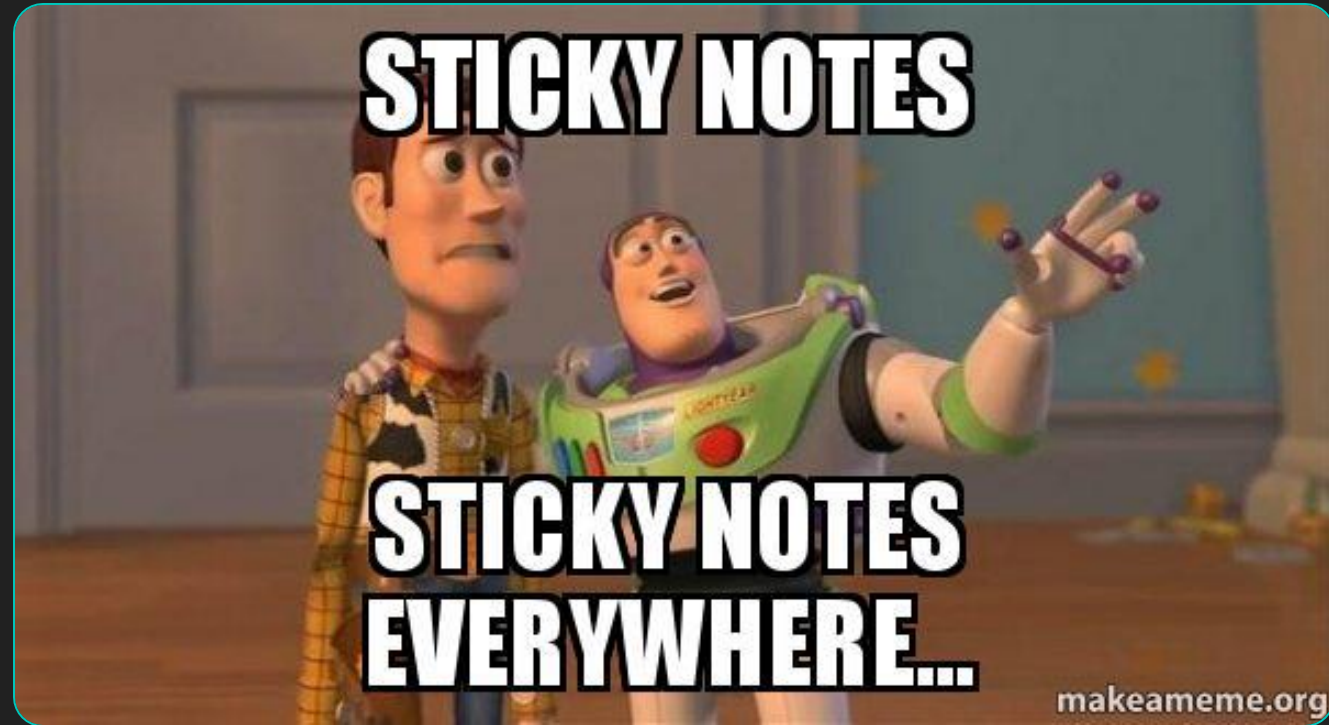


Week 8 Challenge: Shake it Off

- This is a head-to-head game
- There will be two rounds
- You will have 50 sticky notes stuck to you, and your job is to get them all off as fast as you can, but you can't use your hands
- The first person to get them all off or to get the most off in 2 minutes wins
- In the final round you will have to shake off 75 sticky notes





