

Message Notes 9/27/26

Love Defined - Week 3

- What if we've mistaken receiving God's love for the end of the journey?
- Love at the door
- Love given access
- Love brings transformation.
- You don't **change** to be **loved**. You **change** because you are **loved**.
- Luke 19:1-10 NLT
- Luke 19:2 NLT There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief **tax collector** in the region, and he had become very rich.
- Luke 19:3 NLT He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd.
- Luke 19:4 NLT So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.
- Luke 19:5 NLT When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and **called him by name**. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I **must be a guest** in your home today."
- Luke 19:6 NLT Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and **took Jesus** to his house in great **excitement and joy**.
- Zacchaeus didn't change so Jesus would come into his house. Jesus came into his house, and Zacchaeus changed.

- Luke 19:7 NLT But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled.
- Transformation doesn’t come from adding more rules. It comes from giving Jesus more access.
- What happens between verses 6 and 8?
- Luke 19:8 NLT
- Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!”

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- Jesus responded, “Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”
- When we allow Jesus into our spaces, he makes change feel possible.

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- The Office
- (The Mind)
- The Kitchen
- (Appetites and Desires)
- The Living Room
- (Fellowship and Relationships)

- The Rec Room
- (Hobbies and Leisure)

- The Bedroom
- (Private Life and Purity)

- The Hall Closet
- (Hidden Sins and Secrets)

- The Front Porch
- (Public Life and Witness)

- What **rooms** is the transformative love of Jesus **welcome** in?
- Rules can tell me how to live. Only a relationship with Jesus can transform how I live.

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- Let Jesus past the entryway
- Dangerous Prayer: How will you transform my life today?

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