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Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through.

2 And **behold**, there was a man named Zacchaeus.

He was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature.

4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for **I must stay** at your house today."

6 So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully.

7 And when they saw it, they all grumbled,

“He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.”

8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord,

“**Behold**, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor.

And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it

fourfold.” 9 And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has

come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham.

10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”



1. Behold God's Heart

Luke 15:1-7

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." 3 So he told them this parable: 4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing...

6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Luke 5:29-32

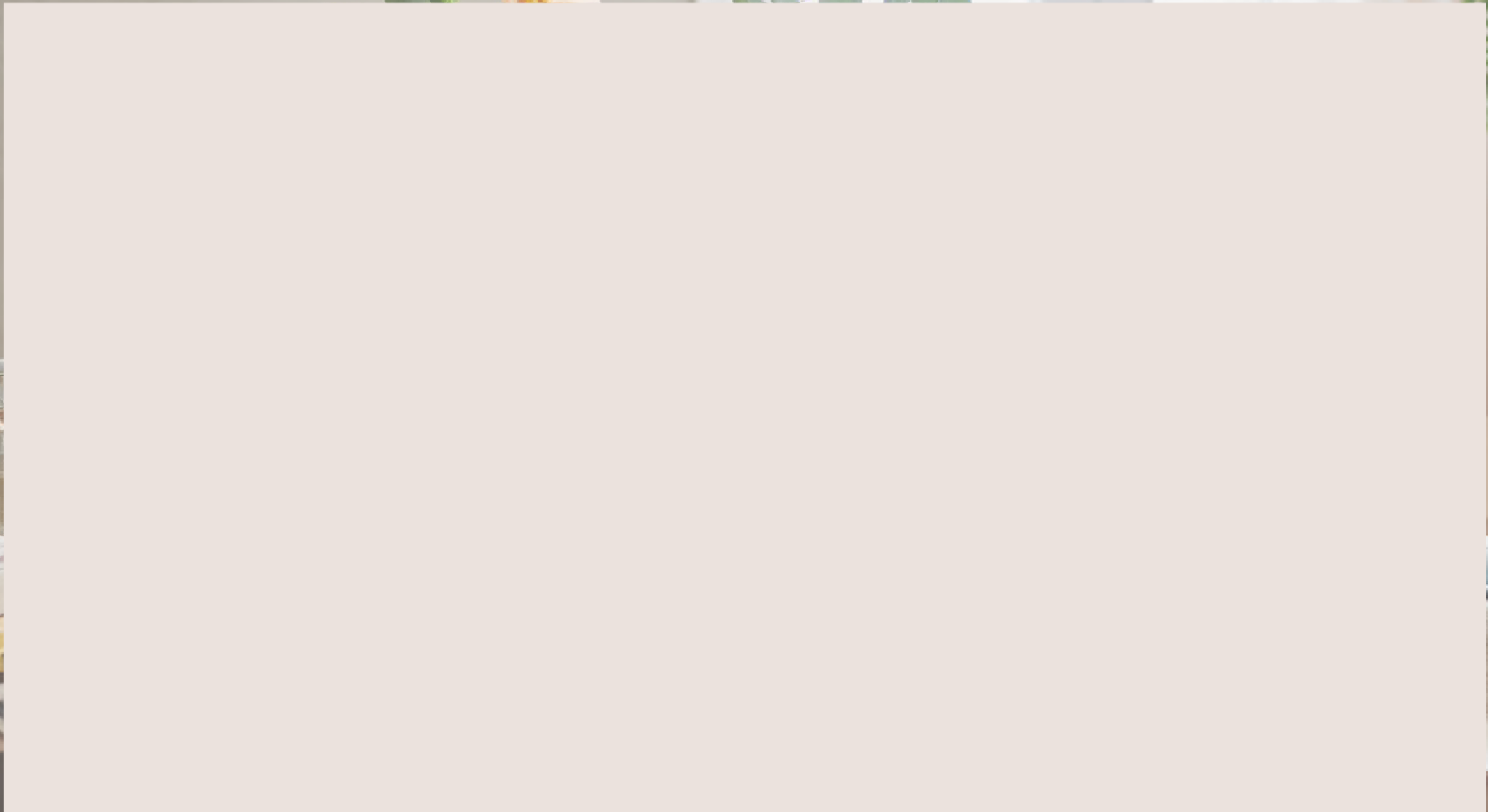
And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. 30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" 31 And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."



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A photograph of Rosaria Butterfield, a woman with long, wavy brown hair, laughing heartily. She is wearing a green zip-up vest over a light purple long-sleeved shirt. She is sitting on a wooden bench outdoors, with a blurred background of trees and foliage. The lighting is warm, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. The text 'Rosaria Butterfield' is overlaid on the right side of the image in a white, serif font.

**Rosaria
Butterfield**



1 Timothy 1:13-17

(NKJV) although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor... 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. 16 (ESV) But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

2. Behold The “Must”

“I must come to your house...”

John 4:4

And he had to pass through Samaria.

John 4:25-30

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." 27 Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" 28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him.

1 Corinthians 9:16, 22-23 (NLT)

Yet preaching the Good News is not something I can boast about. I am compelled by God to do it. How terrible for me if I didn't preach the Good News!

22 I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. 23 I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.

Acts 20:22-24

And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don't know what awaits me, 23 except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead. 24 But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

Promptings of the Spirit
that lead to divine encounters

3. Behold God's Power

God's Power to Change

Luke 18:18-27

And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 19 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 20 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" 21 And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth." 22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me..."

23 But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. 24 Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! 25 For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." 26 Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" 27 But he said, **"What is impossible with man is possible with God."**

Luke 18:9-14

9 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

God's power to affect families

"Today salvation has come to this house..."

Acts 16:30-34

Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."
32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. 34 Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

Conclusion: Zacchaeus is a model to everyone of how to receive Jesus:

Receive Jesus by seeking after Him with real effort.

Receive Jesus by humbling yourself.

Receive Jesus no matter how sinful or hated you are.

Receive Jesus as He invites you by name.

Receive Jesus without delay.

Receive Jesus by coming down to Him.

Receive Jesus Himself.

Receive Jesus into your life, your home.

Receive Jesus joyfully.

Receive Jesus despite what other say.

Receive Jesus with repentance and restitution

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