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*Luke 13:1-9*

### INTRODUCTION

It's time to "level up"—to become better versions of ourselves by not settling for the status quo, but instead, taking intentional steps toward growth and transformation. With this in mind, we are going to explore how we can avoid stagnation and live lives that reflect God's desire for us to grow, progress, and reach new heights. Just like Jesus' parable of the fig tree, we are encouraged to examine ourselves, seek improvement, and take action toward becoming all that God has called us to be.

### KEY POINTS

#### 1. Commit to Self-Examination

Jesus emphasizes in the parable that we must first examine our own lives rather than compare ourselves to others. Self-reflection allows us to identify areas that need change and growth. When we do this, we stop focusing on others' shortcomings and focus on becoming the best version of ourselves.

#### 2. Tell the Truth About Where You Are

Jesus' parable of the unfruitful fig tree reveals that there are times when we must be honest about our lack of productivity or growth. Radical truth-telling about where we are spiritually, emotionally, or in any other area of life, is the first step toward real progress. Without honesty, we can't make the necessary changes to move forward.

#### 3. Your Past Does Not Disqualify You

Just because we've failed in the past doesn't mean we're disqualified from future success. God sees potential in us even when we or others do not. The unproductive tree was not useless—it just needed the right care. God's grace gives us another chance, and our past failures do not define our future.

#### 4. You Have Another Chance to Level Up

The gardener in the parable asks for more time to nurture the tree, representing the grace that God offers us. We are given new opportunities to change and grow, even if we've been unfruitful in the past. With God's help, we have the power to rise above our limitations and reach our potential.

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## 5. Your Opportunity Is for a Season

While God offers grace, it is not an indefinite opportunity. We are called to act now, to take advantage of the chance we've been given. There is urgency in leveling up and making the necessary changes in our lives. We don't have forever to make the adjustments needed for growth.

## 6. Eliminate What's Not Working

For the tree to bear fruit, the gardener needed to remove what was hindering its growth. In the same way, we need to cut out the habits, relationships, and attitudes that are keeping us from leveling up. Removing these obstacles makes room for the right things to grow and thrive in our lives.

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**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. In what areas of your life do you need to “level up” and grow beyond where you are currently?
2. How can self-examination help you identify habits or patterns that are holding you back from reaching your potential?
3. What are some things in your life that you need to eliminate to create space for spiritual and personal growth?

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