

Converting and Recovery III

“The good news of converting and recovery”

The good news of converting and recovery must be proclaimed.

KJV Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. ¹⁷ And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me **to preach the gospel** to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and **recovering of sight to the blind**, to set at liberty them that are bruised, ¹⁹ To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. ²⁰ And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. ²² And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. **And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?** ²³ And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. ²⁴ And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. ²⁵ But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the **days of Elias**, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; ²⁶ But **unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.** ²⁷ And many lepers were in Israel in the time of **Eliseus the prophet**; and **none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.** ²⁸ And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, **were filled with wrath,** ²⁹ And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. ³⁰ **But he passing through the midst of them went his way,** ³¹ And came down to **Capernaum**, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days. ³² And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

I

Some closest to you may **reject** the good news of converting and recovery.

The people in Nazareth never realized Jesus' conversion from Joseph's son to the son of God. Vs 22

Those closest to Jesus in Nazareth did not see His conversion from a peasant carpenter's son to a Prophet. Vs 24

Those closest to you, are usually the last to see the changes that have happened in your life.

Those closest to you, are usually the last to see the growth that has happened in your life.

Those closest to you, may never see you are different.

☐Those closest to you, may never see the “new you”!

II

The Lord may send you someone who needs the good news of converting and recovery.

The widow was converted from being a consumer to a giver.

The Prophet was converted from a supernatural supply to a widow with limited resources.

Both the Prophet and the widow experienced God's sustaining power.

☐The widow recovered from a sentence of starvation and death and was converted to a sustained life and supernatural provision.

III

The Lord may send someone to you who needs converting and recovery.

The Syrian was converted in his leadership model.

The Syrian was a leader in public space.

The Prophet was a leader in sacred space.

Leaders try to lead in spaces they are not qualified to lead in.

Leaders rarely turn off their leadership gifts.

The Syrian was converted in his expectations and the methodology.

The Prophet was converted and sent a servant to carry the message to the Syrian.

□The Syrian recovered from a diagnosis of death, after dipping in the Jordan River, and was converted to a life of health and wholeness.

Converting our thinking requires...

- Seeing beyond the familiar
- Expecting supply from unusual sources
- Embracing other nationalities
- Connecting with different people

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