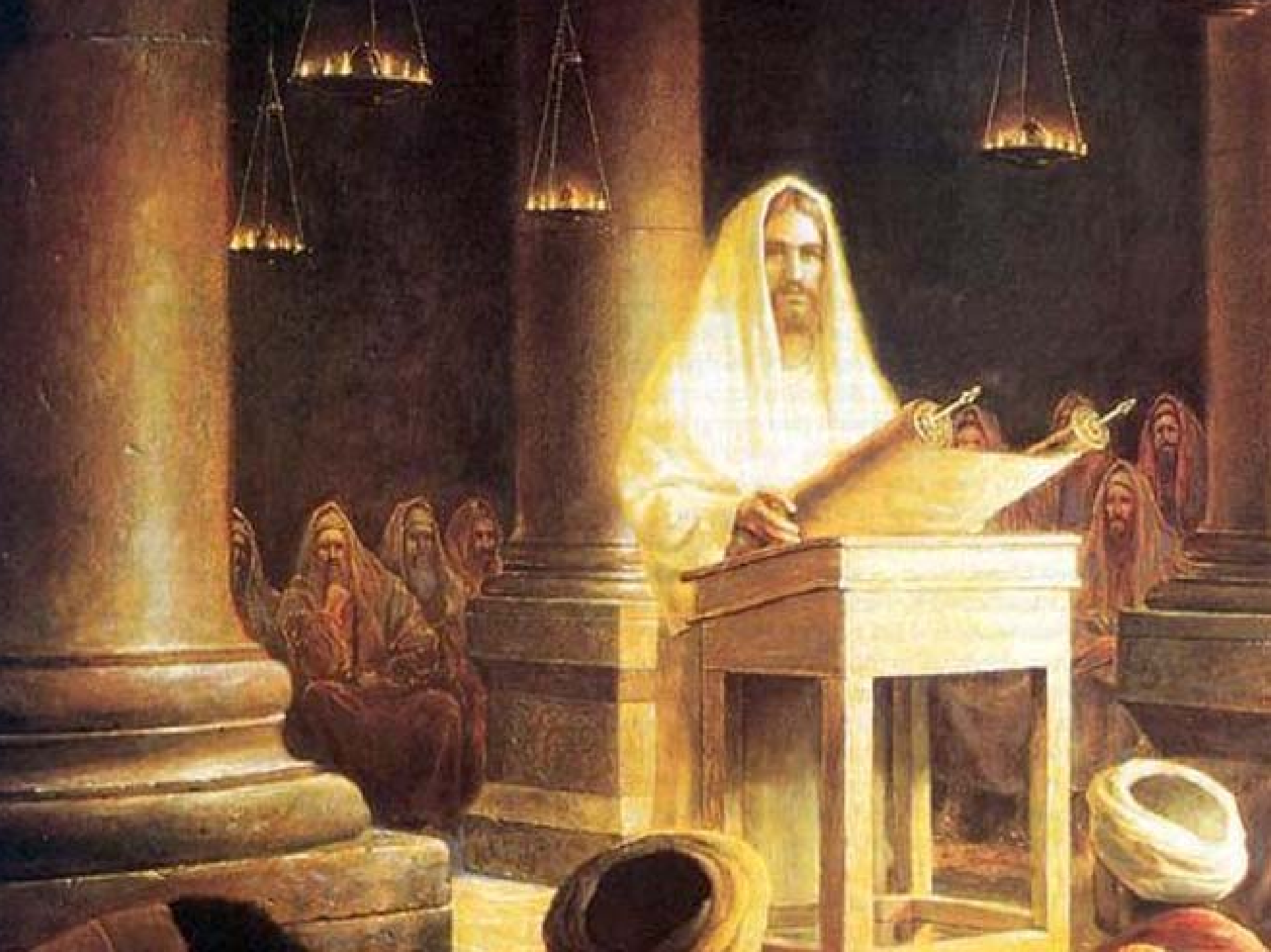


# *Real Faith*

**Luke 4**





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**What was  
so special  
about the  
widow of  
Zarephath?**

*Then the word of  
the LORD came to  
him, saying,*

*“Arise, go to  
Zarephath, which  
belongs to Sidon, and  
dwell there. See, I  
have commanded a  
widow there to  
provide for you.”*

***1 Kings 17:9***

*that he took as wife  
Jezebel the daughter  
of Ethbaal, king of  
the Sidonians; and he  
went and served Baal  
and worshiped him.*

***1 Kings 16:31b***

*So she said, "As the  
LORD your God lives,  
I do not have bread,  
only a handful of  
flour in a bin, and a  
little oil in a jar;*

*and see, I am  
gathering a couple of  
sticks that I may go  
in and prepare it for  
myself and my son,  
that we may eat it,  
and die.”*

***1 Kings 17:12***

*And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me;*

*and afterward  
make some for  
yourself and your  
son.*

***1 Kings 17:13***

*For thus says the  
LORD God of Israel:  
'The bin of flour shall  
not be used up,*

*nor shall the jar of  
oil run dry, until  
the day the LORD  
sends rain on the  
earth.””*

