



**“Not Allowing Distractions  
Come Between Us And Jesus”**

Scripture Luke 19:1-10

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2. *A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.*
3. *He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd.*
4. *So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.*
5. *When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”*

# Luke 19:6-10

6. *So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.*
7. *All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."*
8. *But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! 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."*
9. *Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham."*
10. *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."*

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*He didn't allow distractions to stop from seeing Jesus*

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*You don't have find Jesus He Will find You*

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*He didn't allow the disapproval or negative comments of others to stop him spending time with Jesus*

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*No longer distracted by wealth*

*No longer distracted by what's in it for me*

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## Zacchaeus

- *Why go where I'm not wanted ?*
- *Why go where I have to endure more dirty looks, sarcastic comments and insults*
- *What's the point ?*  
*It's A waste of time I won't see a thing I'm too small*
- *The best I can hope for is to be able to see him*

## US...?

- *It's not worth the effort*
- *Couldn't be bothered*
- *I've heard it all before*
- *Better things to do with my time*
- *Stay home and unwind*

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*As he was seeking after Jesus  
Jesus was seeking after him*

# Distractions

So Easy To ...

- ❖ Allow other people negative opinions to over influence us
- ❖ “Think Nothing Significant Is Going To Happen”
- ❖ “Talk Oneself Out Of Something ?

# Zacchaeus Life Lesson

1. Don't allow **any distractions** to stop you from meeting with Jesus
2. Don't allow people's options/ **approval or disapproval** to stop you from meeting Jesus
3. If directed to a **specific** location and time then it's important to follow those instructions
4. Don't get distracted by **unrealistic** self centred expectations when meeting Jesus

