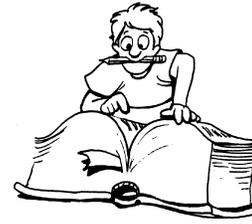




I believe!

If you have never believed in Jesus Christ as your Savior, take a moment now to know that God the Father loves us and sent His Son, Jesus Christ, down from heaven to become a man to pay the penalty for all of our sins and not only ours but for the sins of the whole world. He was without sin and He paid the price for everyone's sins on the cross. After that He was buried in a tomb and then rose again from the dead. If you believe in Jesus, you will spend eternity with God in heaven forever and no one can snatch you out of God's hands! This is God's TRUTH.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."



Luke 19:1-10 He entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.... (Keep reading on your own.)

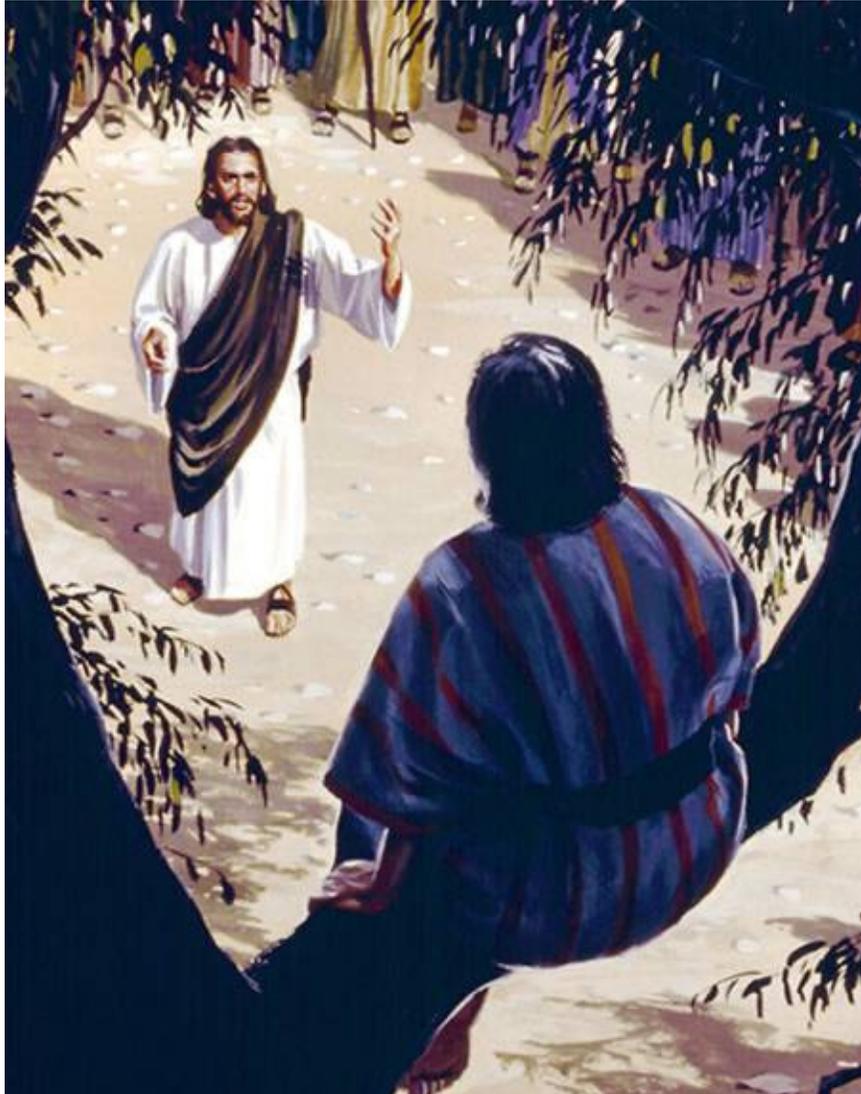
Lesson #24 - Zaccheus

Zaccheus was a believer; he was the rich, older and wiser man in comparison to the rich young ruler (lesson #19). He was a tax collector and therefore not popular! He knew he was a chief sinner, and he was totally convinced he could not change himself. When Jesus Christ came on the scene, Zaccheus knew he could be changed through God's power. Since he was short, his plan was to just keep running and climb a tree so he could see Jesus. Zaccheus knew with Jesus Christ all things are possible, and without Him, nothing is possible.

Jesus had the first word with Zaccheus, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house." The Pharisees wanted to stop Zaccheus from going forward in the plan of God. He didn't care about their thinking and what was going on around him. He knew Jesus was coming to his house - Jesus wanted to be his guest! The death and the resurrection of Christ changes everything for us once we become believers: "I want to stay at your house."

Zaccheus teaches us to just keep running ahead in the spiritual life. Sometimes we just have to notice how Jesus is looking at us. Jesus loves us. He wants us to

experience Him staying in our house (our soul)! The whole solution to our inadequacy is that Christ is adequate and He is staying in our house! We need to let Jesus have the first word with us. We are to simply run and wonder what the Lord is going to do next our life! We know He is with us all the way; He will never leave us!



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