



The Good Work - Episode II

“Let us start rebuilding. So they began this good work.”
Nehemiah 2:18

Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.” Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled. Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!” Jesus responded, “Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

Luke 19:1-10

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2. There is no backstory that can't be used for ministry.

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Little boy in a baseball hat
Stands in the field with his ball and bat
Says, I am the greatest player of them all.
Put his bat on his shoulder and he tosses up the ball.

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Swings his bat all the way around
The worlds so still he can hear the sound
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Now the little boy doesn't say a word
Picks up his ball, he is undeterred
Says, I am the greatest there has ever been.
And he grits his teeth and he tries it again.
And the ball goes up and the ball comes down
Swings his bat all the way around
The worlds so still he can hear the sound
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He makes no excuses
He shows no fear
He just closes his eyes
And listens to the cheers.
Little boy, he adjusts his hat
Picks up his ball, stares at his bat

Says, I am the greatest, the game is on the line.
And he gives his all one last time.
And the ball goes up when the moons so bright
Swings his bat with all his might
And the worlds so still as still can be
And the baseball falls and thats strike three.

3. We don't need a second chance. We need a Saviour.

Now it's suppertime and his mama calls
Little boy starts home with his bat and ball
Says, I am the greatest that is a fact.
But even I didn't know I could pitch like that!