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*S.E.T Overview*

**Bible:** Luke 19:1-10

**Title of the message:** The Future is Now

**The YD Defenders experience:** I was **curious** about Jesus, but not **committed** to Him.

We live in a culture that's **curious** about Jesus, but not **committed** to Jesus. We like the idea of Jesus. We love the idea. A God that's love, a God that is merciful, that forgives, that has a plan, The idea of ripping out scriptures we don't believe in. People are **curious**, but they're not **committed**.

But is Curiosity what God is looking for? Is curiosity what God is after?

No . . . Jesus, Jesus wants something deeper.

That's why Jesus says things like,

- 1) Deny yourself
- 2) Carry your cross
- 3) Follow me

Jesus is after your **commitment**.

And that's a curse word for us, that's a curse word for our generation. We don't like commitment. Commitment is a sacrifice.

We run from **commitment**.

- That's why we entertain sin in our lives. It's easier to be curious about Jesus, than to fully commit ourselves to Him.
- That's why we see people running from marriage. . . Because it's easy to call it quits, but work to be committed

- That's why people hop from church to church . . . The minute something happens they don't like.. They go from one church to another church to another church . . .
- That's why there are people like you with gifts God wants to use to build his kingdom yet our pastors can't even trust us because we aren't committed, we aren't faithful.

We have a culture that's **curious** about Jesus, but is not **committed** to Him.

This brings us to **Luke chapter 19**

Introducing Zacchaeus:

Zacchaeus hears that Jesus is coming to town so he's amped. Of course since Jesus is in town everyone is there. Everybody is excited, but Zacchaeus isn't typically the guy most people would hang out with. He's a tax collector. He would cheat people out of their money. He's normally seen as not a good guy.

So even though Zacchaeus was a bad man.. He knew Jesus was a good man... he still wanted to see Him. We know Zacchaeus was a small man, so the Bible says he climbed up on a tree to see Jesus.

But as I was reading.. I was thinking..

**What if Zacchaeus didn't just want to see Jesus, what if Zacchaeus didn't want Jesus to see him?**

- He wanted to see Jesus, but maybe Zacchaeus didn't want Jesus to see him.
- Why wouldn't he try to get to the front to see Jesus, or run ahead and wait for him?

**Wearing Zacchaeus lense:**

I want to see Jesus, but I don't want him to see me. Because if Jesus sees me. He'll know who I am. He knows I'm Zacchaeus , he knows I'm a tax collector, he knows I'm a bad man. I need Jesus, but I don't know if I want him to see me.

**Have you ever been in a place in your life where you wanted help, but didn't want anyone to see that you needed it?**

**Have you ever wanted to see somebody, but you didn't want to be seen?**

**Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, but he didn't want to be seen.**

Here's the good news today, Jesus sees you. Jesus sees you.

## Hagar Context:

You know what's interesting.. in the Bible different people would give God names

Hagar encounter in **Genesis 16:13** — Give brief context:

- 1) Sarah's slave
- 2) Gets kicked out after Sarah becomes jealous
- 3) Becomes single mother

She tells God: "you are the one who sees me"

Jesus sees you. . . He saw Zacchaeus.

## Continuation of Zacchaeus **Luke 19:5**

Now Zacchaeus is up in the tree and something happens

### **Luke 19:5**

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, **"Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."** So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. And all the people saw this and began to say, **"Que Bochinche"**

### **Lens of the people:**

Jesus don't you know who Zacchaeus is. Don't you know what he's done? Don't you know where he's been? He's a tax collector? How could you choose him?

But Jesus . . . sees Zacchaeus, the tax collector, the small man, the bad man. And Jesus says even though I know everything about you. I still want to go to your house. That's the scandal! Jesus goes to his house even knowing who Zacchaeus is.

Jesus wasn't worried about what anyone was saying.. he wasn't worried about the gossip,

### **You know why?**

Zacchaeus was **curious** about Jesus, but **JESUS WAS committed to Zacchaeus.**

He was committed to Zacchaeus, Jesus said I'll do whatever it takes to get Zacchaeus.

He said I'm coming for your house . . .

**In the same way. . . Jesus knows your past, he knows your mistakes, Jesus knows what you've been through, he knows what family you come from, he knows what happened**

before you got here, he knows what happened last week, and he still looks at you and says . . . Zacchaeus, Zacchaeus, Zacchaeus, I'm going to your house tonight!

Jesus was committed to Zacchaeus. That's good news for you today, it does matter what you're going through, Jesus is committed to you. He's gonna see you through! The Bible says, **being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:6)**

**You ought to say amen to that!** Thank Jesus that no matter what I'm going through, that no matter where I've been, you're still committed to me.

