

Family Talk – A Chance Encounter

READ TOGETHER

Luke 19:1–10

1. How has Christ changed your life?
2. Where are you looking for Him, or is He looking for you?
3. How will you spend time with Jesus pursuing the people who need Him?

LIVE IT

Tax collectors were despised. Not only did they go into business with the enemy, they turned their backs on their people (the Jews). Zacchaeus was the wealthiest, most notoriously sinful, chief tax collector in the region. Like everyone else, he heard Jesus was coming and they knew the teacher of all teachers had healed Lazarus, meaning He had power over death. They all knew Jesus' name, but how did Jesus know Zacchaeus' name?

Jesus had dinner and stayed the night with a man who was obviously lost in sin. Scripture says that Zacchaeus' life was forever changed in Christ. Zacchaeus' name means clean, innocent, pure and righteous. After an encounter with Christ, Zacchaeus became what his name meant.

Read Luke 19:1-10 again. What did you see this time?

LEAN ON GOD

Dear God,

Help us to be like Zacchaeus, ready to be changed by the Good News. Help us love others and share truth with those You place in our path.

In Jesus name,

Amen

