

So Long Status Quo
October 15, 2017

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

LOOK

“Status quo” is a Latin phrase meaning the existing state of affairs, particularly with regard to social or political issues. Status quo can also refer to a situation that people find mutually undesirable but the outcome of any changes to it may be overly risky. (from Wikipedia)

1. What purpose does the status quo serve? Who does it serve? Give an example if possible.
2. Have you ever challenged the status quo? What happened?

BOOK *Matthew 22:1-14. Another parable in a series, directed to the religious authorities.*

1. If you are the religious authorities (the status quo) how do you hear this parable?
2. Who would feel hopeful listening to this parable?
3. How do you reconcile (or not) the treatment of the man who came without the proper garments?
4. What is Jesus really challenging?

TOOK

In the song, “Brave” by Christian singer, Nicole Nordeman, the refrain says:

So long status quo, I think I just let go
You make me wanna be brave, I wanna be brave
The way it always was is no longer good enough
You make me wanna be brave
Brave, brave, brave

1. Challenging the status quo requires soul searching since we so frequently benefit from it! Name a way you benefit.
2. When is the status quo worth challenging? What personal and spiritual qualities does it require? What are the costs?