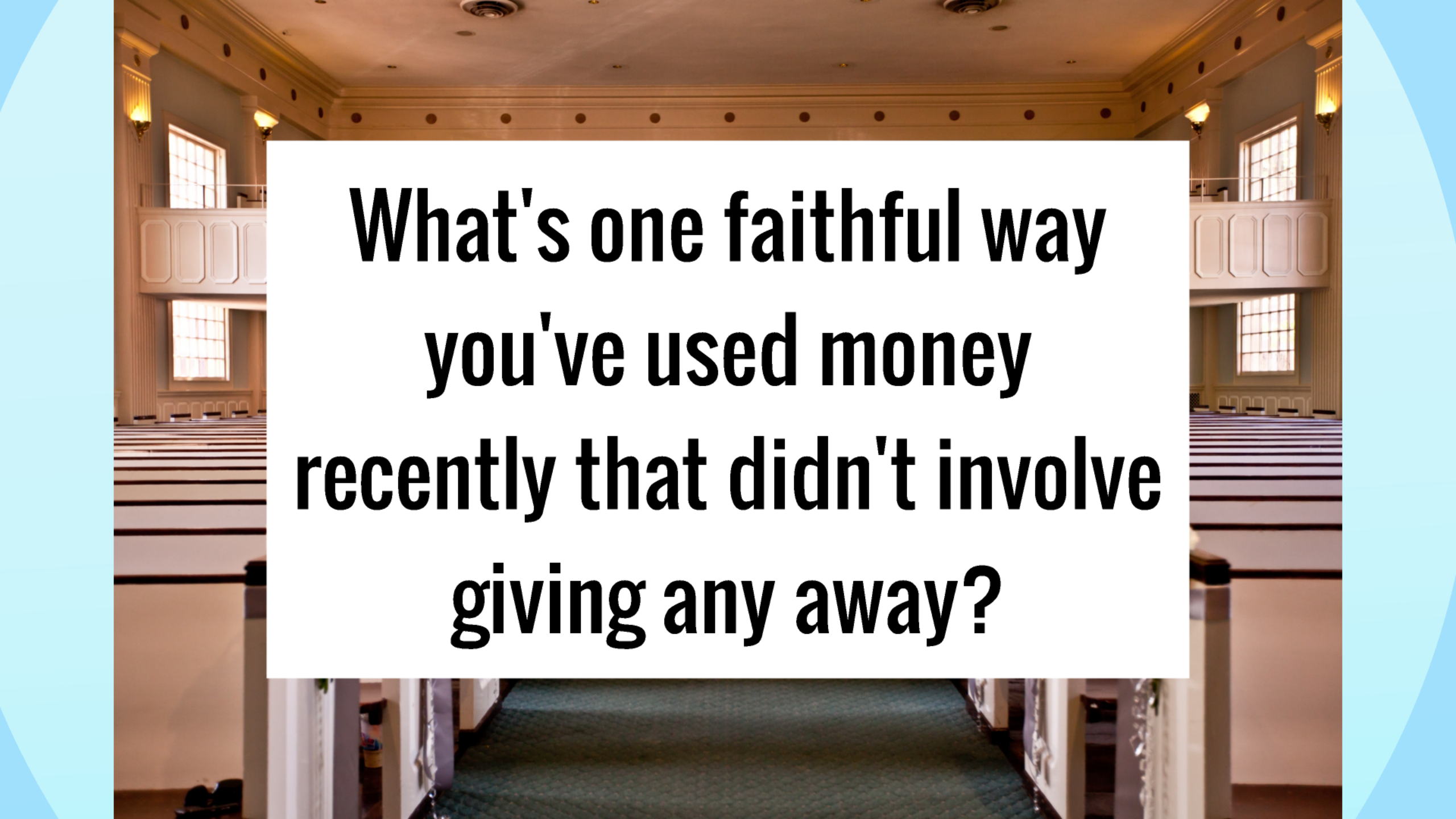


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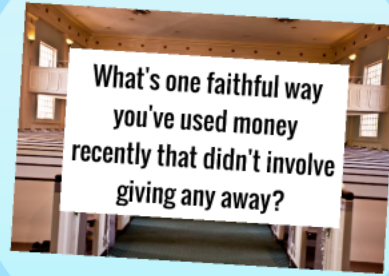
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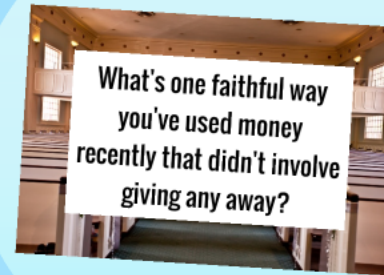


