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Finding Something Much Greater – by Ray Hanna

I enjoy the Biblical account of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). He was a known sinner who was eager to see Jesus, even though a crowd stood in his way. As a tax collector for the Romans, Zacchaeus was not respected by his fellow Jews. I assume that he had made a choice: to be rich and not respected; to treat money as his god. However, amazingly, during Jesus' visit to Zacchaeus' house, this tax collector stood up and publicly declared, **"Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold."** (v. 8)

What would cause such a drastic change in Zacchaeus? ***His experience of finding something much greater than what he had before!***

Zacchaeus' new found salvation was so great that his money was no longer his god. Jesus tells us (**Matthew 13:44-46**): **"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."**



Zacchaeus' story contrasts sharply with that of another rich man who encountered Jesus. In Luke 18:18-23 we learn that this man's response to the Lord's call on him to give up his wealth was, in sadness, to leave Jesus. Unlike Zacchaeus, this man did not let go of his "god" and value God's salvation. So, he went away sad.

Unfortunately, sometimes the *joy of our salvation* fades and we end up looking back to what once interested us. I have, on many occasions, after realizing I was cold in heart to God and missing what I once had, turned to **Psalm 51:12-13** which reads: **"Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You."** I thank God that He is a giving *and* forgiving God; always ready to take me back even though I do not deserve it. He restores my joy!

I want to encourage you to share with someone (even yourself if no one else is available) how you came to trust Christ as your Saviour. By doing this, your eyes will be refocused on our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 12:2 Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



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Thanksgiving—by Teus Kappers

(Psalm 107:3)

On a quiet Wednesday evening in August there was only one ship at berth at the Fraser Surrey Docks (M/V Sunny Eternity—photo below). The ship had arrived earlier that evening and those of us at the seafarers centre did not have much hope that any sailors would appear. We were doubtful because the crew members were tired, not having had much sleep. It came as a surprise then, when, soon after opening, two seafarers arrived.

After greetings were exchanged and the sailors registering their names in our log book, one of the men said, "We have come to give thanks to God." This was a surprising statement, but it seemed to be the real purpose of their visit to the centre. Our question to them was: "WHY?"

The seafarers answered our question by telling us a story. They told us that, after delivering a cargo of coal from Australia to Japan, they were told to go to Vancouver to pick up wheat. This meant that, in a very short time, all seven of their ship's cargo holds (which would carry forty thousand tons of product) had to be made spotlessly clean from the coal dust that had accumulated. If this didn't occur, the ship would not pass inspection in Vancouver and have to sit at anchorage in the harbour for a long time.

Some of the crew suggested that the seafarers on board should pray to the Lord and ask Him to help them and give a calm voyage across the Pacific Ocean. So, they had a prayer meeting.

The crew split up into teams and worked day and night to get the job done. The result: God answered the sailors' prayer as "nothing is impossible with God"! So, you can imagine what a wonderful time of thanksgiving we had with "just" two of the crew.

Two nights later most of the crew, including the captain, came to Centre "to give thanks to the Lord."

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, His love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say this—those He redeemed from the hand of the foe, those He gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south." (Ps. 107:1-3)





Prayer Porthole



Please petition the Lord with regard to the following:

- Thank the Lord for the Power of God for Salvation (Romans 1:16).
- For A, a German deck seafarer, to have his eyes opened to the greatness of Jesus.
- That J. a Filipino seafarer who prayed to receive Jesus would experience new life in Him.
- That an Indian cook (R) would view the Gospel materials he received and turn to Jesus.
- For J, an Indian steward to consider his faith seriously and come to Jesus.
- That R, a Christian Filipino seafarer be strong in faith and bold in Gospel ministry.
- That a young Filipino engineer (J) would be clear about salvation and bold in sharing it.
- For a Filipino chief engineer (M) to give himself completely to Jesus.
- That three Filipino seafarers who heard the Gospel would come to new life in Jesus.
- For the Lord to bring more Muslim seafarers to Lighthouse in order to hear the Gospel.
- That the Lord would continue grant Lighthouse good access to ships in port.
- For the Lord to raise up more workers in Vancouver and Prince Rupert to share His good news among seafarers.
- That a Ukrainian deck seafarer would humble himself and come to Jesus.
- For the wife (E) of a Christian captain (J) to come to faith in Jesus.

"Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." (Mark 1:17)

Coming Soon...

Lighthouse Advent Breakfast 2016

**Saturday, November 26th
8:30 a.m.**

**Bethany Baptist Church
22680 Westminster Highway
Richmond, BC**

Freewill offering

"She gave birth to a Son, a male child, Who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter."
Rev. 12:5

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ON LEAVING PORT

Be with us, O Lord on those voyages: To cheer us and keep us safe in all dangers, Let nothing afloat or on shore cut us off from You. May we please You in everything we do. Bless all on board, whatever their responsibility. Enable every man to do his duty. Help us to be good shipmates and bring us back again in safety to our homes: And those who long for our return, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen...

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Thank you for considering LHM.

Lighthouse Harbour Ministries

Our Mission

To love and honour God by serving the seafarers of the world in Word and deed.

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"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away."

Revelation 21:1