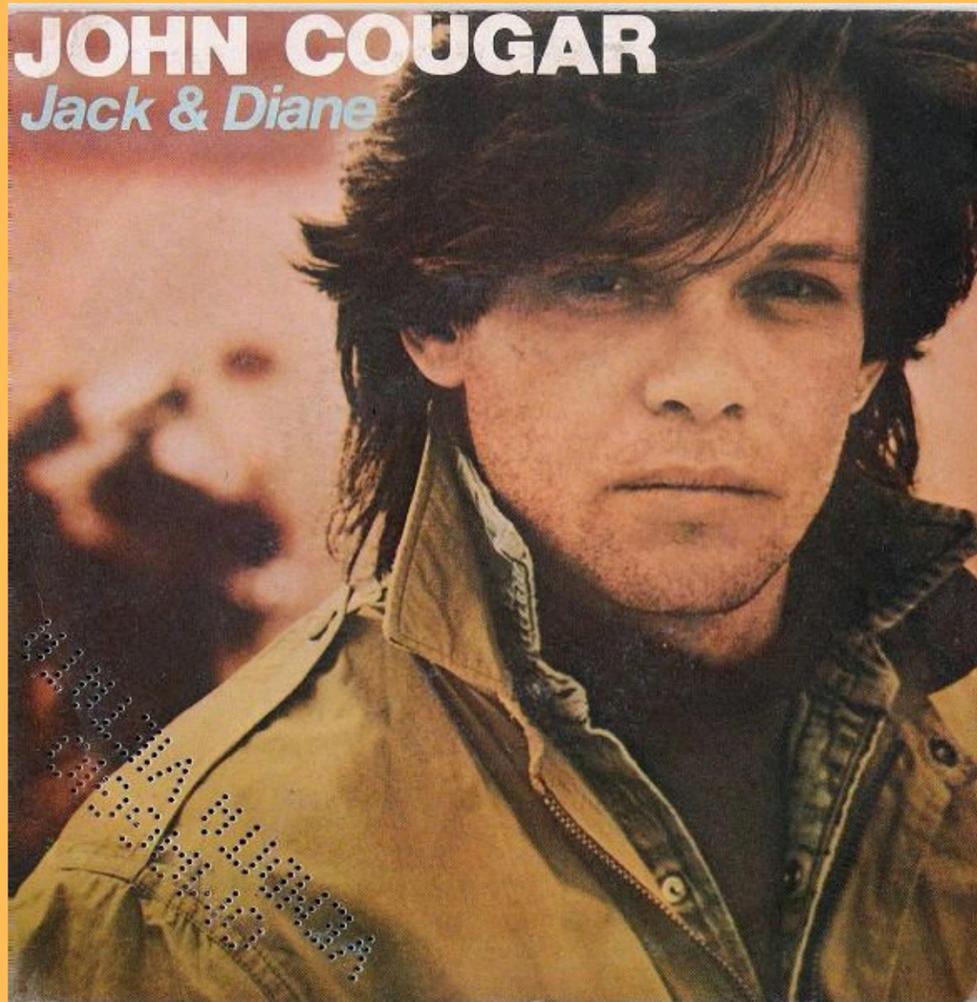


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On Hope and Service

"Feed my sheep"

John 21: 17



Do we need hope? Why?

“Life goes on, long after the thrill of living is gone.”

(Jack and Diane,
John Mellancamp)

How do you use the words hope and service?

Are there images that come to mind?

Try to define them in just a few words.

Hope

For us/modern English/secular culture:

- Desire for a positive outcome; however slight the chances may be. Similar to a wish.

In Hebrew:

- Tikvah: More than expectation; a cord or rope, coming from a word meaning to bind.
- Qavah: to bind; form of waiting; rooted in an image of a cord being pulled tight.
- Yachal: Patient endurance; depending on God's love rather than one's circumstances.

