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BASEBALL

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Getting Noticed

“Today salvation has come to this house,”– Luke 19:9

In Luke 19 we read about Zacchaeus. A tax collector that felt the need to see Jesus without being seen by him. He runs and climbs up a tree (v.4). We are told that he had become wealthy and reached the top of his profession. (v.2). Still he sensed something was missing and decided he needed to see Jesus.

Baseball players interested in playing in college and professionally often need to be seen by recruiters and scouts. They spend time attending recruiting camps, events and tryouts. A lot of money, time and energy is spent. All in the hopes of getting a chance to play at the next level.

It is not clear if Zacchaeus wanted to be seen by Jesus. He certainly sensed the need to see him and hear his message (v.4, 5). He was successful, a Chief Tax Collector (v.2). This meant he had wealth and status. He certainly didn't need to be seen. He had reached a place of status. Yet, it wasn't enough. He must have felt his sin and imperfection and was longing to be transformed.

Jesus knew Zacchaeus needed God (v.5). He knew that Zacchaeus needed to be discovered! God is a super-recruiter and loves us even in our imperfection. He sees opportunity and our full potential in every mistake we make. He wants to transform our hearts and allow us to make a new start.

This is exactly what happens to Zacchaeus. He and his family become transformed (v.9). The poor gain assistance, those wronged by Zacchaeus become reconciled (v.8). In short, freedom is provided to Zacchaeus, his family and all of those associated with him.

Let's been seen today! Let's hold nothing back and allow Jesus to transform our hearts.

Questions: Are you willing to be seen by Jesus and recruited to play on God's team? Today will you surrender your ego and serve both Christ and others?

Challenge: Take time this week to read Luke 19:1-10.

Prayer: Thank you Lord for your mercy and grace. Thank you for the opportunity to live in freedom and be reconciled with you!

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