Zacchaeus was just **curious**, but Jesus was **committed**. This is the gospel, this is the grace of God, the mercy of God. God knowing every mistake that you'd ever make. God knowing everything that you'd ever do. And he still went to the cross, and he still died for your sins, he still came down and on the third day resurrected because He was committed to you and I.

**Jesus** said, **Zacchaeus, I'm coming to your house.**

But Jesus no longer goes into your house, how he's in heaven, at the fathers right hand, waiting for His return.

But now, the **Holy Spirit** lives in temples.

**1 Corinthians 6:19 Do you not know, that your bodies are temples of the holy spirit**

Don't allow shame or guilt question whether or not God wants to live within you or not. If Jesus went to Zacchaeus' house, Jesus definitely wants to come to yours.

See the good thing about God is that he'll take someone who's broken, someone who's at the point of throwing in the towel, someone that everyone else gave up on and still has hope for that person.

**God's Lense:** I still have hope for you, I'll still go to your house, I can still take the broken pieces of your life and do something with it.

He's looking for people to live in, for vessels to fill, looking for someone to baptize, to use. Jesus looks at you and says, **Zacchaeus, I must come to your house.**

The Bible says that Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus, and Jesus came to his house. They had arroz, habichuelas, tostones, chuletas.

**Now what happens next is the most important part. Everything I've said thus far is leading up to this:**

Zacchaeus says:

“Jesus, here, and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

Jesus says:

“Today, salvation has come to this house because this man too is a son of Abraham.”

Remember this is Zacchaeus, the bad man, stealing money from people, rich, labeled. And he says. . . I'm done. I'm tired of lying, tired of stealing, I'm done doing this.

Dude went up to the altar call and Jesus didn't even preach.

**Do you know why?** Because the presence of Jesus was enough.

There are some people in this room where you've been asking God for answers, you've been waiting for a miracle, you've been waiting for healing, you've been waiting for peace, you've been waiting for direction. You've been waiting for God to tell you how he'll use you in the future

**My encouragement for you:** Get in the presence of God

In the presence of God you find everything that you need, that you've been looking for.

That's why the psalmsist wrote:

Psalm 73:28  
But as for me, the nearness of God is my good;  
I have made the Lord God my refuge,  
That I may tell of all Your works.

And that's why **Zacchaeus** said, I'm giving everything away. Take it all, you can have all my money.

Only God can do that miracle.

Closing:

Here's the interesting part, Zacchaeus didn't wait. And the Bible doesn't say if Jesus said anything, but I could imagine that he didn't have to. That him simply being there, just the presence of God was sufficient for him to give it all to Him.

He didn't go to a Bible college, Zacchaeus didn't grow up going to defender conferences. Or going to church weekly. He didn't go through any of that... Yet he thought why wait? He was probably sitting there experiencing God's presence and he thought to himself why wait.. what am I waiting for.. I already know what I have to do.. I already know what I have to let go of.. I already know what Jesus wants.. what am I waiting for.. I'm gonna change today.. I'm gonna make a decision today. I'm gonna follow Jesus today! I'm gonna do this thing today!

Call to action: I got a simple question for you today: **what are you waiting for?**

**What are you waiting for?! To fully give your life to God. What are you waiting for to let go of your past? What are you waiting for to trust God again? What are you waiting for to believe in God again? What are you waiting for to be obedient to the call God has on your life? What are you waiting for?! (2x) Jesus is in the room! (3x)**

**What are you waiting for? Until you graduate? Until you get married? Until you get a prophetic word? Until the Pastor points at you?**

**He is waiting for you!**

Stop waiting for the future.. The future is now! If we want to live in purpose, if we want to be used in the future we have to commit now. God can use you to reach thousands of people for His Kingdom in YD to be that stronger church, to be that equipped minister, or trained leader. Not just within in the 4 walls of a church but outside of it. God needs businessmen and women of God, athletes that will live committed to him, lawyer's that will take a stand for truth, Doctor's that know the ultimate source of healing, God needs you to make your decision today. If you want to be the future, it has to start today. I can't tell you to live for the future when what God is doing needs to happen now. Stop waiting to experience God's best for your life. Stop living like you have time to commit yourself because the time isn't guaranteed. You can't afford to wait, you can't afford to keep entertaining sin, you can't afford to not be used by God. Stop waiting, commit yourself to him. No matter who you are, what you've done, and what you'll do. God see's you and is entering your house today. The future is now!