For early Christians/Greek:

- Elpis: expectation, anticipation
- Greek culture often viewed hope as uncertain, but the New Testament redefined this.
- Symbolized as an anchor



Martin Luther on Hope

“Everything that is done in this world is done by hope”

-Table Talk, 1566

“In quietness and hope is your strength” - referencing Isaiah 30:15

-inscription of the Augustinian monastery at Wittenberg

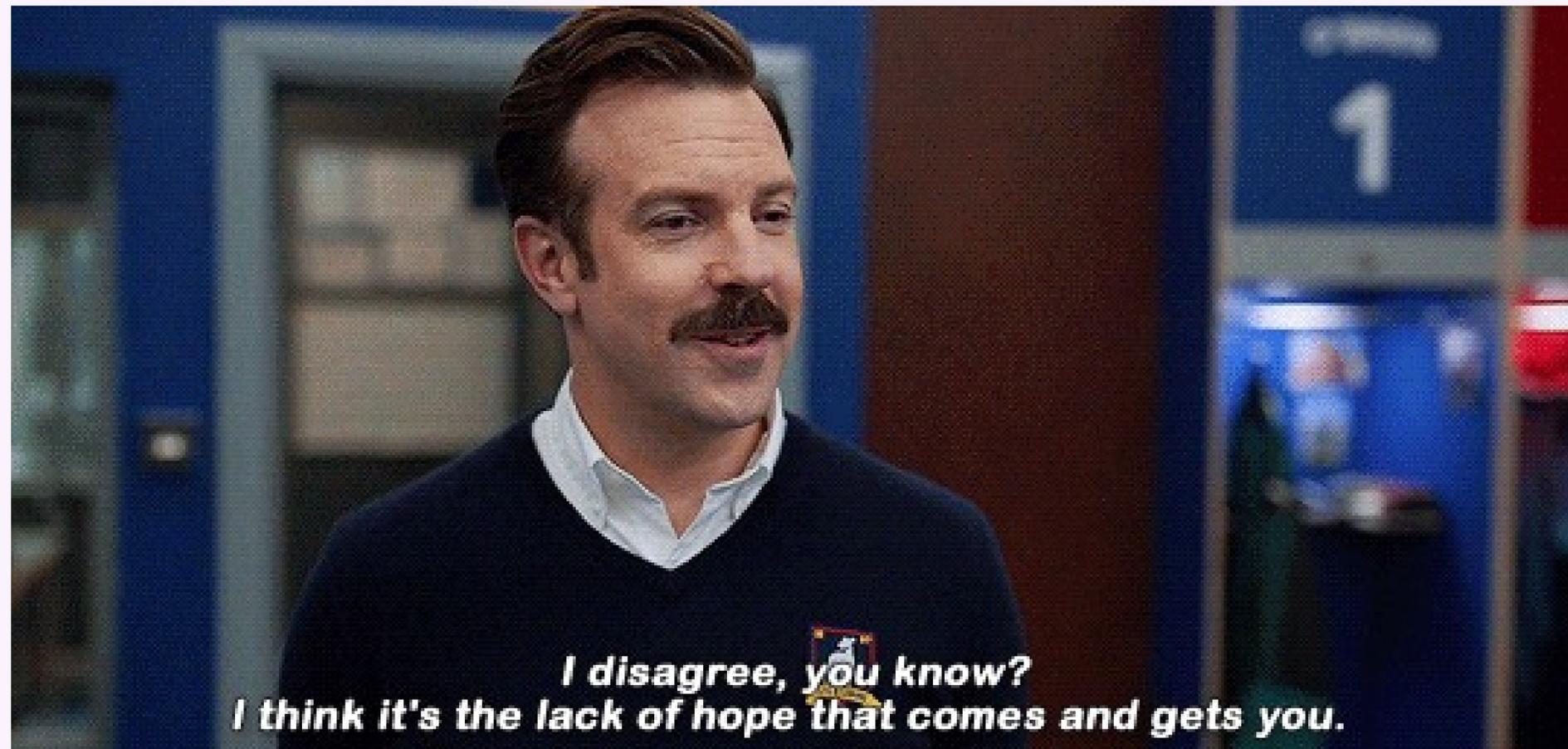
“Hope changes the one who hopes into what is hoped for”

-Commentary on Romans



Ted Lasso on Hope

In response to "It's the hope that kills you."



Discussion

Has hope had an effect on your life?



