

GENERAL VIEW



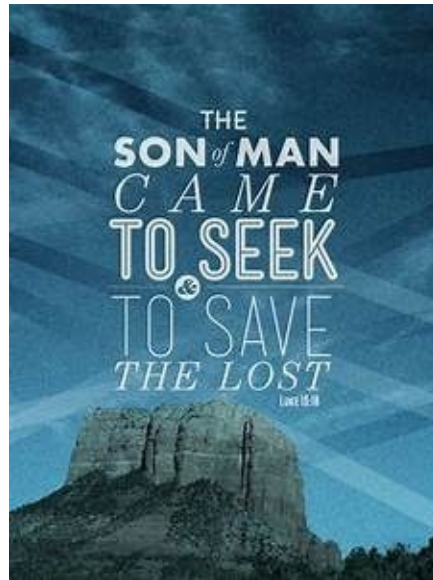
THE TRAIL OF CHANGE

ZECCHAEUS, THE SYCAMORE TREE AND JESUS



GOD SAVES EVERY SOUL

SCRIPTURE READING : LUKE 19 : 1-10



MEMORY VERSE : REVELATION 3 : 20

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Revelation 3:20

INTRO TO ZACCHAEUS (THE SHORT GUY)

*Chief tax-collector at Jericho

*Zacchaeus means “pure” or “innocent”.... ironically his profession was known for corruption.

(LUKE 18:11,MATT 18:17)

*He became an example of Jesus' mission to bring salvation to the lost.

INTRO TO JESUS (OUR SAVIOUR)

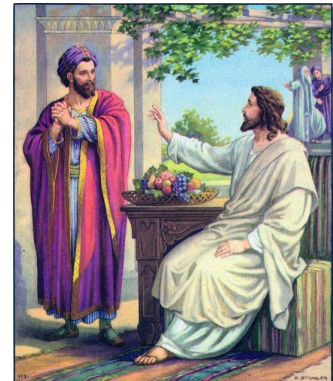
*Jesus was passing through the city of Jericho before entering Jerusalem.

*He had done many miracles on His way. Many people had gathered to see and meet Jesus.

ENCOUNTER OF ZACCHAEUS AND JESUS

As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. His faith in Jesus got him his eyesight and he was healed. He started following Jesus and praising God. When all the people saw this they too praised God.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A chief tax-collector who was wealthy named Zacchaeus wanted to see who Jesus was. He was so short that he could not see Jesus over the crowd. Therefore he ran ahead, climbed a sycamore tree and waited until Jesus passed that route. To his surprise, when Jesus reached the spot He looked up and asked Zacchaeus to come down immediately because He was staying in Zacchaeus' house that day.



As much as Zacchaeus was pleasantly surprised by this unexpected self invite by Jesus so much so was the crowd shocked. (unpleasantly). They had just witnessed Jesus heal a blind man (miracle) and they least expected Him to volunteer to stay at a sinner's house and share a meal with him.

Zacchaeus was moved by this gesture of Jesus for unconditionally loving him even though Jesus knew that Zacchaeus was committing sin by cheating people. He knew he had to straighten out his life at least now. He was ready for this TRANSFORMATION. Changing himself inwardly by showing outward gestures, Zacchaeus confessed to Jesus that he has helped the poor sometimes and also will pay back four times to those he had cheated.

Jesus then announces that salvation has come on this house, for Zacchaeus was also a descendant of Abraham. Jesus proves yet again that He has come to seek and save the lost. This proves that with God all things are possible, and a rich and crooked man too can be saved by his actions. The right choice that Zacchaeus made and the consequence that he faced on his TRAIL OF CHANGE with Jesus beside him is incredible. The lost can be forgiven and made new through FAITH.

HIGHLIGHTS/TAKEAWAYS



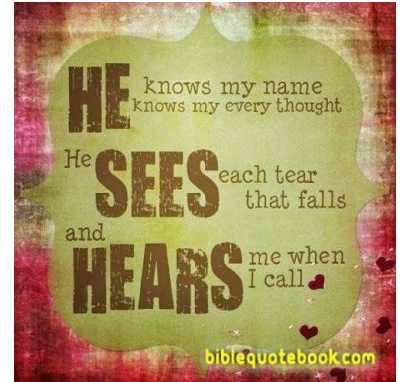
*Anybody can follow Jesus, it's worth it.

*No one is beyond the love of Jesus.

*Jesus saves the lost.

*Jesus knows our names.

*Jesus wants to be with us.



LESSONS FROM ZACCHAEUS/APPLICATIONS



*Want to see Jesus, no matter what it takes.(v.3)

*Put your pride aside.(v.4)

*Accept His invitation and answer His call.(v.5)

*Meet Him with excitement and joy, be excited about salvation.(v.6)

*Let Him find you and change you.

INFERENCE

Zacchaeus knew what people thought about him. But he wanted Jesus. He was willing to change.

When these points above worked for Zacchaeus, I'm sure it will work for us too.

Just like how Jesus knew Zacchaeus' name, He knows us too. Jesus sees us even before we seek Him. He welcomes us and saves us. So let's keep our hearts, mind, body and soul to welcome Him into our lives.

MANY WILL INFORM BUT ONLY
GOD CAN TRANSFORM

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will **TRANSFORM**
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Him.

The Pretty Girl's Life