

Food for Thought

Time for Action

John 6:1-14

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I am convinced that God has a plan for each of us. Now is the time for us to **accept** it, **acknowledge** it and **act** upon it.

Accept - We read in Luke 19:2 of a man of small stature, named Zaccheus.

He was employed by the Inland Revenue Services.(IRS) He never knew Jesus, yet his curiosity was aroused by all he had heard about Him. So he climbed a tree to get an aerial view of Jesus passing by. Jesus took note of it.

In contrast to those of us who know Jesus today, there ought to be an even greater eagerness and commitment to follow the Savior. Zaccheus did not permit his shortness of stature to hinder him. Let nothing in our lives hinder our degree of commitment to our Lord.



Acknowledge - In Luke 10:41, we read that Jesus was on a house visit.

Mary chose to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to Him intently. No, she did not give her sister Martha a helping hand in the hospitality department. This frustrated her sister to no end. But the reaction of Jesus speaks volumes to us even today. He declared Mary had made a good choice...! So, may we seek opportunities to spend time seeking the Master's face, amidst all the busyness of our day. Mary was unafraid to obey the longing of her heart to know her Lord. Let us also choose to hear His voice and seek to know Him better.

Act - In John 6: 1-14 an exciting incident is recorded for us. It begins simply with a nameless, innocent little boy who acted in a challenging situation.

He recognized there was a need in the milling crowd of people. I suspect he did not have a clue of how God could use him. As the disciples of Jesus searched for a supply of food, he was willing and ready to offer up his five biscuits and two small fish. This act of generosity enabled Jesus to feed 5,000 hungry people. The action of a young lad brought glory to God that day. May we too be a people of action.

If we diligently follow in this manner, we too like Zaccheus, or Mary the sister of Martha or the nameless young lad, can be ready and available for the purposes of God in a world full of turmoil.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, let our discipleship be complete and consistent. Keeping in mind that Christ's truth sanctifies as well as liberates. Let our connection with the Master demonstrate our conformity to His likeness and our life a comprehensive creed, reflecting all that is honest and lovely and of good report. (Philippians 4:8) 