

Praise Time!

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Bringing believers to GOD

Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.
~Author Unknown

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UNCOMFORTABLE
is the name of the game!



Mark 10:17-31 (New Living Translation)

The Rich Man

- ¹⁷ As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”¹⁸ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked. “Only God is truly good.”¹⁹ But to answer your question, you know the commandments: ‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.’”
- ²⁰ “Teacher,” the man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.”
- ²¹ Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”
- ²² At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

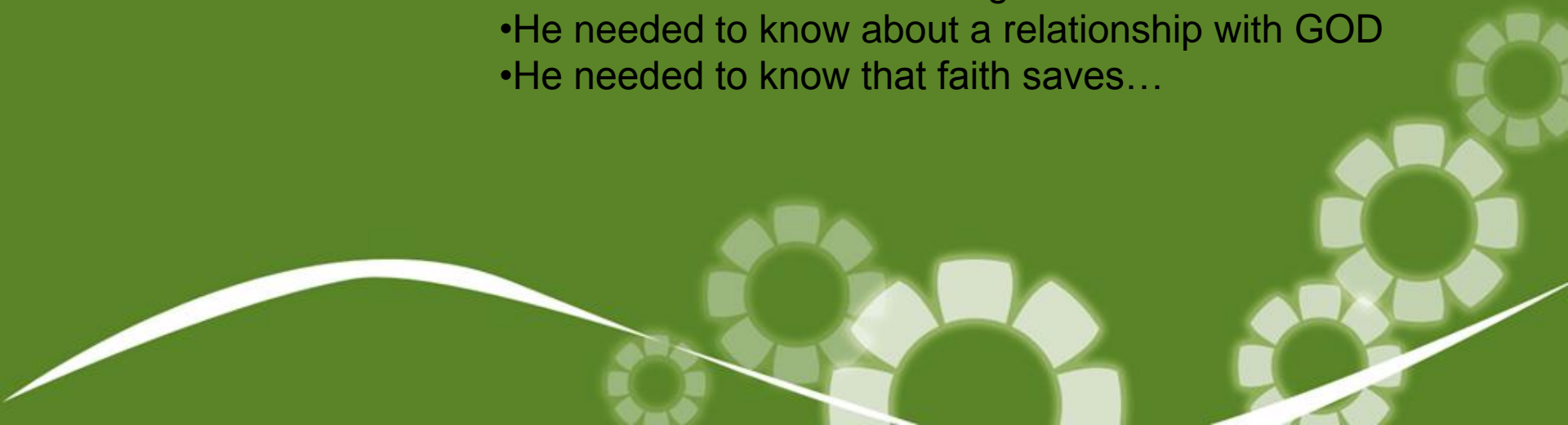
Who is this man?

What he did know?

- He knew the laws and commandments
- He knew about Jesus and GOD
- He knew about eternal life
- He knew how to save money

What did he need to know?

- He needed to know how to give
- He needed to know about a relationship with GOD
- He needed to know that faith saves...



Don't know GOD?... could be worse

2 Peter 2:21 (New Living Translation)²¹ It would be better if they had never known the way to righteousness than to know it and then reject the command they were given to live a holy life.

A little about MY story...

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Prevention Method:

- Always know what you believe first
- Ask questions
- Talk to other believers about their faith
- Explain your answers

*Remember practice
makes perfect!*



My Questions:

1. What do you have faith in?
2. How do you know there is a GOD?
3. What does your relationship with GOD do for you?
4. Why do you believe the way you do?
5. Explain what you think the gospel is?
6. When did you first believe in GOD?
7. What does prayer do for you?
8. What does GOD use his Holy Spirit for?
9. What Hope do you have inside of you?
10. Explain the absolutely most gigantic thing you know GOD can do!

Finding Other's faith

- Be creative! People are different so you have to be diverse
- Be genuine! People can spot something fake
- Be loving! Remember no one believes exactly like you
- Some of my strategies...



Importance:

Three main advantages:

1. Challenges others to really know GOD more
2. Challenges our own faith
3. Gives a better example for non-believers



Another Reason:

James 5:19-20 (New Living Translation)

Restore Wandering Believers

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, ²⁰ you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.



Challenge Others:

- Know that if you can challenge a brother/sister in their faith it strengthens their relationship with GOD.

Proverbs 27:17 (New Living Translation)

¹⁷ As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

Challenges Us:

- Knowing what we believe draws us to GOD
- Challenging others strengthens ourselves, because it challenges our faith.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (New Living Translation)

⁹ Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. ¹⁰ If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

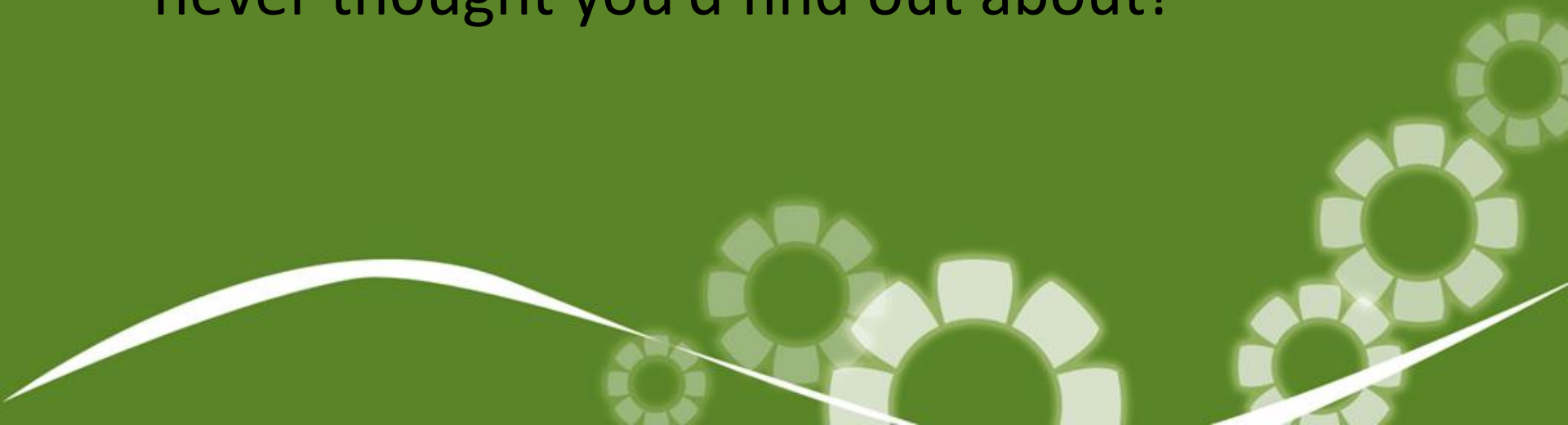
Example for Non-Believer:

- If we as a body of believers are constantly working together to bring all to a stronger relationship with GOD it creates a good example for those who don't yet know GOD.
- My reasoning...



Nothing is Ever Easy:

- I would like to take this time to make sure you know that this wasn't meant to be something easy! Getting to know people as you might already know is hard, and takes a lot of courage. Often it can reveal things that you never thought you'd find out about!



Why this topic?

- Another story...
- Summary



Let's sing again!

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