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- ◆ **[Luke 19:1-4 NASB20]** 1 [Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through.
- ◆ 2 And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich.
- ◆ 3 [Zaccheus] was trying to see who Jesus was, and he was unable due to the crowd, because he was short in stature.
- ◆ 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree in order to see Him, because He was about to pass through that [way.]

- ◆ **[Luk 19:5-8 NASB20]** 5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house."
- ◆ 6 And he hurried and came down, and received Him joyfully.
- ◆ 7 When [the people] saw [this,] they all [began] to complain, saying, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner!"
- ◆ 8 But Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I am giving to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I am giving back four times as much."

- ◇ **[Luk 19:9-10 NASB20]** 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.
- ◇ 10 "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Declaration

Now to the King eternal,
immortal, invisible, the only
God, [be] honor and glory
forever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:17



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It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, as that God has a church for his mission in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission - God's mission.

— *Christopher J. H. Wright* —

Eternal Mission

- ◇ **[Rev 13:8 NASB20]** 8 All who live on the earth will worship him, [everyone] whose name has not been written since the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slaughtered.
- ◇ **[Eph 1:4 NASB20]** 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love
- ◇ **[1Pe 1:20 NASB20]** 20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you

Embodied Mission

- ◇ **[Jhn 1:14 NASB20]** 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only [Son] from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- ◇ **[Phl 2:6-8 NASB20]** 6 who, as He [already] existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
- ◇ 7 but emptied Himself [by] taking the form of a bond-servant [and] being born in the likeness of men. 8
- ◇ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a **cross**.
- ◇ **[Mat 20:28 NASB20]** 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Exemplified Mission

- ◆ **[Luk 4:18 NASB20] 18** "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,
- ◆ **[Act 10:38 NASB20] 38** "[You know of] Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and [how] He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Established Mission

- ◇ **[Jhn 19:30 NASB20]** 30 Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.
- ◇ **[Col 2:14 NASB20]** 14 having canceled the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Enduring Mission

- ◇ **[Mat 28:19-20 NASB20]** 19 "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
- ◇ **[Act 1:8 NASB20]** 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth."

COMFORT COMPETES WITH CALLING

Why Comfort Stops the Mission of God

1 Comfort Competes with Calling

Comfort asks: **"What is easiest?"**
Mission asks: **"What advances the Kingdom?"**

Matthew 16:24

2 Comfort Shrinks Our Vision

Comfort focuses inward.
Mission focuses on **the lost**.

Luke 19:10

3 Comfort Protects Preferences

Comfort says: **"Serve us."**
Mission says: **"Reach them."**

Acts 2:47

4 Mission Requires Disruption

Comfort builds walls.
Mission **opens doors**.

Matthew 28:19

5 Comfort Produces Spiritual Drift

Comfort leads to **maintenance**.
Mission leads to **movement**.

Acts 1:8

The Church was never called to be comfortable. It was called to be on **mission**.



The church that can't worship must
be entertained. And leaders who
can't lead a church to worship must
provide the entertainment.

— *Aiden Wilson Tozer* —