

Growing By Showing Love To The Unlovable

Luke 19:1-10

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. ³ Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a ^[a]sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house." ⁶ And he hurried and came down and received Him ^[b]gladly. ⁷ When they saw it, they all *began* to grumble, saying, "He has gone ^[c]to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸ Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I ^[d]will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I ^[e]will give back four times as much." ⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

1. Do not let your current condition dictate your future.

V3. Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.

- **Is the mirror you are looking in a reflection of who are or who God wants you to be.**

2. How badly do you want to change your current condition?

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3. Why is it lonely at the Top.

V2. he was a chief tax collector and he was rich.

Luke 12:48 but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

- **Because many people take advantage of people to get to the top.**
- **The world sees it as a blessings, sometimes it can be a curse.**

4. Child Like faith can Produce Godlike results

V5. When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house

- **When all else fails think like a child, more times than not it will get you back on track**

5. Are we building bridges or Digging Ditches

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- Bridges have the power to carry and ditches have the ability to
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6. Bridges help build the kingdom and lead people to conviction and salvation.

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