Service

For us/modern secular English:

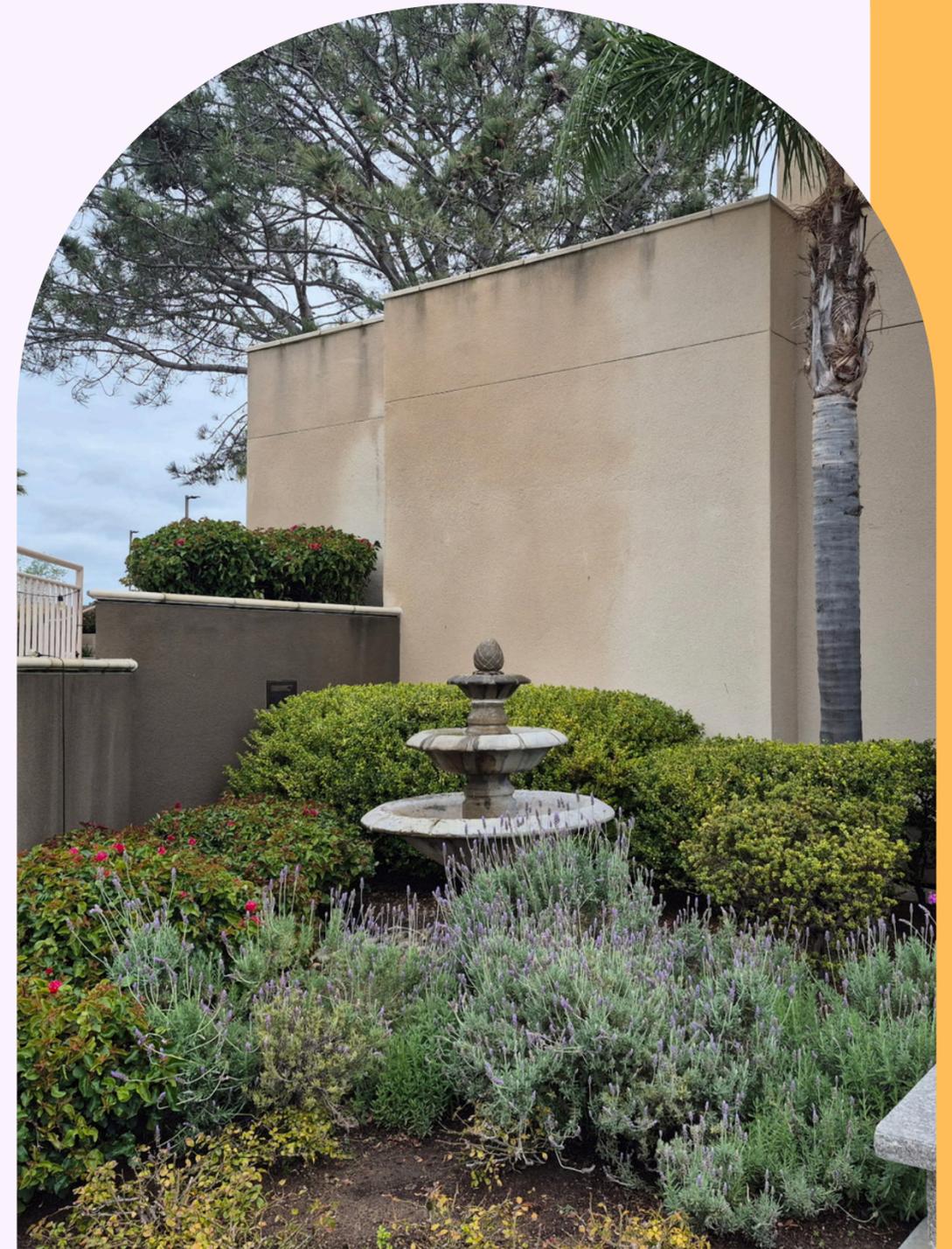
- the connotation varies depending on modifying words.
- Proto-Indo-European: ser-wo (guardian)

In Hebrew:

