

- Zacchaeus never would have done this before, but Jesus changed him!

MT, PAS – YOUR LIFE SHOULD SHOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN CHANGED –

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- Zacchaeus had been changed; everyone could see that!

- Zacchaeus did not make excuses. He admitted his sin

- That very day, Jesus went to the home of Zacchaeus. Probably talked for hours

- One thing Jesus said, “Today salvation has come to this house, for the Son of Man (Jesus) came to seek and to save the lost.”

- Zacchaeus knew he was lost; Knew he needed Jesus; what about you?

INVITATION

John 1:12 – “But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name.”

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RESPONSE**

CHALLENGE

G – Go over MT

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R – Review PAS verse

2 Cor. 5:17 – “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

O – Overview PAS examples

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W – Will you do it?

Life of Christ #18

Luke 19:1-10

- Did you know that people are always watching you?

- People can tell a lot about you by the things that you say and the things that you do

- When people watch you, what do they see?

- If you know Jesus as your Saviour, God has changed you!

- People should be able to tell right away that there is something different about you.

- MT – YOUR LIFE SHOULD SHOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN CHANGED

FLASHCARD 6-1

- In this true story from Bible today, listen to see how others knew man we are going to learn about had been changed

- This man lived in the city of Jericho. Beautiful city, palm trees, flowers, gentle breezes

- Lots of wealthy people lived there, and this man was certainly wealthy; Was a tax collector

FLASHCARD 6-1

- He began counting money he had collected. Probably pushed some aside, “That will be mine!”

- This tax collector was Jewish, but worked for the Roman government

- People hated tax collectors; stole and cheated people

- Charged people more money than they owed and would keep the extra for themselves; How they became rich

- On streets, people probably ignored him; May have whispered to each other as he walked past

- This tax collector was rich, but he was not happy

- Maybe thought about the people he cheated, felt guilty

- Knew cheating people from their money was wrong – it was a sin.

- Are there times when you are bothered about the wrong things you do?

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Romans 3:10-11 – “...As it is written: ‘None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God....’”

- 1.
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- Does it bother you when you do wrong? It must have bothered this tax collector

FLASHCARD 6-2

- One day, people filled the main street of Jericho. They were heading to Jerusalem for a special celebration

- People were everywhere. One of the people in the crowd was Jesus

- Many in the crowd were there to see Him

- Tax collector wanted to see Jesus too; had heard about Him; Things He taught, miracles He did

- Knew this was not just an ordinary man

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- He was right! Decided he had to get to Jesus

- Tax collector could not see Jesus. He was short, and the crowd was too big!

FLASHCARD 6-3

- Tax collector looked down the road. If he could get ahead of the crowd, he might get his chance to see Jesus

- Then he saw it! A sycamore tree!

- If he could get to it, and climb it, he could see Jesus

- Climbed up into tree; now could see the crowd coming closer & closer

- Jesus was somewhere in the crowd!

- Soon he saw Him! Everyone was crowding around Him and listening to Him as He spoke

FLASHCARD 6-4

- His disciples followed closely behind, probably looked worried

- They were on their way to Jerusalem....

- Jesus had told them that in Jerusalem He was going to suffer many...

- ... and then He would be killed and rise again after three days

- Disciples didn't understand that this was the whole reason Jesus had come to earth

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Romans 5:8 – “But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

- Jesus had told His disciples how all of this would happen in

Jerusalem, but they didn't understand...

- No wonder they probably looked worried and afraid; They loved Jesus; Didn't want Him to die!

- But Jesus was not troubled; He knew when all this would happen

- Was peaceful and calm as He walked through the city

- As walked, stopped; Looked up in that sycamore tree

FLASHCARD 6-5

- “Zacchaeus (tax collector's name),” Jesus called out

- “Come down, quickly. I must stay at your house today.”

- Zacchaeus must have been shocked that Jesus would speak to him ...

- ... even wanted to go to his house! No one else would have done that!

- Joy must have filled Zacchaeus' heart

- Jesus wanted to go to his house! Jesus wanted to spend time with him!

- Zacchaeus hurried and came down

- Then, crowd started murmuring. “He is going to stay

with a man who is a sinner,” they whispered

- People were shocked Jesus would do this...

- ... But Jesus didn't come to earth to look for “good people” like most people would expect

- He came for people who know just how much they need Him.

- That is the kind of person He is looking for, and Zacchaeus was that kind of a person; Knew just how much he needed Jesus...

- ...Knew he had sinned, and believed he needed Jesus to save him

- In that moment when Zacchaeus believed those things, Zacchaeus was changed!

- Then Zacchaeus did something that would have shocked everyone

FLASHCARD 6-5

- Zacchaeus looked at Jesus and said, I am going to give half of everything I own to the poor...”

- “If I have cheated anyone, I will pay back 4 times as much as I took.”