

# Zacchaeus: Breakthrough

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

What battles are you facing in life right now? When challenges come, and you feel like you're nearing your breaking point, the enemy will want you to believe that your life is over or hopeless. But just like all the great stories from the Bible, impossible situations are often the start of incredible breakthroughs. Consider King David when he faced the threat of war with the Philippians. Instead of relying on his experience and skills as a warrior, he turned to the Lord, seeking His will. In return, God gave Him the victory, because he is the Lord of breaking through (2 Samuel 5:19-20). Breakthrough isn't just something God can do, it's who He is. We can learn from Zacchaeus' encounter with Jesus about how to experience our own breakthroughs.

## Seek Jesus

Jesus intentionally entered Jericho to meet Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector who was despised by the people. Although he was rich, Zacchaeus could tell that there was something missing in his life, and so he desperately wanted to see Jesus. When Jesus arrived, Zacchaeus could not see him because a crowd blocked his view (Luke 10:3). What's blocking your view of Jesus? Is it busyness, pride, fear, or perhaps the opinions of the people around you? Zacchaeus was able to set aside his pride and the opinions of others, humbling himself by climbing a sycamore tree just to catch a glimpse of Jesus. When we seek Jesus with all our heart, we will find Him (Jeremiah 29:13). The question is, are you really seeking Jesus? Or are you merely part of the crowd that just wants to see Him?

## Obey Jesus

Jesus knew Zacchaeus by name, calling him down from the tree and inviting Himself to Zacchaeus' home (Luke 19:5). "Zacchaeus" in Hebrew means "righteous one" and yet his lifestyle did not reflect the meaning of his name. Despite this, Jesus did not give Zacchaeus a list of religious rituals to perform. Instead, He offered Zacchaeus grace and a relationship with Him before transformation. People were not happy with what Jesus did, seeing Zacchaeus as a "sinner" (Luke 19:7), but while people look at the outside, God looks at the heart (1 Samuel 6:7). People may see you in light of your present circumstances, but Jesus looks beyond what you are and sees you for what you can become. Just like Jesus did not let people's opinions about Zacchaeus keep Him from doing what was right, don't let what other people may think hinder you from obeying God.

## Surrender to Jesus

Zacchaeus responded to Jesus not just in word but in action. Instead of returning only what the Jewish law commanded, Zacchaeus repaid four times the amount that he took from the taxpayers and committed to give half of his possessions away to the poor. In Zacchaeus' heart, he was willing to give up his wealth to follow Jesus – actions that were evidence of his salvation. Breakthrough begins when Jesus enters your life and makes you new. He will change you from the inside out. Will you respond to Jesus' call in your life today?

## last week's memory verse

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

LUKE 19:10

## discuss this message

- What area/s in your life are you asking God to Breakthrough?
- What "obstacles" do you need to overcome to seek Jesus?
- What and why are you still holding on to what God is asking you to surrender?

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## STEP INTO the community




Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

### WOMEN2WOMEN ALL WOMEN

#### Release: Unleashing God's Abundant Blessings

**Session 7: The Prayer to  
"Keep Me from Evil"** with Yvette Yap  
April 3, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

ALSO STREAMED ONLINE




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### B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

#### Hello, Work, Again: Seeing Work through the Perspective of the Ultimate Boss

**Session 3: OT with the COO**  
April 4, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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#### Wicked Men (How NOT to Be Like Them)

new series starting April 12  
Saturday, 2:00 PM, Room 2A

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### NXTGEN KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

#### Here I Am: Answering God's Call in Faith

Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM  
G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12)

**ZOOM:** for ages 7-12; 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM  
message us on Facebook to sign-up

**ONLINE:** Bible Lesson Video Premiere  
9:00 AM at   ccfnxtgen



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## LEARN MORE about our faith

#### Be GLC-Equipped in your Discipleship Journey!

**GLC LEVEL 1 — Be a Disciple**

Book 1: One by One, Session 2

**ONSITE:** March 30, Sunday  
10:30 AM, Room 2A

**ZOOM:** April 2, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines, Session 2

**ONSITE:** March 30, Sunday  
1:30 PM, Room 2A

**ZOOM:** April 2, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

**GLC LEVEL 2 — Be a Discipeler**

Book 7: Family Life, Session 7

**ONSITE:** March 30, Sunday  
10:30 AM, Room 3A

**ZOOM:** April 3, Thursday, 7:30 PM

#### Baptism Class and Rites

**CLASS:** April 13, Sunday, 1:30 PM

**RITEs:** April 20, Sunday, 1:30 PM

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**God brought you here  
for His purpose.**

#### God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful  
life with Him in the present and gain  
eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God,  
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps  
His covenant and His lovingkindness** to  
a thousandth generation with those who  
love Him and keep His commandments  
— Deuteronomy 7:9*

#### God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us  
from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from  
God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23*

#### God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for  
us to be reconciled to Him: through His  
son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the  
cross for our sins and be raised to life for  
eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love  
toward us, in that while we were yet  
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more  
then, having now been justified by His  
blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of  
God through Him. — Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life;  
no one comes to the Father but through  
Me. — John 14:6*

#### God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we  
are forgiven of our sins and saved from  
eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave  
His only begotten Son, that whoever  
believes in Him shall not perish, but have  
eternal life. — John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through  
faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift  
of God; not as a result of works, so that no  
one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9*

**Would you like to place your faith in Jesus  
Christ today?**

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I  
am a sinner. I believe that You died on  
the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your  
help, I will turn away from my sins. Please  
come into my life and be my Savior and  
my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal  
life. Make me the kind of new person You  
want me to be. Thank You for giving me  
eternal life. Amen.

#### God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life  
when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has  
given us eternal life, and this life is in His  
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he  
who does not have the Son of God does  
not have the life. These things I have  
written to you who believe in the name of  
the Son of God, so that you may know that  
you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13*



## Services at the CCF Center




#### Saturdays

5:00 PM

#### Sundays

9:00 AM, 12:00 NN,  
and 3:00 PM

#### Online Livestream

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