

¹⁶ So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ...

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²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things,
²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ...

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²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. ²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. ³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, ...

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and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away.

³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ...

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³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled:

"Not one of his bones will be broken."

³⁷ And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

JOHN 19: 16-18, 23-37



FOR THE LOVE

THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

"It is a crime to bind a Roman citizen;
to scourge him is an act of wickedness;
to execute him is almost murder:
What shall I say of crucifying him?
An act so abominable it is impossible to
find any word adequately to express."

CICERO

"A torture fit only for slaves."

TACITUS

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JOHN 19: 25-26

27 Then he said to the disciple,
"Behold, your mother!" And from that hour
the disciple took her to his own home.

JOHN 19: 27



Forgiveness

EMMA
THOMPSON

TOM
HANKS

Disney
SAVING
MR. BANKS



Walt Disney's
MARY POPPINS



Dick Van Dyke

Julie Andrews

"Now we all have our sad stories, Mrs. Travers. Don't you want to let it all go, have a life that isn't dictated by the past? Forgiveness, Mrs. Travers, it's what I learned from your books. Give her to me, Mrs. Travers, trust me with your precious Mary Poppins. I won't disappoint you. I swear, every time someone walks into a movie house from London to Kansas City, they will see George Banks being saved. They will love him and his kids. They will weep for his cares. ...

SAVING MR. BANKS

They will wring their hands when he loses his job, and when he flies that kite...Mrs. Travers, they will rejoice. They will sing. George Banks and all he stands for will be redeemed. George Banks will be saved.

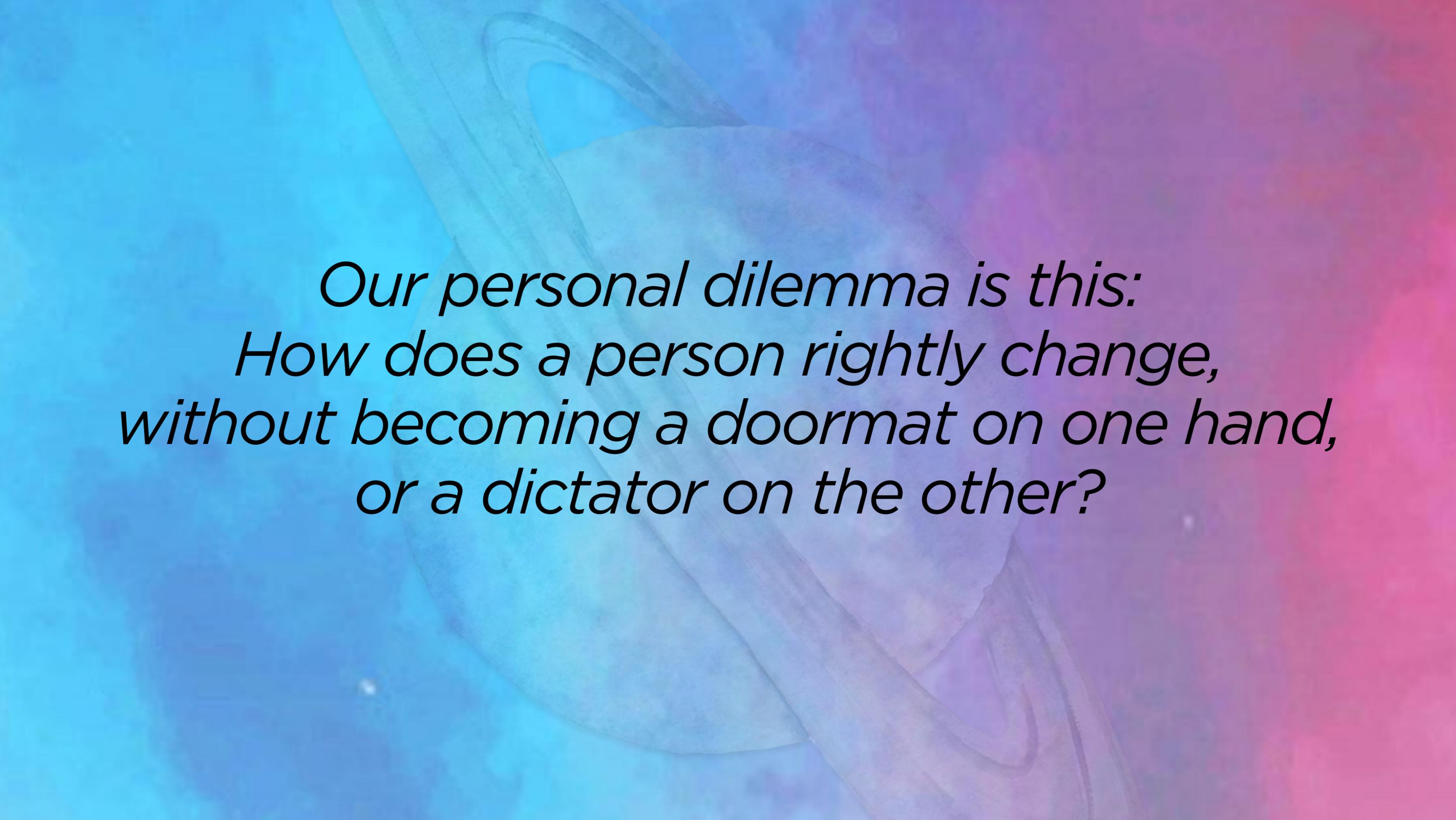
Maybe not in life, but in imagination. This is what we storytellers do: we restore order with imagination. We instill hope again and again and again."

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*Our personal dilemma is this:
How does a person rightly change,
without becoming a doormat on one hand,
or a dictator on the other?*

After this, Jesus,
knowing that all was now finished,
said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

JOHN 19: 28



To fulfill the Scripture.

"My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth."

PSALM 22: 15

"They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

PSALM 22: 18

"Not one of his bones will be broken."

PSALM 34: 20

"They will look on him
whom they have pierced."

ZECHARIAH 12: 10



Self-reduction through willpower



Self-reduction through willpower

Self-expression through emotion-power

"Two days later, angry tweets...were still pouring in. What puzzles me is this: Why did this list anger so many? Some of it is just passion, for sure. But I can't help but wonder if some of it is because of the tone of discourse in the country now. Fueled in part by social media's love of strong opinions and our increasingly tribal politics, sports discussions seem to boil down to: *If you don't support my guy, you aren't just wrong, you're a blithering idiot who needs to be destroyed. ...*

MIKE FREEMAN | BLEACHER REPORT

One guy got so mad over the list that he tweeted he was going to give my science fiction short story a one-star review on Amazon. I thought he was joking.

He wasn't. Minutes after he tweeted me, the one-star review appeared.

My story is at least two stars.

OK, 1 ½."

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When Jesus had received the sour wine,
he said, "It is finished,"
and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

JOHN 19: 30



Is it all worth it?

"I believe like a child that suffering will be healed and made up for, that all the humiliating absurdity of human contradictions will vanish like a pitiful mirage, like the despicable fabrication of the impotent and infinitely small Euclidean mind of man, that in the world's finale, at the moment of eternal harmony, something so precious will come to pass that it will suffice for all hearts, ...

FYODOR DOSTOEVSKY

for the comforting of all resentments,
for the atonement of all the crimes of humanity,
of all the blood that they have shed;
that it will make it not only possible to forgive,
but to justify all that has happened."

FYODOR DOSTOEVSKY



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