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**Sermon Title** : Faith Makes the Difference  
**Text** : Luke 19:1-10

## Introduction

God wants us to be people of great faith, whose faith makes a difference in the way we live our lives. Great faith is to result in great generosity.

This is reflected in the today's Gospel story.

### 1. Zacchaeus' Divine Confrontation ( Luke 9: 1- 4)

- **His Description (v. 2)** – He was chief of the publicans and he was rich. The publicans were tax collectors and were notorious for overcharging the people. They were viewed as the crooks and worst of sinners!
- **His Desire (v. 3)** – His position would have given him much power over peoples and properties. Yet, his power and position couldn't satisfy him. He wanted to see Jesus.
- **His Decision** – When he heard that Jesus was passing through Jericho, he may have thought, ***“Surely this Man who has done so much for others can do something for me. I've got to see Him for myself!”***

### 2. A Divine Call (Luke 19:5)

- **It Was A Personal Call** – When Jesus spoke, He called Zacchaeus by his name.

The very One Who had been offended the most, was the One who spoke to him in love and compassion! This truth is at the heart of this story. It is within that quality of love that a person is changed.

- **It Was A Plain Call** – ***“Make haste and come down”***
- **It Was A Promising Call** – The words of Jesus promised much more than a casual meeting under a tree. Jesus said ***“Today I must stay at your house”***. ***“Zacchaeus, none of your neighbors will come home with you. No one in this town will have anything to do with you, but I want you to know that I, the Lord of Glory am coming to your house!”*** **What a promise!**

### 3. A Divine Conversion (Luke 19: 6-10)

Before he can set his feet back on the ground, Zacchaeus is a new man. Notice what happened in his life.

- **He Heeded The Call (v. 6)** – Zacchaeus did exactly what the Lord has told him to do. He made haste and he came down.

But, the Scripture also says that he “**received Him**”. The word “**received**” is a big word! In the original it means “**to receive as guest; to receive beneath the surface; to take in**”. The idea here is that Zacchaeus received Jesus as guest, but at the same time, he was receiving Jesus into his heart as well.

- **He Demonstrated A Change (v. 8)** – Zaccheus publically renounced the old life and he was embracing the new life of faith and holy living. Zacchaeus was merely displaying the kind of change Jesus makes in all those He saves by His grace!
- **He Received A Confirmation (vs. 9-10)** – Jesus told Zacchaeus and anyone who was listening that this man was a saved man, that he was a new man in the Lord.

## Conclusion

Jesus closes His remarks with a clear mission statement. He says “**For the Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.**”

It is as if Jesus was saying to anyone in that room that day, and to anyone who would ever hear these words, “**What has happened to Zacchaeus can happen to you!**”

You don’t have to climb a tree to meet Him, all you have to do is to respond to His call by faith and come to Him right now.