



"Gone Fishing" # 6

A Crazy Story About 4 Lepers, 2 Armies And A Big Fat Miracle:

2 Kings 7:3-4

Now there were four men who were lepers[c] at the entrance to the gate. And they said to one another, "Why are we sitting here until we die? 4 If we say, 'Let us enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. So now come, let us go over to the camp of the Syrians. If they spare our lives we shall live, and if they kill us we shall but die."

The Tendency:

TO GET SO **ABSORBED** IN WHAT GOD IS DOING FOR US THAT WE **FORGET** TO GO BACK?

2 Kings 7:9

Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news. If we are silent and wait until the morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now therefore come; let us go and tell the king's household."

The Take Away:

WITH GREAT DISCOVERY COMES GREAT **RESPONSIBILITY**

2 Kings 7:10-11

10 So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city and told them, "We came to the camp of the Syrians, and behold, there was no one to be seen or heard there, nothing but the horses tied and the donkeys tied and the tents as they were." 11 Then the gatekeepers called out, and it was told within the king's household.

The Dilemma:

WILL YOU GO **BACK?**

What Would That look Like?

- Who will you invest your discretionary time in?
- How will you view the way you invest your money?
- Who will you invite to church?
- Who will you pray for?
- How will you organize your life differently?

Heavenly Example:

GOD CAME **BACK** HE DID NOT FORGET US

1 John4:11

This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another

Digging Deeper:

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- The "I Forgot" Exercise:
There are many we forget something important. But one of the most common explanations we give is "I was preoccupied". Name a few situations we can become preoccupied and forget something important.
- What are the causes and solutions for each of the situations you named above?
- Why do Christians often forget to go back and share the good news with others who need it?
- Which "riches" have you enjoyed as a result of your relationship with God that you need to share with others?
- What would it look like in your life if you committed to "go back" just to tell them?
- How might it change their lives to discover God's riches?
- From the perspective of those watching from heaven, what do you think is the obvious thing for you to do?

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