

# Fix your Focus

Luke 19:1-10

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## Luke 19:1-10

1. Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. 2. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. 3. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. 4. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

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## Luke 19:1-10

5. When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." 6. Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. 7. But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled.

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#### Luke 19:1-10

8. Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" 9. Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. 10. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

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#### 1. COME UP HIGHER

*He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. Luke 19:3*

*So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore fig tree besides the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. Luke 19:4*

- What you magnify gets bigger.
- Don't stop short!

Romans 3:23:

God covers our shortcomings.

**Zacchaeus ran ahead and climbed a tree.**

Do something different

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- Foresight is a gift from God  
James 1:5
- Jesus ascends his own tree  
1 Peter 2:24
- Don't miss an encounter with Jesus.  
Jer 29:13; Psalm 84:1

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## 2. ENCOUNTER LEADS TO INTIMACY

*When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by Name. 'Zacchaeus, quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today! Luke 19:5*

- **Jesus knows you by Name**  
Isaiah 43:1, Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:13-16
- **Zacchaeus' name means pure**  
Matt 5:8
- **Jesus noticed Zacchaeus** - what was holding him back was the very thing that God used to propel him forward.

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- **Authority** - Jesus made a plea not a question  
There was something different about the authority that Jesus carried - Luke 4:32
- **Intimacy with Jesus affirms our identity as His own.**  
James 2:23 Friend of God, His ambassador  
2 Cor 5:20, New Creation 2 Cor 5:17
- **Jesus speaks to the future me and thereby calls it forth.**

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## 3. RESPOND TO THE INVITATION

*Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. Luke 19:6*

- **It's a call to worship!**  
James 4:8, Luke 10:39  
(Psalm 95:1, Psalm 100:1, Psalm 132:7, Hebrews 12:28)
- **What's your response time?**
- **How you respond often shows where your heart is at?**

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### 3. RESPOND TO THE INVITATION

*Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. Luke 19:6*

- *Don't let your love become cold*  
Matthew 24:9
- **Examine yourself**  
2 Cor 13:5, Galatians 6:9,  
Revelation 3:16

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### 4. SPENDING TIME WITH JESUS BRINGS FORTH TRANSFORMATION!

*Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much. Luke 19:8*

- **Inner change that led to outward action**
- **Divine exchange takes place**  
2 Cor 5:21, Isaiah 53:4-5,  
2 Cor 8:9, Gal 2:20
- **Springs of new life inside of you**  
John 7:37-38

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### FIX YOUR F.O.C.U.S

*Isaiah 43:18  
Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*

- F - FORESIGHT** - Plan not to miss it!
- O - OVERCOME** your own barriers/excuses
- C - CLIMB** a tree if it helps you see!
- U - UNWAVERING** Response!
- S - SPRINGS** inside of you.

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