

“Come & See”

Jonah 4:1-3 (NLT)

This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. So he complained to the Lord about it: “Didn’t I say before I left home that you would do this LORD? That is why I ran away from Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and Compassionate God, slow to get angry, and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people. Just kill me now, LORD. I’d rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen.”

Isaiah 10:12 (NLT)

After the Lord has used the king of Assyria to accomplish his purpose on Mt. Zion and in Jerusalem, he will turn against the king of Assyria and punish him – for he is proud and arrogant.

2 Kings 18:35 (NLT)

What God of any nation has been able to save his people from my power? So what makes you think that the LORD can rescue Jerusalem from me?

Nahum 1:3a (NLT)

The Lord is slow to get angry, but his power is great, and he never lets the guilty go unpunished.

Zephaniah 2:13-14a (NLT)

And the LORD will strike the lands of the North with his fist, destroying the land of Assyria. He will make it’s great capital, Nineveh, a desolate wasteland, parched like a desert. The proud city will become a pasture for flocks and herds, and all sorts of wild animals will settle there.

Matthew 18:12-13 (NLT)

If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he will rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine that didn't wander away.

It is impossible to see his perfection in whole with our tainted eyes.

Matthew 11:21-22 (NLT)

What sorrow awaits you Korazin and Bethsaida! For if the miracles I did in you were done in wicked Tyre and Sidon, their people would have repented long ago, clothing themselves in burlap and throwing ashes on their heads to show remorse. I tell you Tyre and Sidon will be better off on judgement day than you.

John 1:45-49 (NLT)

Phillip went to look for Nathanael and told him "we have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth."

Nazareth! Exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Come and see for yourself," Phillip replied. As they approached, Jesus said, Now here is a genuine son of Israel – A man of complete integrity."

How do you know about me? Nathanael asked?

Jesus replied "I could see you under the fig tree before Phillip found you."

Then Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi you are the son of God, the king of Israel!"

Nathanael almost missed an opportunity because he was cynical of Nazareth.

Phillip doesn't argue, justify, humiliate, or shame Nathanael. He simply says – come and see.

We don't know what was going on underneath the fig tree.

Jesus doesn't condemn him for being cynical.

He distrusted God's mercy for people he thought were beyond saving.

Matthew 5:44 (NLT)

Love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you.

Matthew 5:46 (NLT)

If you love only those who love you, what reward is there in that?

Matthew 6:14 (NLT)

If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly father will forgive you.

Matthew 18:23-27 (NLT)

Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. He couldn't pay, so his master ordered that he be sold – along with his wife, his children, and everything that he owned, to pay the debt. But the man fell down before his master and begged him, 'please be patient with me, and I will pay it all.' Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt.

Matthew 18:28-30 (NLT)

But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment. His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it,' he pleaded. But his creditor wouldn't wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full.

Matthew 18:32-34 (NLT)

the King called in the man he had forgiven and said "You evil servant! I forgave that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?" Then the angry king sent the servant away to prison to be tortured until he paid his debt.

Sometimes our greatest barrier to personal revival is not external darkness, but cynicism growing in our heart!