

I am reminded of the story in Eugene Peterson's book Run with the Horses, where he considers the question many have asked: 'If you were stranded on a desert island and could have only one book with you, what book would that be?'. This question was made up by preachers, I guess, to try to show how important the Bible should be in our lives.

But Petersen shows that the truly best book to have with us would be Butler's Guide to Better Boat Building. Think about it. Too many of us would just give up, saying that it was God's will, and rot there on that island. But God wants someone who will struggle to get back home and to work in his service. So give us the book which shows us how to escape the island by building a boat!