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— A.W. Tozer

“If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.”

John 14: 9

“I and the Father are one.”

John 10:30

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CHALLENGING

Jesus is Challenging...

Because the GOOD NEWS He offers calls for a radical response of demonstrated trust.

Jesus is Challenging...

But only the GOOD NEWS He offers will meet your deepest needs and satisfy the desires of your heart.

Luke 4: 14-30



“The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,”

Isaiah 61: 1-2

“They will rebuild the ancient ruins
and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities
that have been devastated for generations.
Strangers will shepherd your flocks;
foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.
And you will be called priests of the LORD,
you will be named ministers of our God.
You will feed on the wealth of nations,
and in their riches you will boast.” ISA 61: 4-6

“What is the matter with this boy? He has quoted one of our favorite texts but has omitted some of the most favorite verses, and in the process turned a text of judgment into mercy. This is an outrage! The Messianic age is the golden age for us and a day of God’s vengeance upon them. How could this boy grow up here and not know this?”

Kenneth E. Bailey

Luke 4: 14-30



Zarephath of Sidon

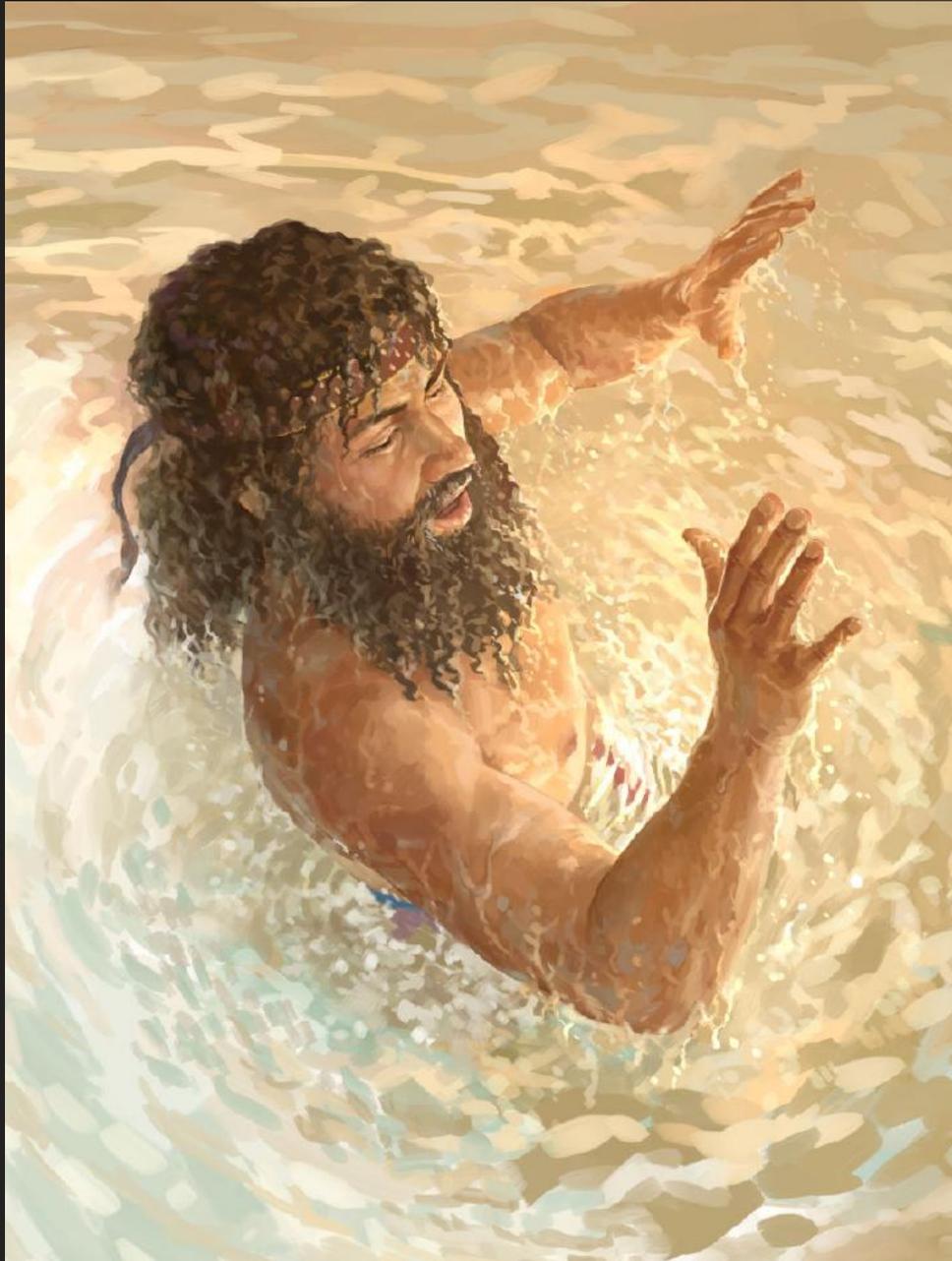


**Faith demonstrated
by action**



Naaman the Syrian





Humility

**Why does the Holy Spirit move on
Luke to put this event in his book?**

**Salvation comes not from a
community but from faith
in Jesus Christ alone.**

**The faith God desires is not
intellectual assent articulated,
but demonstrated trust.**

**The ministry of Christ is for
the whole person.**

A to **proclaim** good news to the poor.

B He has sent me to proclaim **freedom** for the
prisoners

C and recovery of **sight for the blind,**

B to set the **oppressed free,**

A to **proclaim** the year of the Lord's favor.”

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

9 Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.” Isa. 58: 6-9

The ministry of Christ is for the whole person.

The proclamation of the Gospel

Helping meet physical needs

Believing God for a miracle

Jesus will not allow himself to be used as means to a selfish end.

For the people of Jesus, there is a centripetal and centrifugal missional movement.

The Good News that Jesus offers is available to everyone.

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