***1 Kings 17:14***

*So she went away  
and did according to  
the word of Elijah;  
and she and he and  
her household ate for  
many days.*

***1 Kings 17:15***

She took the  
first *step*

*The bin of flour was  
not used up, nor did  
the jar of oil run dry,  
according to the  
word of the LORD  
which He spoke by  
Elijah.*

***1 Kings 17:16***

*So she said to Elijah,  
“What have I to do  
with you, O man of  
God? Have you come  
to me to bring my sin  
to remembrance, and  
to kill my son?”*

***1 Kings 17:18***

She was *honest*

*And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed.*

***1 Kings 17:19***

She had a

***interceder***

*Then he cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?"*

***1 Kings 17:20***

*Confess your  
trespasses to one  
another, and pray for  
one another, that you  
may be healed.*

*The effective,  
fervent prayer of a  
righteous man  
avails much.*

*James 5:16*

*Elijah was a man  
with a nature like  
ours, and he  
prayed earnestly  
that it would not  
rain;*

*and it did not rain  
on the land for  
three years and six  
months.*

*James 5:17*

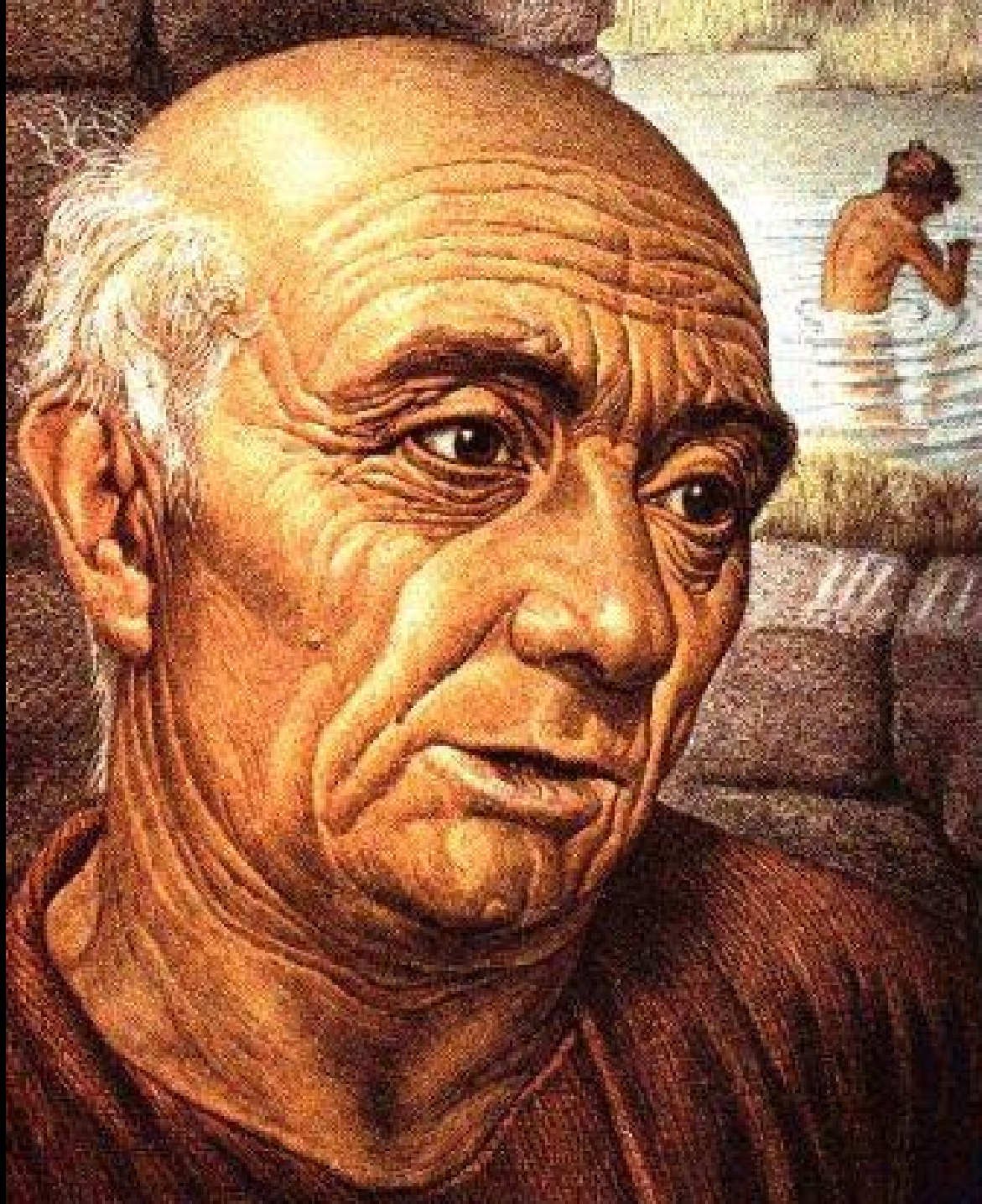
*And he prayed  
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Naaman?**



He was willing  
to *humble*  
himself and  
*submit* to the  
God of Israel