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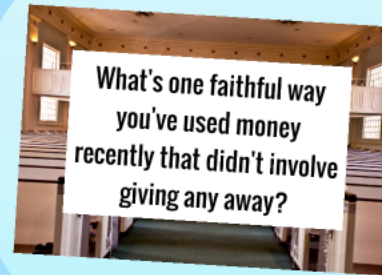
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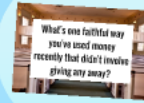
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# Rich Young Ruler



**Begin with a meditation  
on God's love ...**



# "I Wonder, I Notice" ...

## **Mark 10:17-27, The Message**

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## **Discuss with a partner ...**

- 1. What do you think was the motivation behind the rich young ruler's questions?**
- 2. Do you think Jesus' command to "Go sell whatever you own and give it to the poor" is this a universal command for all Christians or an individual prescription specifically for the rich young ruler? Or, maybe a little of both?**
- 3. What is God's invitation to you from this passage?**

## **Let us pray ...**

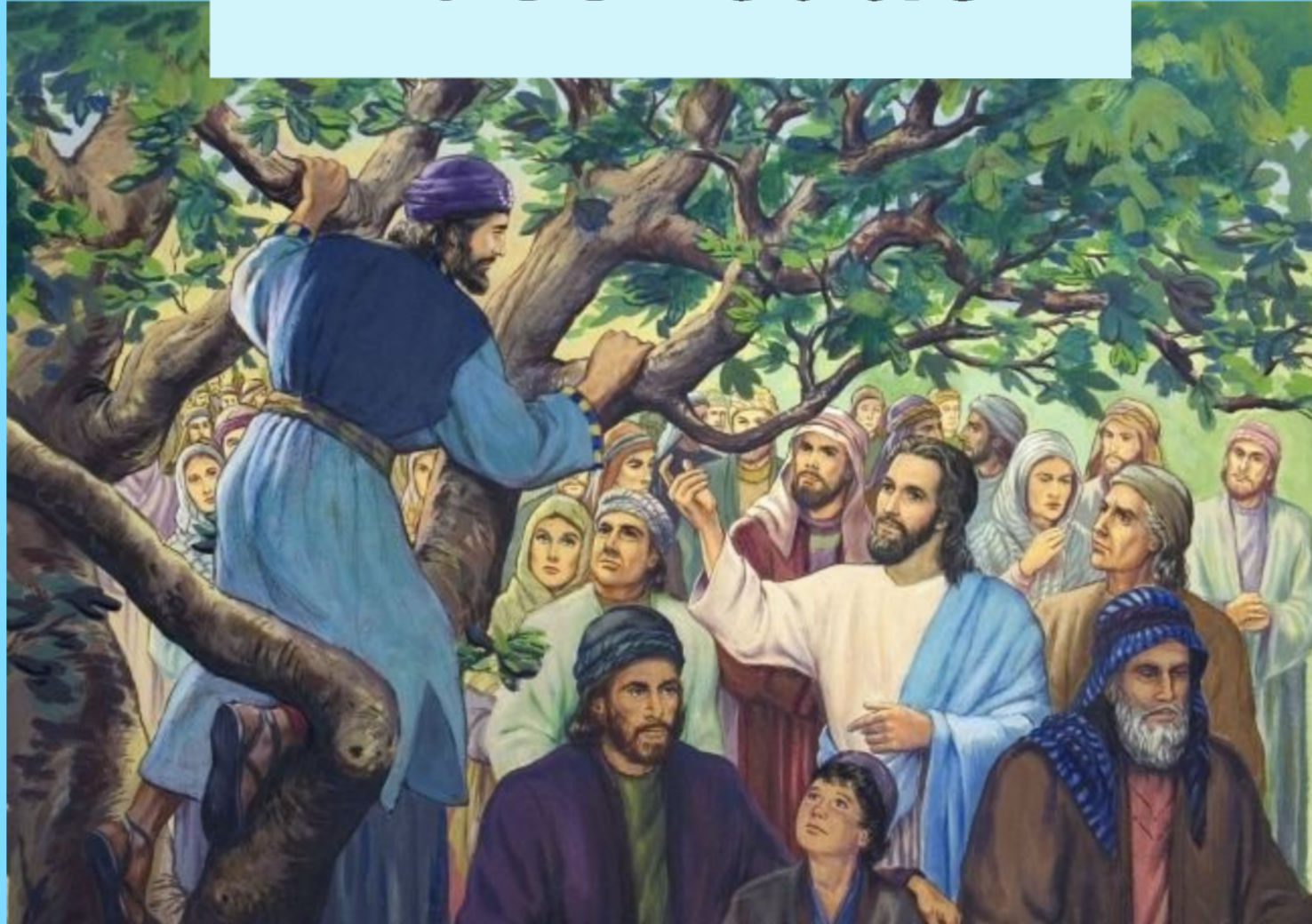
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# What We Learned

