

Better Priorities

Luke 19:1-10 | Matthew 6:33
Better. New Year, Better You.
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A better year isn't about doing more; it's about choosing what matters most.

Luke 19:1-7

1. When I Do _____, I Can't Fix What's Out of Order.

Zacchaeus proves this truth: More can fill your life, but not your soul.

2. When I _____ Jesus, I Must Put Him First.

3. When Jesus is _____, Everything in My Life Realigns.

Luke 19:8-10

Matthew 6:33

MY NEXT STEP:

Two Questions:

"This year, I need to put Jesus first in my _____."

"The area I need to realign around Jesus is _____."

No one else has to see this. But sometimes writing it down helps us name it.

Questions for Further Study

1. Read Luke 19:1–10 carefully. What *verbs* describe Zacchaeus before he encounters Jesus, and what verbs describe him after Jesus enters his home?
2. Luke emphasizes Zacchaeus's **position** (short, behind the crowd, in a tree). Why do you think Luke includes these physical details? What spiritual truths might they be pointing to?
3. What do you notice about the timing of Jesus's invitation ("I *must* stay at your house today")? Why is urgency important in this encounter?
4. In this passage, the crowd is not neutral—it becomes an obstacle. In what ways can *good things* (routine, busyness, religious activity, even church culture) unintentionally crowd out Jesus?
5. What would Zacchaeus have lost socially by climbing the tree? What do we risk losing when we choose to put Jesus first today?