

Vicarious Experience

What does it mean to experience something vicariously?

- When I imagine that I am doing something but I am just watching someone else who is actually do it
- Examples?

What can be good about vicarious experiences?

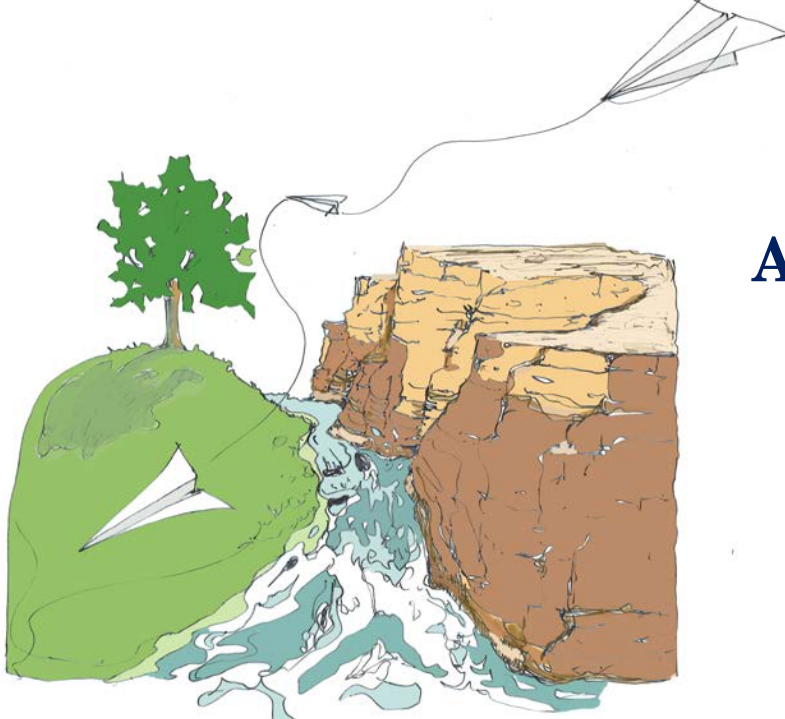
- I can safely take greater risks
- I can weep with those who weep, entering into their pain

What can be bad about vicarious experiences?

- I don't live life myself, and I don't grow
- I just imagine life through people/books/movies/YouTube/...

Ask God for a (deeper) first person experience of the power of Jesus

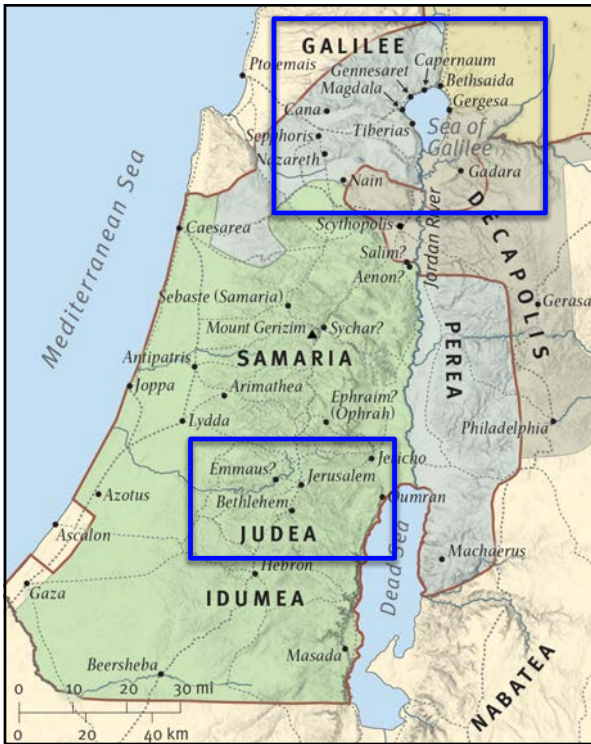
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**Kingdom
Apprenticeship**
Luke 9:1-17

