

This is just 'too good'

¹Then Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²And there was a man named Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector, who was very wealthy. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but could not see over the crowd because he was small in stature. ⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Him, since Jesus was about to pass that way.

⁵When Jesus came to that place, He looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry down, for I must stay at your house today."

⁶So Zacchaeus hurried down and welcomed Him joyfully. ⁷And all who saw this began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinful man!"

⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, half of my possessions I give to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I will repay it fourfold."

⁹Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 19:1-10

An opportunity

too good to miss, 19:1-4

Don't let time rob you of this
2 Cor.6:2, Behold now...

Don't let circ^s rob you
1 Sam.16:7, The Lord sees...

Don't let personal limits rob you
Prov.21:5, The plans of...

An invitation

too good to pass-up, 19:5-7

This invitation is personal
Isa.43:1, I have called you by...

This invitation is urgent
Jas.1:22, Be doers...

This invitation is unsettling
Lk.7:33-34, you say... you say...

A transformation

too good to ignore, 19:8-10

This reframes my future
Lk.6:38, Give, and...

This reforms my past
Ex.22:1

This affirms my eternity
Jas. 2:26, Faith without deeds...

My prayer priorities for this week

- S 20 Vi-Lay L
- M 21 Alison & Richard
- T 22 Mary P
- W 23 Peter & Elly
- T 24 Taina M. May T.
- F 25 Phil & Louise. Mark & Lisa, Thomas
- S 26 Aileen & George
- S 27 Ray & Helen

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Some people see problems where other people see potential. How can you decided if what you are facing is a problem or potential?
2. Zacchaeus had a physical limitation. What was your limitation when you were a child? What is/are your current limitation/s?
3. Suggest three ways of turning your problem into potential for good.
4. Zacchaeus is introduced by name, occupation, social status, and physique (v2-3), but none of those attributes is mentioned again. The people focus another attribute (7). Why is spiritual more important than personal or social?
5. What did Jesus say to Zacchaeus (v5), and why did He say it?
6. Why do you think Jesus wants to be in your home, and in your life?

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