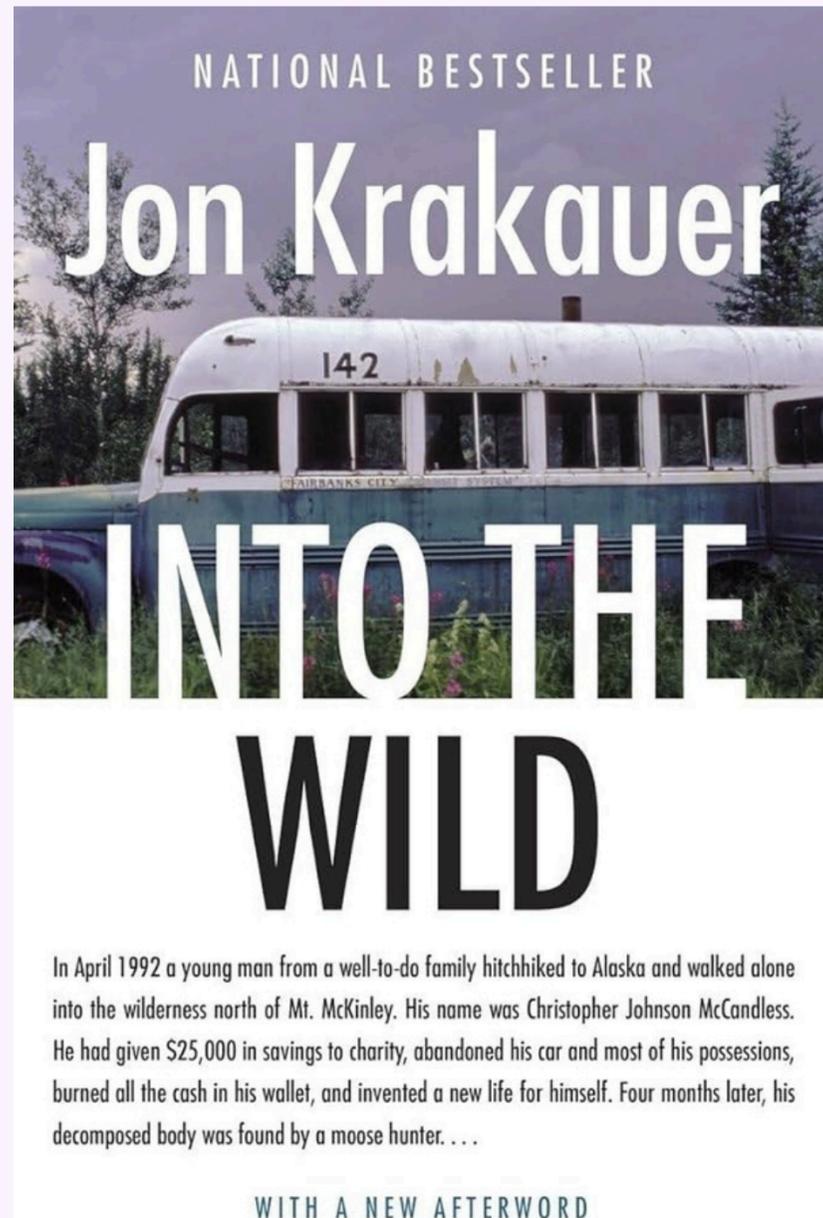
- Avodah: Physical labor and spiritual devotion are not separated
- Symbolized as a kept garden, an altar, bricks and mortar.

For early Christians/Greek:

- Diakonia: Practical assistant, waiter → Deacon
- Leitourgia: Public/priestly service → Liturgy
- Latreia: Sacrificial Worship, to the trinity