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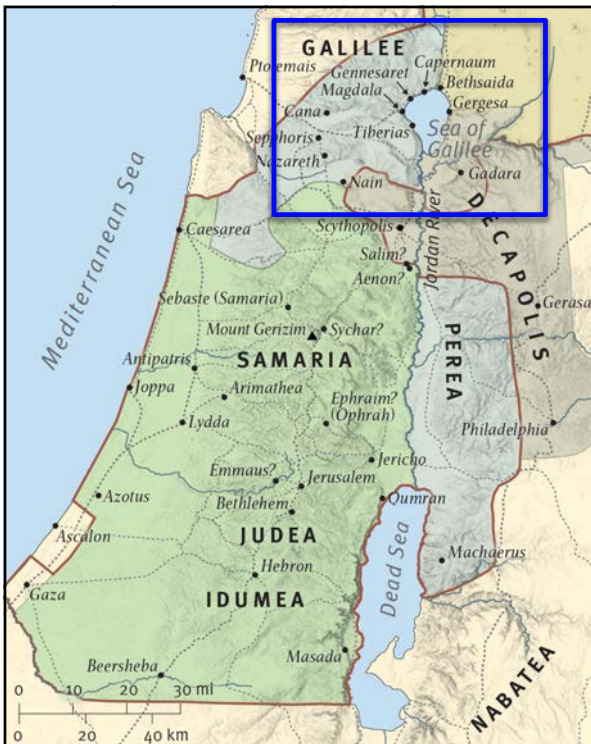
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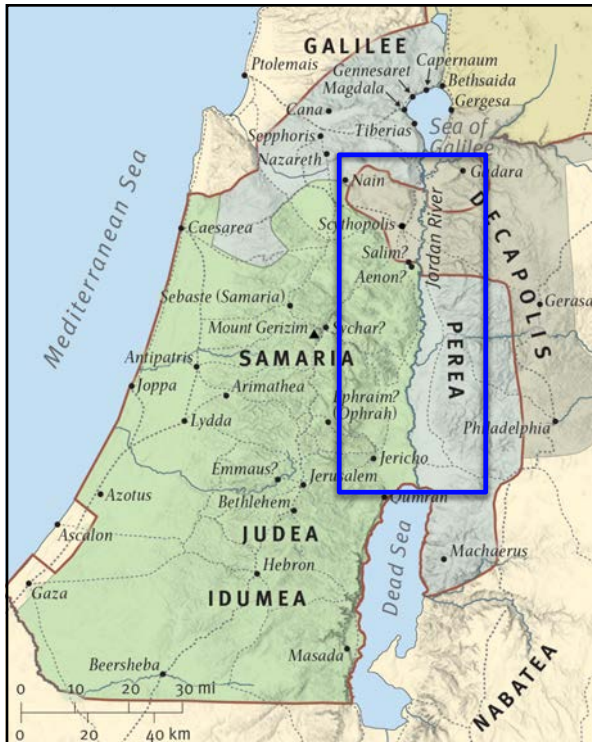


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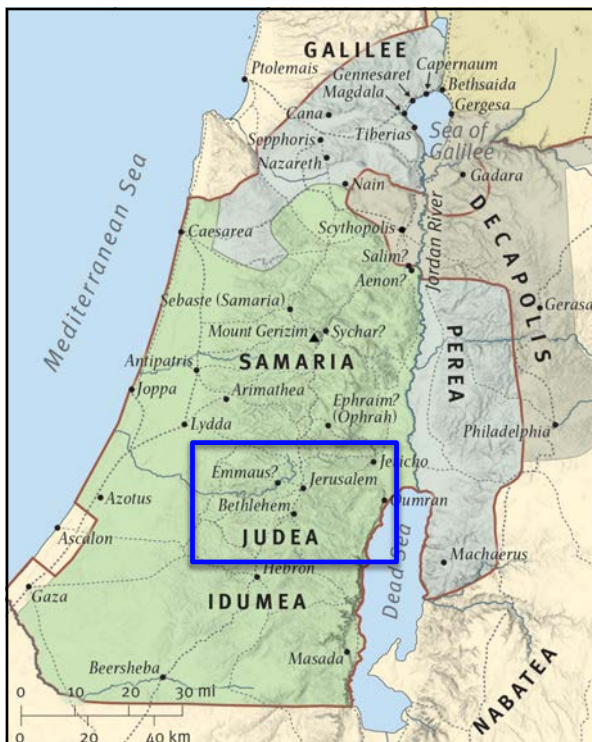
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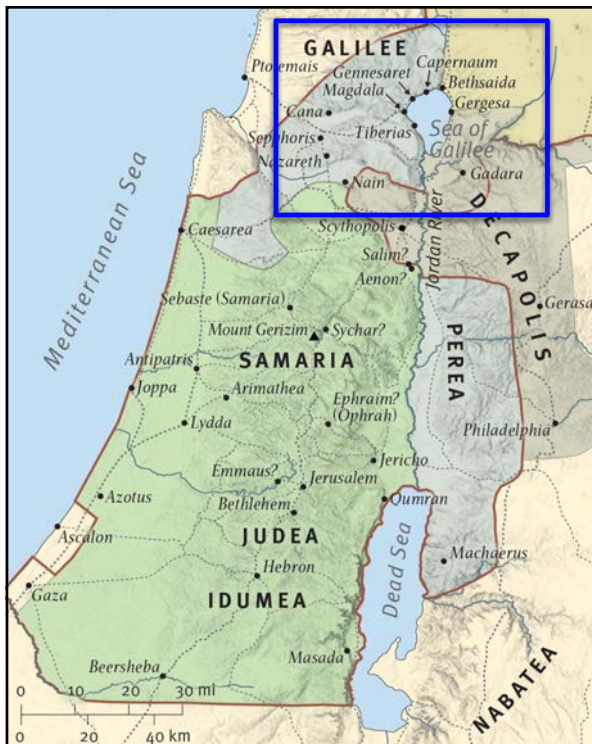
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So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

