The Marriage Party

Instructive stories based on narration of
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One Summer evening, the great saint, Srila Bhakti siddhanta Saraswati sits with a few disciples besides an open fire.

Swamiji, "I often see two men trying with equal determination to reach the state of Krishna Consciousness! Yet one fails & other succeeds! How is this?"
Once, a young man was to be married, so he & his relatives set out on the day before the ceremony in wonderful array.
They proceeded with lavish gaiety towards the bride's village, which was some distance away.
Upon approaching the river at nightfall...
Hey! Boatman! Take us to the village of gudara & you will earn your week's wages in one night!
Well! Climb aboard we'll take you to your destination!
The marriage party got settled in the boat.
They started rowing the boat and also dozing.
Let's take some rest till we reach the other side of the river
And so the marriage party yielded itself to sleep, while the boatman laboured at their oars.
"But then, when the morning broke upon them..."
Look! we haven't moved so much as a yard from our starting point last night!
Are you trying to amuse yourselves at my expense? What do you mean?

I'm more baffled and angry than you.
Don't forget that while you slept, we've been working hard...all night long!
Hey! Look there! The Anchor! It's been sunk deep in the riverbed all the time.
ha! ha! that is the answer to your question.
Those who are anchored in the material world... anchored by their desire for sense gratification... they can never comprehend Krishna Consciousness.
They may work very hard...they may have all the facilities...even give the appearance of moving forward... but they make no real progress.
MORAL:
Real spiritual progress starts only after we remove the anchor of material attachments.