

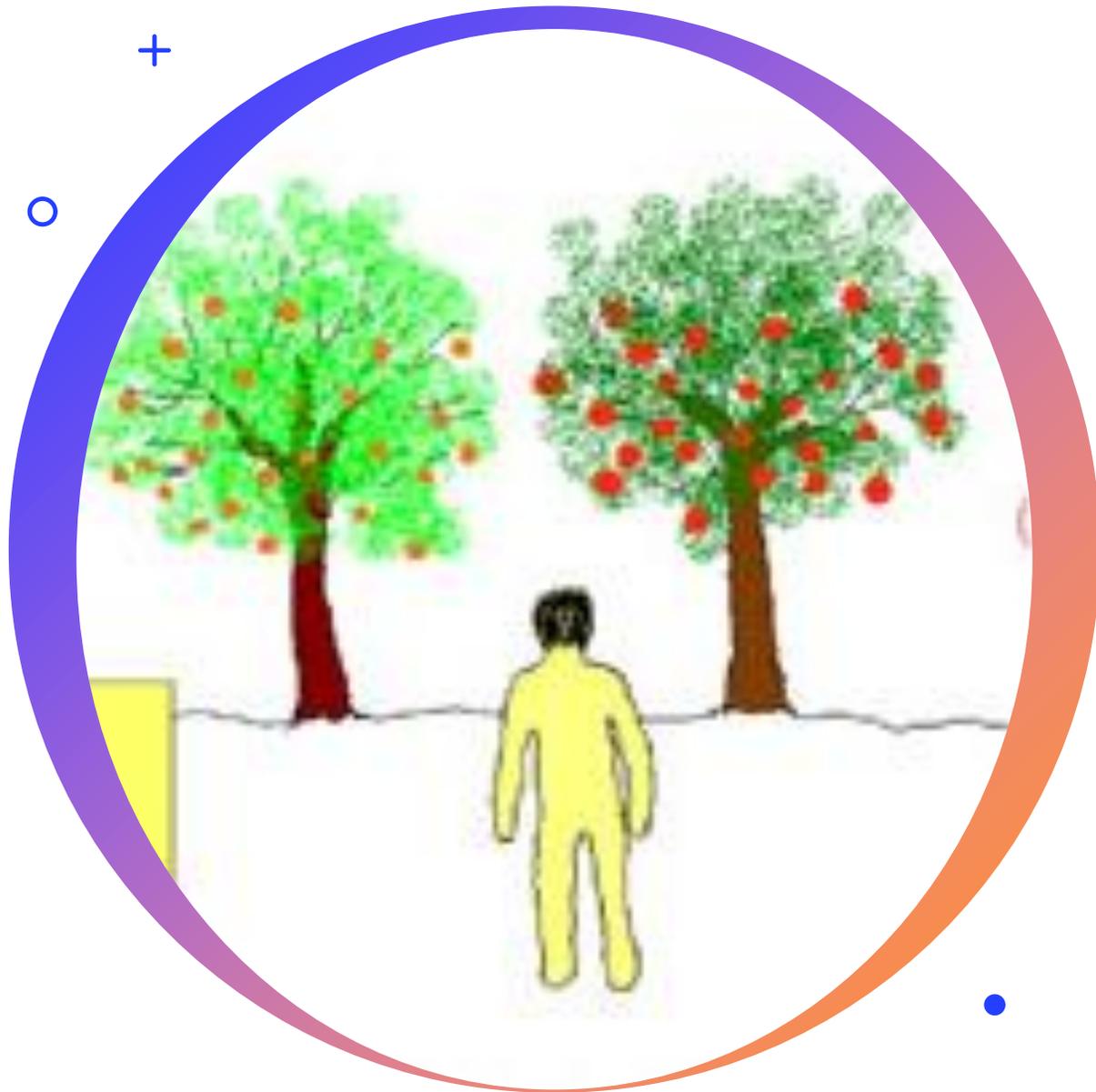
COMPASSION AND HEALING



Compassion
moves people
to action.

Jesus wept:

