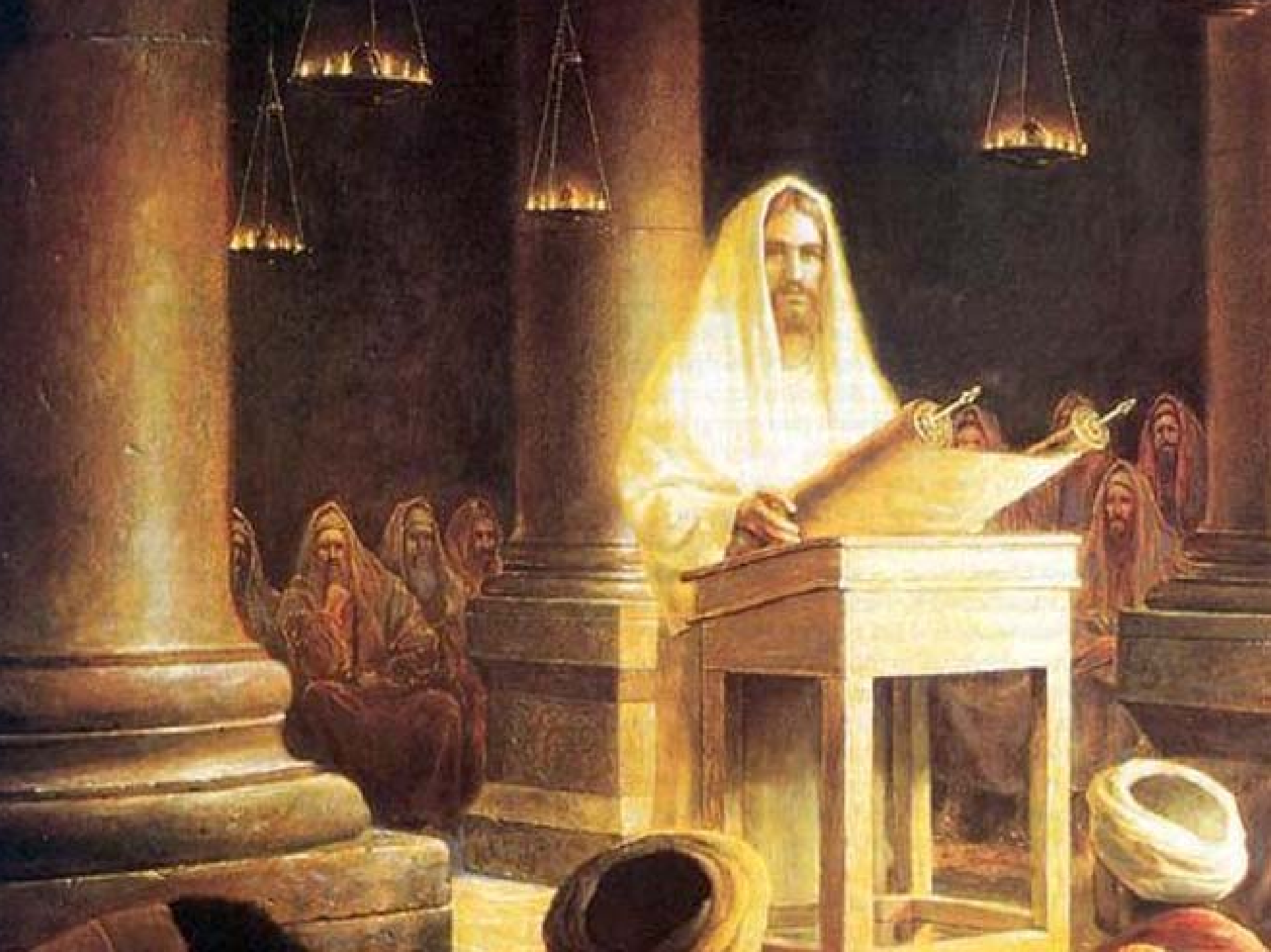


Real Faith

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

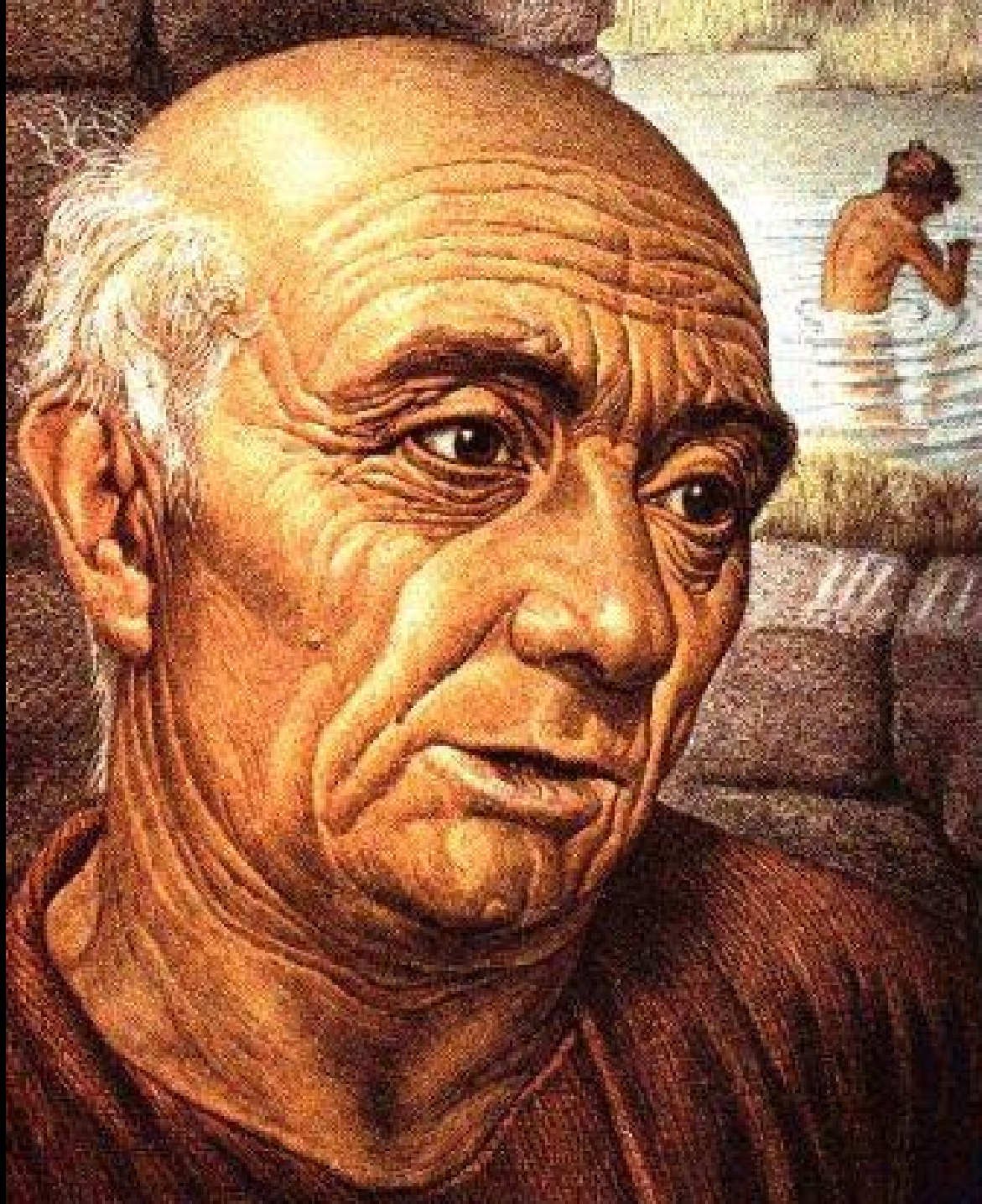
*And he prayed
again, and the
heaven gave rain,
and the earth
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**What
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Naaman?**



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