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Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was going on. And he was perplexed because some were saying that John had been raised from the dead, others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the prophets of long ago had come back to life.

But Herod said, “I beheaded John. Who, then, is this I hear such things about?” And he tried to see him.

tetrarch = Roman governor (1 of 4 in a province)

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When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

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Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.”

He replied, “You give them something to eat.”

They answered, “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.” (About five thousand men were there.)

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But he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.”

The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

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1-6: The **apostles** brought the **Kingdom of God** near

- The 12 had seen and heard a lot!
 - **Teaching:** like “4 soils” and “love your enemies”
 - **Miracles over nature:** storm calmed
 - **Healing:** woman with bleeding, dead girl
 - **Demons driven out:** Legion & **sins forgiven**
- He gave **power** (healing) and **authority** (demons)
 - With special instructions (travel light, include people)
 - Sent to **proclaim** the Kingdom of God=Gospel

7-9: • “God rules, and this is what it’s like!”

10: • Sent to **heal** and **cast out demons**

11-17: • What Jesus did, they now do

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7-9: Herod (and others) were perplexed: who is doing this??

- Word spread about Jesus as everyone is amazed
 - Especially: one person with amazing power was giving that power to others
 - It was the start of a new era (a new Kingdom)
- Why tell us about Herod here?
 - Luke highlights the core issue:
 - An amazing thing is happening when people do the works of Jesus
 - We cannot understand or join what is happening without knowing Jesus

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11-17:

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Luke 9:10

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*Luke 9:1-17***10:** Apostles returned and reported success to Jesus

- Their first internship was a success!
 - Their needs were met
 - They had proclaimed and healed
- Now it was time for another lesson...
 - Perhaps Jesus chose a deserted place to go

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Luke 9:11-17

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Bethsaida's population: maybe 2,000

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11-17: Apostles had more to learn: Jesus showed the way

- Jesus did the same as He told the apostles to do
 - **Proclaimed** the Kingdom of God, and **healed**
- In the desolate place (chosen by Jesus), the apostles suggested that people take care of their own needs
- **Jesus:** “You feed them”
- **Apostles:** “We can’t do it”
- **Jesus:** “Then you help me”
 - Gather what we have
 - Look to heaven (!): give thanks and bless it
 - Distribute what we have
 - Pick up the extras(!)

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Includes head, hands & heart

Truth: proclaim the Gospel =
the Kingdom of God

- Key: the work and words of Jesus

Action: using His power, authority,
and resources to bless people

- More than mere necessities!

Relationship: so that people will SEE
and KNOW King Jesus

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**Know that Jesus never lacks
power, authority, or resources**

Even when all we see is
limitations...

- Be ready to pick up the leftovers!

Sometimes He chooses to show
us OUR limitations so that ...

- we look to Him
- everyone knows Jesus did it!

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When we lack what is needed for
a Gospel need...

1. Gather what we have
2. Look to heaven: give thanks and seek God's blessing on it & us
3. Make use of what we have, even if it doesn't seem to be enough
4. Pick up the extras(!)

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**Jesus could do it all on His own
but He chooses to give power
by His Spirit to His people
for the work**

First the 12: empowered and sent
Then 72: empowered and sent
• Jesus said: "Ask the Lord of the
harvest, therefore, to send out
workers into his harvest field."
Then the church

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**Learning comes AS we obey
Power comes AS we obey**

Our obedience comes in many
forms, yet they all require faith:

- Attitude
- Belief & trust
- Action:
 - support roles
 - physical roles
 - word roles

