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Questions:

1. What stands out for you in this parable? Who do you think the oil represents? Why couldn't the wise bridesmaids share their oil the foolish ones?

2. What is the oil that fuels your lamp? What unique quality is God calling you to bring to the banquet? What steps might you take to get ready?

3. Chris, Eric and Melvin presented several possibilities for understanding this parable. Which of them resonate with you and why?

Thorny Theological Question:

Some things cannot be shared, even if we want to. What are those things?

EPISODE TITLE: "Locked Out"

R U Kidding?, Episode 4

Featured Guest: **Melvin Bray**

Bruce's Born and raised in inner-city Washington, DC, by a strong single mother, I grew up in a multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-class faith community that gave me opportunities to live beyond the ordinary limitations of my socio-economic circumstance. My church was my first experience of the beauty that can arise when we transcend boundaries of difference, and I have lived my adult life helping others imagine even greater possibilities.

Pneuma Divina Scripture: **Matthew 25:1-13**

1 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the
bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were
wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil
with them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their
lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became
drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a shout, "Look!
Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7Then all
those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.8The
foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our
lamps are going out." 9But the wise replied, "No! there will
not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the
dealers and buy some for yourselves." 10And while they
went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were
ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door
was shut. 11Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying,
"Lord, lord, open to us." 12But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I
do not know you."13Keep awake therefore, for you know
neither the day nor the hour.

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