

ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

LUKE 19:1-10
ZACCHAEUS



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He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today."

⁶ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully.
⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

JERICHO, 30AD

Means “Fragrant”

“City of Palm Trees”

Wealthy Cosmopolitan
on the Jordan River

Warm, Pleasant, Sunny



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Jewish Tax Collector

Roman IRS with military backing.

Chief Tax Collector

Short, Powerful and Wealthy

Despised and Shunned

THE CROWDS

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Curious / Consumers

Social

Not Personal

“What’s in it for me?”

Critics

Arrogant

Looks down on others

“Jesus goes too far”

Contrite

Humbly Vulnerable

Messy

“I’ve got nothing left”

THE CALLING

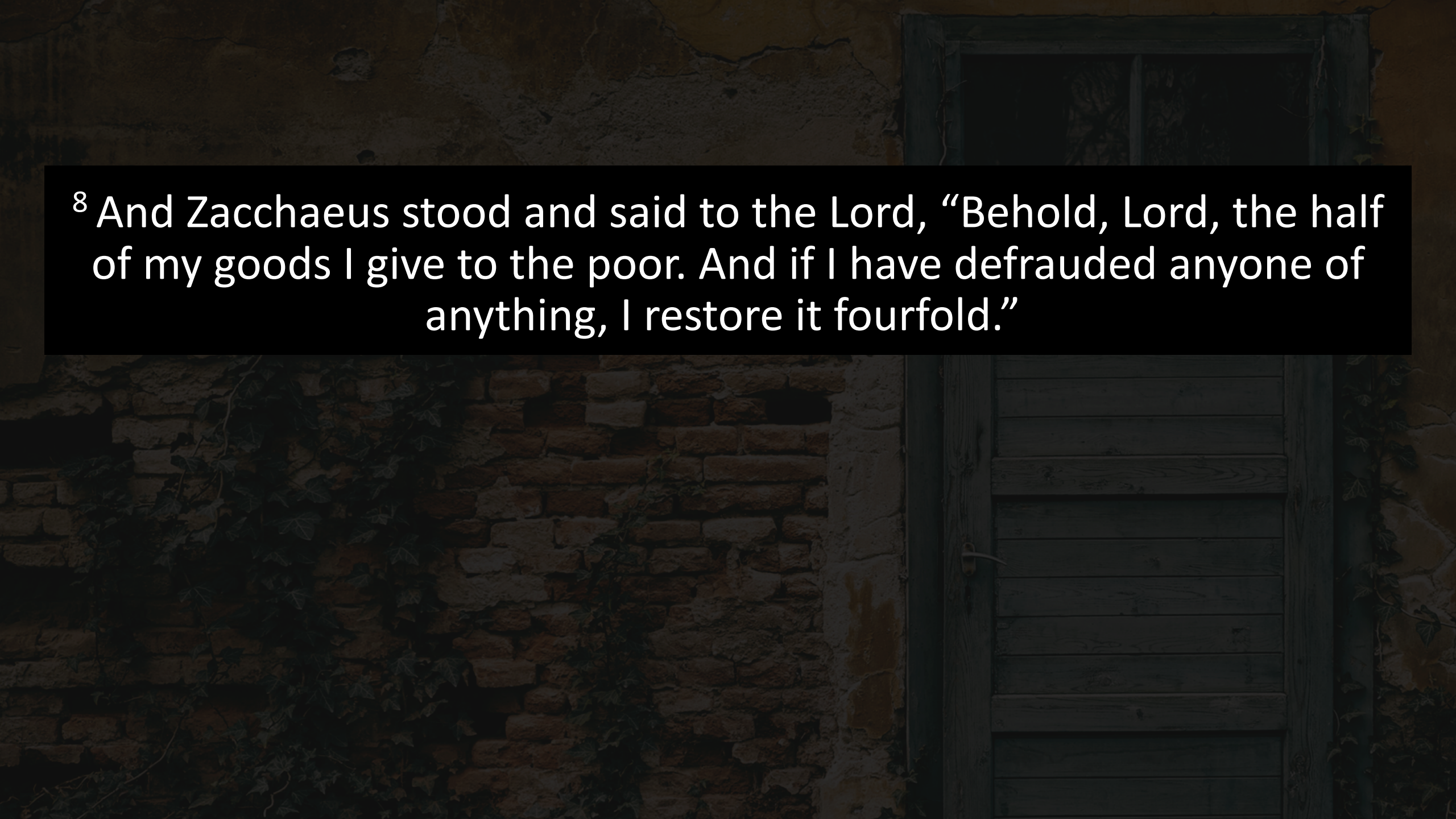
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for I must stay at your house today.”

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THE CONVERSION

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The background of the slide is a dark, textured image. On the left side, there is a section of a stone wall with irregular, reddish-brown stones. On the right side, there is a wooden door with horizontal planks. The overall lighting is dim, creating a somber and historical atmosphere.

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Matthew 6:19

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

It's not what you own but what owns you

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.



Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Matthew 13:45

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain that which he cannot lose!”

Martyred Missionary Jim Elliot

ZACCHAEUS IN ME

Curious / Consumers

“What can Jesus do for me?”

Critics

“I can’t believe Jesus would _____”

Contrite

“I’m filthy, come have your way.”