

THE POSSIBILITY AND POWER TO CHANGE

TEXT: (Luke 19:1-10 NKJ)

TWO METHODS OF CHANGE

- ❖ **Your actions**
 - ◆ Simple changes in posture, smiling, help alter attitudes and behavior
- ❖ **What you believe about yourself**
 - ◆ Your identity - what you tell yourself about yourself (*Proverbs 23:7a NKJ*)

A HARD MAN TAKES A TURN - FOR THE BETTER

- ❖ **A chief tax collector**
 - ◆ No way to be a nice guy in this business
- ❖ **He had a hidden quality that motivated him**
 - ◆ A spiritual hunger - a desire to see who this Jesus really was
 - ◆ This hunger existed despite being powerful and rich
- ❖ **The joy of knowing Jesus cared**
 - ◆ Jesus knew his name and even better honored Zac by staying at his house
- ❖ **The power to believe something different**
 - ◆ Knowing that God had not abandoned him or was mad made a difference
 - ◆ Zac was free to believe something different about himself

OPEN TO THE POSSIBILITY AND CONNECTING WITH THE POWER TO CHANGE

- ❖ **You are a product of what you believe (the possibility)**
 - ◆ Events have served to shape your beliefs
 - ◆ You can't change the events of the past but it's possible to change what you believe about them
- ❖ **What if Jesus walked under your tree?**
 - ◆ Would He criticize, condemn, call you out? (*Romans 8:31 NKJ*)
- ❖ **The power to change**
 - ◆ Believing God's truth over your truth