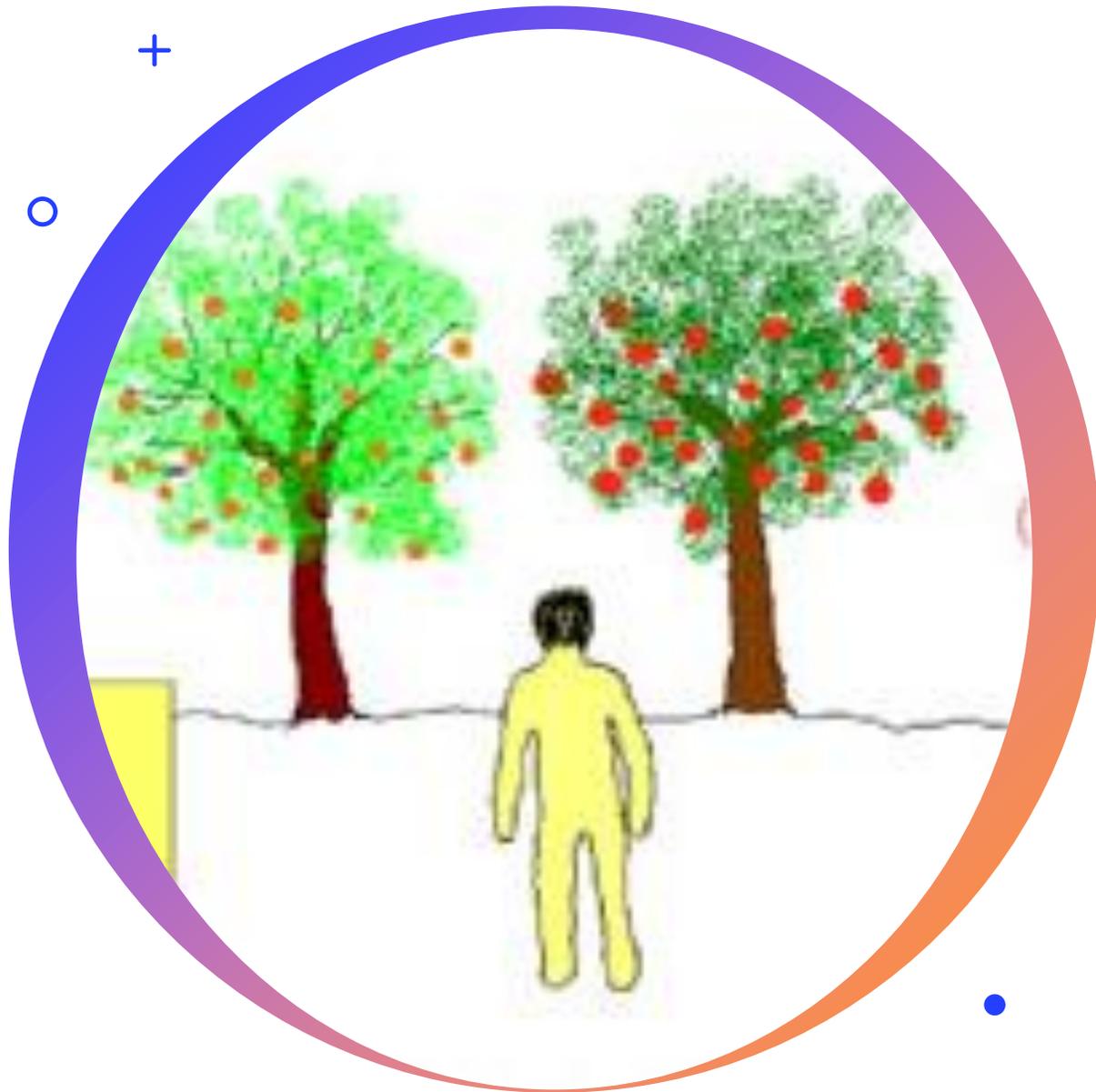
- Over Lazarus' death
- Over Jerusalem



1. The Power of Choice

Two trees in Genesis 2:9

- Tree of life
- Tree of knowledge of good and evil



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Result of wrong choice:

- Spiritual death
- Physical / emotional pain and ultimate death
(Genesis 3:17-19)

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John 12:4-6 *But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, “why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.”*

He did not say this because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

John 13:2 *The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus....*

John 13:27 *As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. “what you are about to do, do quickly,” Jesus told him....*

1. The Power of Choice

1 Peter 2:24-25 *He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.*



2. LIFESTYLE IS A CHOICE

- When we are born again, we are grafted into the source of life, Jesus
- There is ongoing healing / restoration in our life.



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2. Lifestyle is a Choice

(a) To live for righteousness is a choice:

- Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit to give the church the power to live and demonstrate the love of Jesus.
- All believers have authority and privilege to pray for sick
- Jesus sent out his disciples with this mission
- Early church demonstrated this mission.

2. Lifestyle is a Choice

(b) To live for righteousness means to live in the tension of the now and the promise of the future:

Philippians 2:27a, 30 *Indeed he [Epaphroditus] was ill, and almost died...because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me.*

- Ease your workload
- Take medication when required

1 Timothy 5:23 *Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses...*

2. Lifestyle is a Choice

- God can use every situation

Galatians 4:13-14 *As you know, it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you. Even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus Himself....*

3. DO YOU WANT TO BE WELL?

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(a) Timing:

- Man had been there a long time
- THIS was his moment.



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(b) Gradual Healing

Mark 8:23-25 *He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"*

He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly



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(c) Misplaced Faith (Healing by the Pool)

John 5:6-7 *When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “do you want to get well?”*

“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”



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(d) Healed by Faith
(man lame from birth)

Acts 14:8-10 *In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who had been lame from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk...*

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- Each healing points to our ultimate healing when we see Jesus.