

and alone. In my joy, I gave him a bear hug, hoisted him on my shoulders, and carried him down the track to his companions.

In a story by Scottish writer George MacDonald, he describes a young woman finding a child alone and lost in the woods. She gathered him up in her arms and carried him home to her father, at which point she gained an insight that was never to leave her: “Now she understood the heart of the Son of Man, [who came] to find and carry back the stray children to their Father and His.”

I want you too to know the heart of Jesus, the Son of Man, who came to find and carry back His straying children to their Father, “for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). No matter how far you may have strayed and how lost you may be, He came to seek and to save you. —David Roper

Jesus came to seek and save the lost,
Left heaven's glory, minding not the cost;
Looking high and low and far and wide,
The Son of Man for all was crucified. —Hess

To find salvation, you must admit that you're lost.



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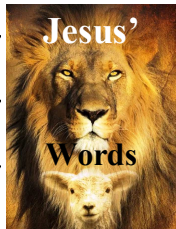
Lost Ones

Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost! —Luke 15:6

In my uni years I worked as a guide, taking boys on camps into the National Park. On one occasion one of my boys—a small, slow bloke—lagged behind and took the wrong fork on a track. When we arrived at our campsite he was nowhere to be found. I frantically went out to search for him.

Just before dark, I came across him sitting by a small lake—utterly lost





Radical Transformation

2 Corinthians 5:17 — 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

There were five major milestones in Zacchaeus' spiritual journey (Luke 19):

1. _____, verses 1-2

Luke 4:18 — 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

Mark 2:17 — 17 .. "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Romans 3:23 — 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

2. _____, verses 3-4

Mark 8:27-29 — 27 Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, "Who do men say that I am?" 28 So they answered, "John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." 29 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ...

3. _____, verses 4, 6

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me

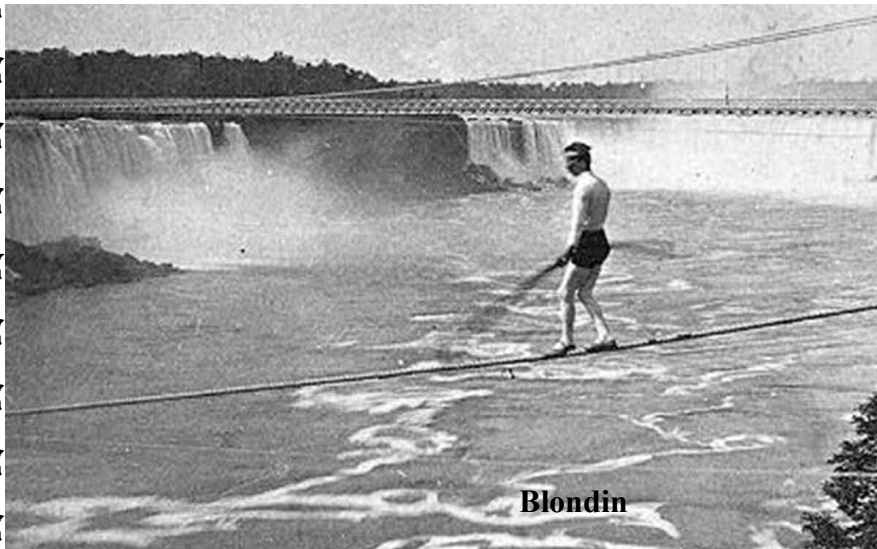


A young Josh McDowell



4. _____ and _____, verse 9

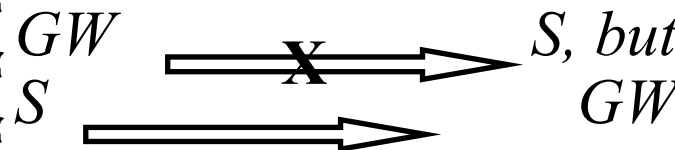
Romans 4:3-11 — 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." ...5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, ... 11 ...that he might be the father of all those who believe, ...



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5. _____, verses 8, 7, 10

Ephesians 2:8-10 — 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.



2 Timothy 3:12 — 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Matthew 5:11-12 — 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.