- The Bible speaks for itself
- A spiritual practice can prepare us to hear what God has to say to us through scripture
- Help listeners hear the story in a new way
- Engage the senses
- Lean into stories
- Ground rules matter: confidentiality and "permission to try"
- Invite action steps and accountability



# Zaccheaus



## Begin with a song ...



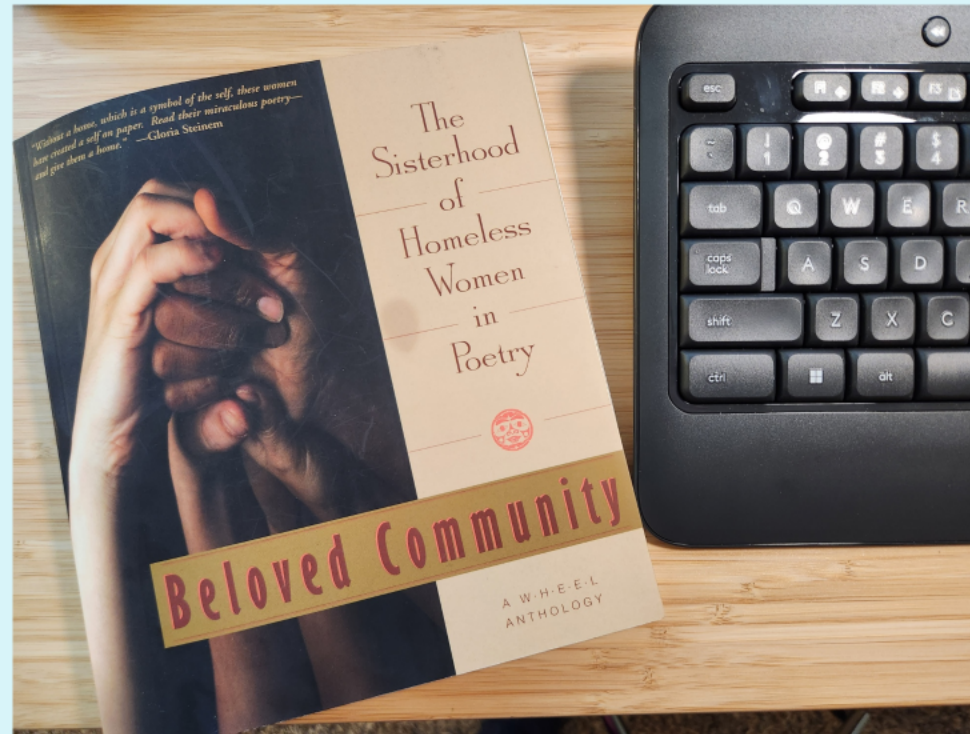
**"Hold Me Fast - Psalm 139" by Ellie Holcomb**  
**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eb2mpkdhRHM>**

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## **Share about a time you experienced God's presence ...**

- **What happened?**
- **What did God's presence feel like?**
- **How did you leave the encounter changed?**

# Share about a time you experienced God's presence ...



**Experience the story anew ...**



**LUMO PROJECT GOSPEL OF LUKE 19:1-27**

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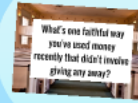
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- **What do you think provoked Zaccheaus' dramatic response?**
- **Has an experience with God ever prompted you to make a change in your financial life?**
- **How might we open ourselves up to experiencing God's transformative presence in our financial lives? What are some small steps we can take?**

## **Let us pray ...**

**"Transforming God, thank you for meeting us where we are. We know that you are with us in each and every moment, but as the to-do list of each day grows, it's easy to miss your presence. Help us to slow down long enough so we can catch a glimpse of your grace, love, and mercy. Turn down the noise of the world around us so that we might hear your invitation to transformation and new life. Grant us courage as we follow Zaccheaus' lead. May we use the money you have entrusted to our care to be a living testimony to your gospel. Amen."**

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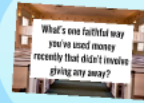
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