

**MOVING BEYOND REJECTION**  
**How God Meets Our Deepest Needs - Part 1**  
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**I. ZACCHAEUS' LIFE**

*“Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. 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. All the people saw this and began to mutter, ‘He has gone to be the guest of a ‘sinner.’ 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.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.’”*

*Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)*

**II. JESUS' TREATMENT OF ZACCHAEUS**

**A. Jesus Notice Him**

*“When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, come down immediately.’”*

*Luke 19:5 (NIV)*

**B. Jesus Accepted Him**

*“I must stay at your house today.”*

*Luke 19:5 (NIV)*

*“All the people saw this and began to mutter, ‘he has gone to be the guest of a sinner.’ 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.’”*

*Luke 19:7-8 (NIV)*

*“But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord....”*

*Luke 19:8 (NIV)*

**C. Jesus Affirmed Him**

*“Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.’”*

*Luke 19:9-10 (NIV)*

*“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”*

*John 1:12 (NIV)*

*“So you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”*

*Galatians 3:26 (NLT)*

*“Consider the incredible love that the father has shown us in allowing us to be called ‘Children of God’ - and that is not just what we are called, but what we are.”*

*1 John 3:1 (Phillips)*

*“The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”*

*Luke 19:10 (NIV)*