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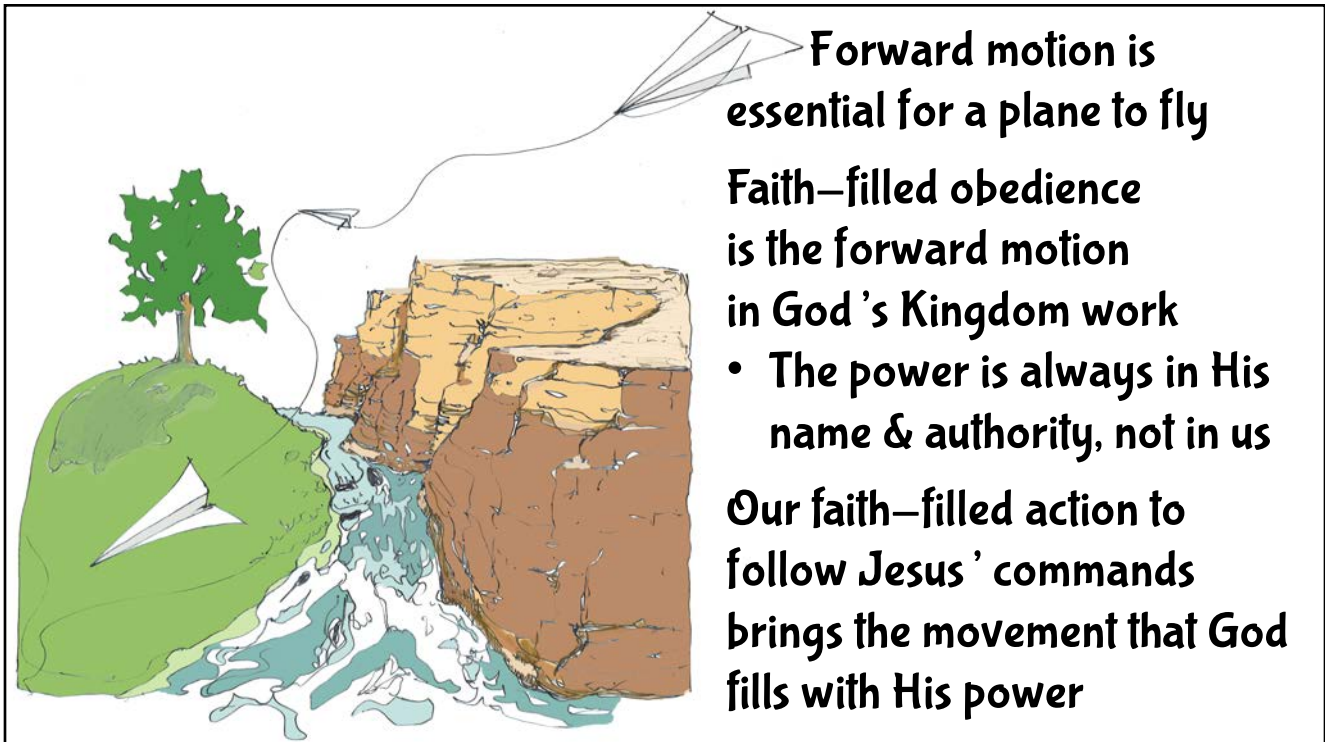
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- **Learning** occurs **as we do** what Christ commands
 - Not: learn how to love today so eventually we can love others
 - Rather: **choose to love people** in Christ today, and we'll grow
 - Step & sometimes stumble. Then apologize & confess & repent
 - Then repeat, over and over
 - Our character is transformed. Christ lives in us. People are loved.
- The **power** comes **as we do** what Christ commands
 - Not: once the resources arrive, we begin to obey
 - Rather: we obey the Word and the Spirit, trusting God to provide **as provision is needed**

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Application

Be an apprentice of Jesus

- Where is Christ calling you to obey today?
 - Love God: know His Word, pray, worship, leave other gods
 - Love people: 1 Corinthians 13
 - Bring blessing to people: head, heart, hands
 - Point people to Jesus, especially His startling gift of forgiveness and restoration
- Take steps every day, before your head hits the pillow
- We pray that people would be perplexed today!
 - When many people are bringing the Kingdom of God closer through their words and their actions, empowered by Jesus

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Application

Disciple others in this work, creating space for their obedience

- Create opportunities for others to join Kingdom work
 - Sometimes the whole thing: like Jesus sending the apostles out
 - Sometimes just a part: as apostles told people to sit down
- Be looking for ways for others to do all or part of what you do
 - Crossway Kids!
 - Raising kids
 - Not–yet–believers
 - Ministry teams
 - Life Groups
 - Every one of us!

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- **Obey the Word and the Spirit, trusting God to be present**
 - **Gather what you have** (strength, power, resources, ...)
 - **Look to heaven**, giving thanks and seeking blessing
 - **Then use what you have** to do the work He directs
 - **And be ready to pick up the leftovers!**