Week 8: A Small Transformation

March 23, 2026

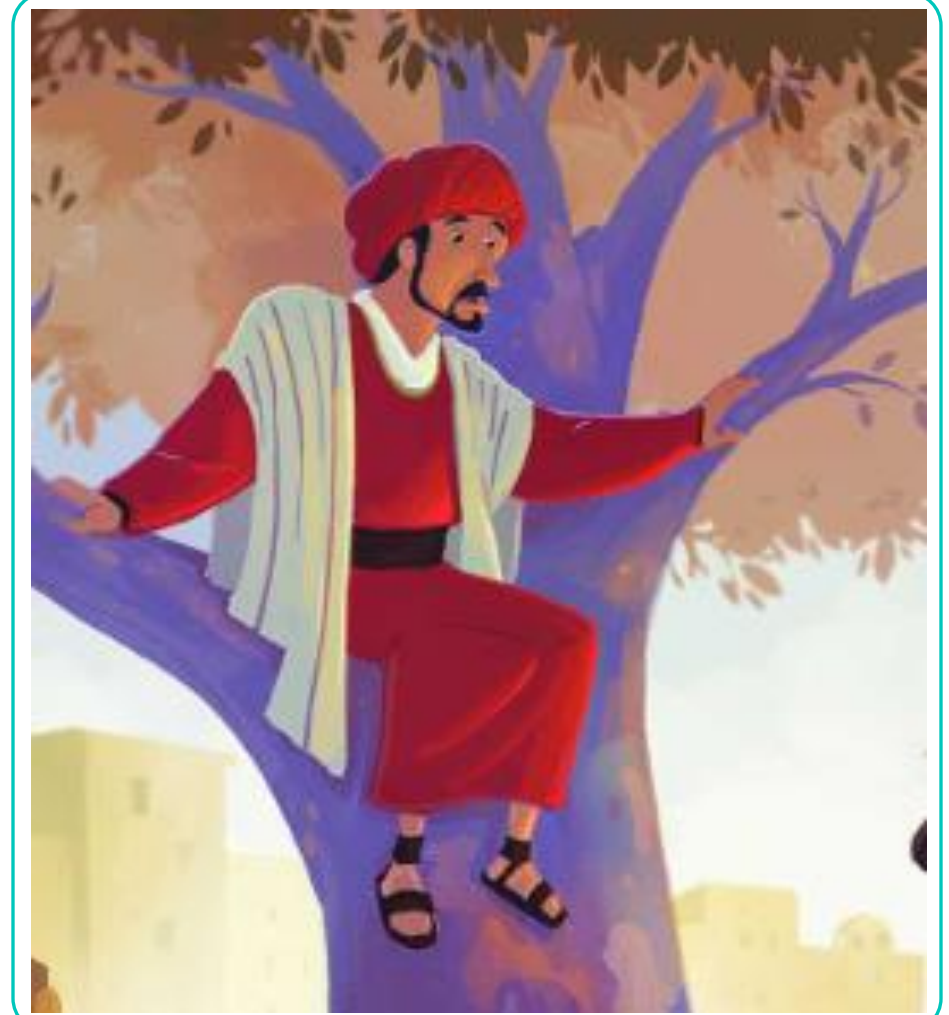
A large, detailed Transformer robot, primarily red and blue with gold and silver accents, stands in a futuristic, industrial cityscape. The robot is the central focus, with its right arm raised. The background shows tall buildings and a hazy, atmospheric setting. A teal banner with a diagonal line pattern is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text.

What does transformation mean?

(Open Discussion)

Zacchaeus

- Jewish Man
- Chief Tax Collector
- Wealthy Man
- Social Outcast
- Short Man
- Famously climbed a sycamore-fig tree



A cartoon illustration depicting a scene from the Bible. On the left, a man with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe, sits on a wooden stool. On the right, a man with a dark beard and a brown tunic sits on a taller wooden stool. They are seated at a simple wooden table. In the background, a window shows a man with a grey beard and wide eyes looking out in surprise. The scene is set in a room with purple walls and arched windows showing a green landscape. The name 'ZACCHAEUS' is written in large, bold, white letters across the center of the image.

