

**How to Have a Radical Encounter with Jesus  
When Opportunity Knocks**  
**Luke 19:1-10**  
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**Luke 19:1-10 (KJV),** *And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. <sup>2</sup>And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. <sup>3</sup>And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.*

*<sup>4</sup>And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, "**Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house.**" <sup>6</sup>And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.*

*<sup>7</sup>And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. <sup>8</sup>And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold."*

*<sup>9</sup>And Jesus said unto him, "**This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.**"*

**Ephesians 5:14-17 (NIV),** *This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." <sup>15</sup>Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.*

**Matthew 5:8 (NIV),** *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."*

**Zacchaeus – Pure**

**What Others Are Saying About Opportunity**

- "If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."  
– Milton Berle
- "Don't wait for the right opportunity: create it."  
– George Bernard Shaw
- "Your big opportunity may be right where you are now."  
– Napoleon Hill
- "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."  
– Thomas Edison
- "To succeed, jump as quickly at opportunities as you do at conclusions."  
– Benjamin Franklin
- "I will prepare and someday my chance will come."  
– Abraham Lincoln
- "In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity."  
– Albert Einstein
- "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."  
– Winston Churchill
- "Opportunities are like sunrises. If you wait too long, you miss them."  
– William Arthur Ward
- "Nothing is more expensive than a missed opportunity."  
– H. Jackson Brown Jr.

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**1. Seize the moment with expectation.**

**Luke 19:1 (KJV),** *Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.*

**Jericho – Sweet**

## 2. Choose not to allow your limitations to limit you.

**Luke 19:2 (KJV)**, *And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.*

**Luke 19:3b (KJV)**, *...he was little of stature.*

**Luke 19:3a (NKJV)**, *...he could not because of the crowd.*

## 3. Determine that you will not be denied.

**Luke 19:3a (KJV)**, *...he sought to see Jesus...*

## 4. Do what others are unwilling to do.

**Luke 19:4a (KJV)**, *He ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him.*

## 5. Get in the right position.

**Luke 19:4b-5 (KJV)**, *...for he was to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house."*

## 6. Obey quickly and joyfully when Jesus speaks.

**Luke 19:6 (KJV)**, *He made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.*

## 7. Silence your critics by surrendering all.

**Luke 19:7-8 (KJV)**, *And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. <sup>8</sup> And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.*

## In case you missed it...

### Answers:

1. Moment
2. Limitations
3. Denied
4. Unwilling
5. Position
6. Quickly, Joyfully
7. Surrendering