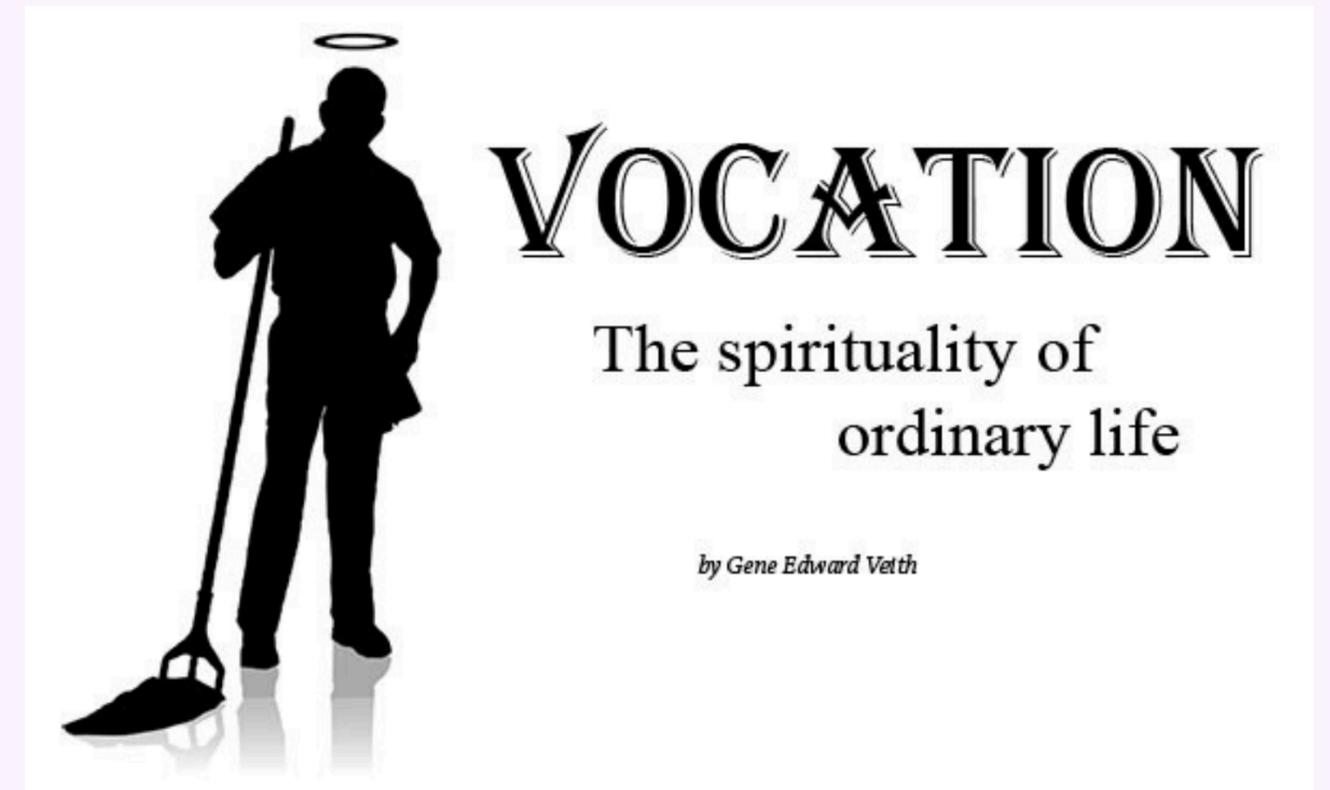
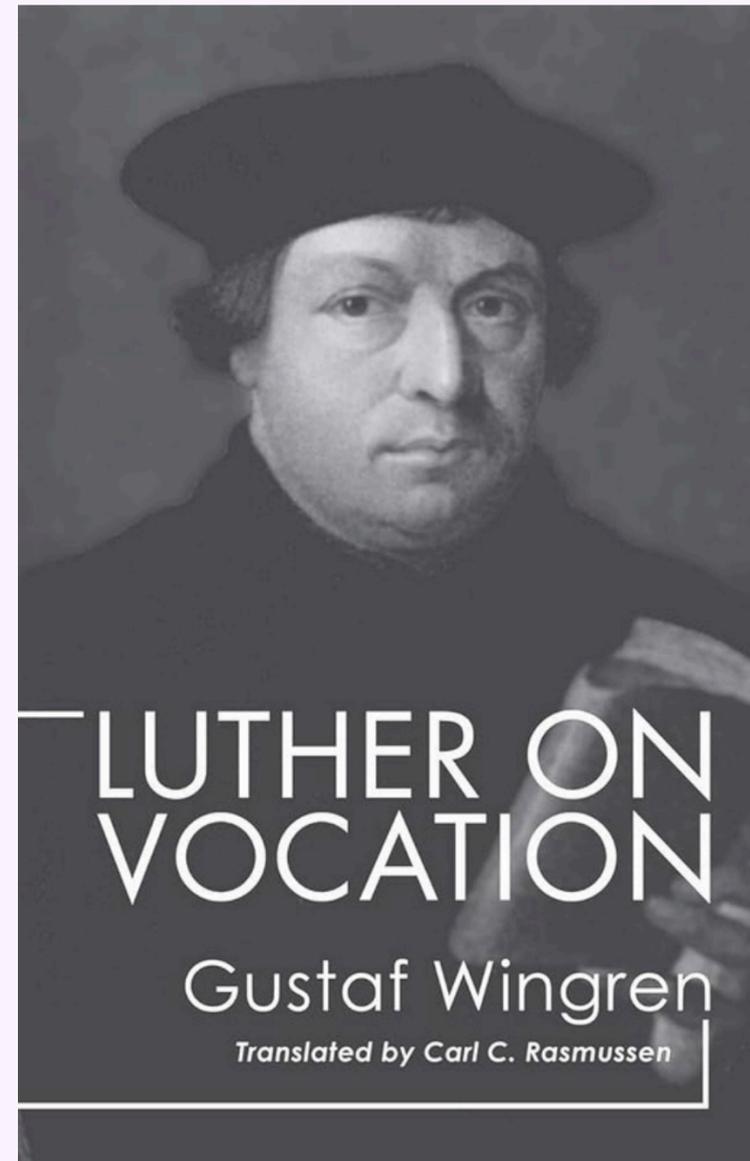
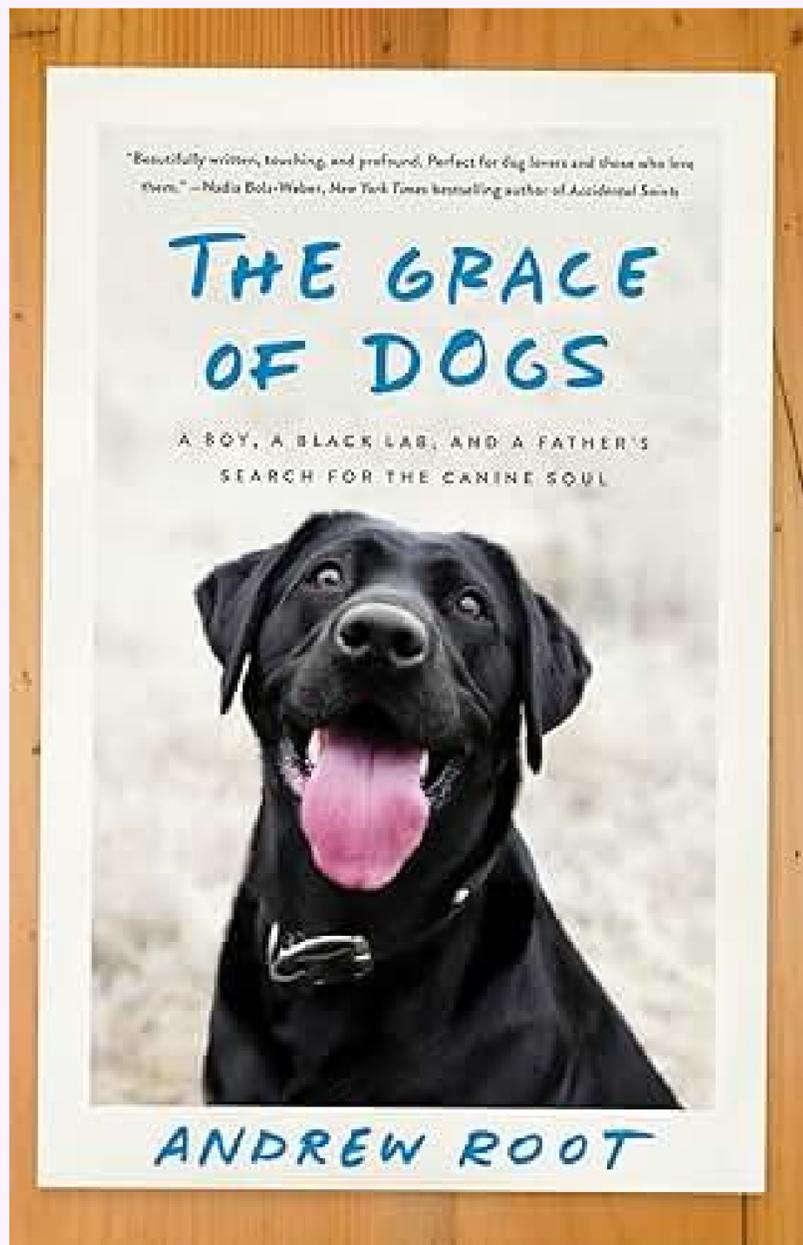
Service and individuality



Contemporary Use of "serve"

"Serving a look"

Emphasis on how one looks, bringing attention to themselves, popularized on social media



ALL aspects of our identity make up our vocation.

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Discussion Questions

**Do these definitions affect
how you view the concepts?**

Could this frame of mind make a difference
in the way you participate in acts of service?

Is it important to think about these concepts?



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