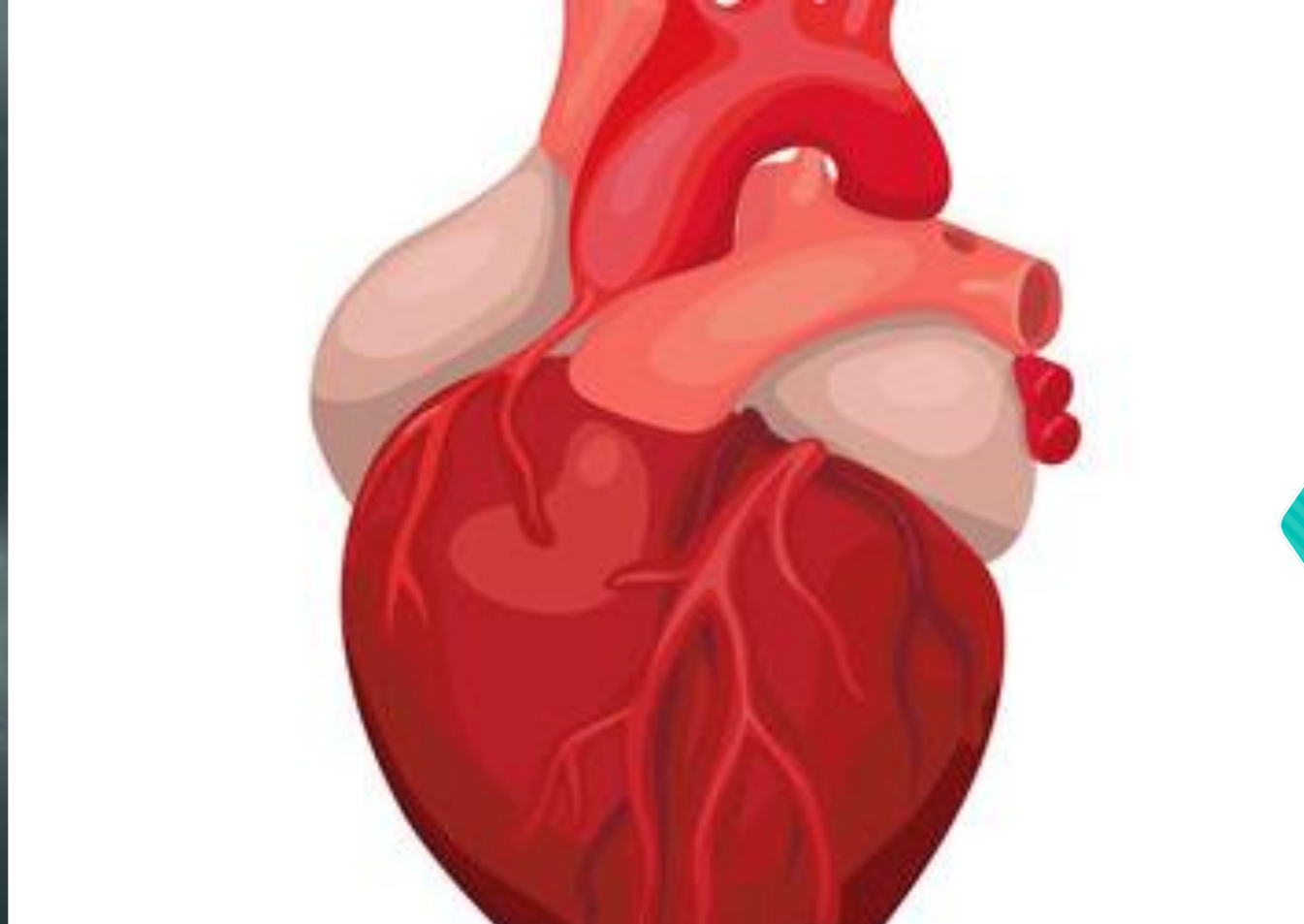
ZACCHAEUS

GOD'S STORY



Our Human Condition

- We are sick in our sin
- We are dying in our sin
- We are unable to save ourselves from our sin
- We need to be rescued from our sin



Our Path to Living – A Transplant

Transplant - Salvation

We are given a new life in Christ

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

We are given the Holy Spirit

- Ephesians 1: 13-14
...When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

We are changed from slaves in sin to heirs with Christ

- Galatians 4: 4-7
...God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

We are given a promise for a better future

- Revelation 21: 3-4
Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

Honorable Mention: The Woman at the Well

John 4: 1 – 42

- A Samaritan woman came to get water
- She was collecting water in the heat of the day because she was an outcast
- She met Jesus at the well and he told her about her life; she had been married five times and was living with a man she was not married to
- Jesus asked her for water, and then He offered her living water
- He revealed Himself as the Messiah to her and she believed in Him
- She went and spread the news of Jesus throughout the town, and many people came and believed in Jesus



The Transplant Response

- We are eager to embrace the faith
- We feel good
- We feel an urgency to tell everyone about it
- We are eager to learn



(Open Discussion)

**Does a
transplant
instantly make
you perfectly
healthy?**

Transplant



Transformation

Salvation



Sanctification

Sanctification is the process of being made holy, set apart, and transformed by God to become more like Jesus Christ

- **Salvation** is come as you are, but **sanctification** allows you to not stay as you are
- Transformation is by the Holy Spirit working in us to sanctify us
 - Sanctification produces fruit
 - Sanctification is evidence of your salvation
 - Sanctification requires you to be an active participant



Transformation - Sanctification

Our Expectation of Sanctification

- Quick
- Easy
- No big deal
- According to our will



The Reality of Sanctification

- It is not according to our will, desires or standards
- It will cost you, your old self, your old habits, your old way of thinking
- It is a **life-long journey**
- In this life, you will never be at a place where you don't need sanctification



Sanctification isn't passive it's a Partnership



How can we participate:

- **Stay connected to God**

John 15 : 4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me."

- **Deny your flesh**

Romans 8:13 "For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live"

- **Persevere**

Hebrews 12: 1-2 And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

- **Have Discernment**

Romans 2: 12 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will"

- **Understand you are set apart**

Colossians 3: 12 "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."