



Part 3 - I Deserve Rejection, But He Gave Me Acceptance!

“The greatest desire of the human heart is to be loved and accepted. The greatest need of human existence is to belong, connect with another, and know that we are of inestimable value. This is why our greatest joys and most bitter disappointments involve relationships...we have a deep-seated longing to be known and then, to be loved and accepted as we are.” - epicworkepiclife.com

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. 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. 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.”
- Luke 19:1-10 NLT

- **Be willing to become undignified!**

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Run, climb, reach or dig toward God!

If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. - Jeremiah 29:13

- **He desires to accept you even more than you desire to see Him!**

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- **You’ll never be the same!**

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TALK IT OVER

- What messages of rejection haunt your thoughts?
- Share an example of when someone's acceptance made a difference in your life.
- What do you need to do this week to run, dig, reach, or climb toward Jesus?

Suggested Reading Plan: [It's Personal](#)

Announcements:

- **Sunday Service @ 10 AM.** Nursery is available for children up to age 4, and KidZone for ages 5-11.
- **Girl's Ministry** for grades K-6 Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 PM. See Sharee Haromontelongo for more info.
- **Finish Line Youth** for ages 12-12th grade Fridays 7- 8:30 PM. See Pastor James for more info.
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