



The Power of Hunger (The Power of the Hunger of Zacchaeus (Part 4))

September 28, 2025

Text: Luke 19:1–10 (NIV)

“Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus... He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him...”

Series Summary: Believing InThe Basics Part 1

1. The Power of Hunger (Understanding what it means to be hungry and thirsty)
2. The Power of David’s Hunger (He models self-motivated hunger)
3. The Power of Caleb’s Hunger (He models an ageless determination)
4. **The Power of Zacchaeus Hunger (He models a high level of hungry determination)**

Five Lessons From the Hunger of Zacchaeus

1. Hunger Pushes Past Limitations

- Zacchaeus was short, blocked by the crowd, and disliked as a tax collector.
- Hunger didn’t let those limits stop him.
- Application: Hunger finds a way when life puts you at a disadvantage.

2. Hunger Makes You Do Unusual Things

- Grown men didn’t run or climb trees in that culture — but Zacchaeus did.
- Hunger ignores embarrassment and social status.
- Application: If you’re really hungry for change, you’ll risk looking foolish.



3. Hunger Attracts Jesus' Attention

- Out of a whole crowd, Jesus stopped for the man in the tree.
- Hunger always gets God's eye.
- Application: When you go after God with determination, He notices.

4. Hunger Leads to Transformation

- Zacchaeus received Jesus with joy.
- He immediately changed: giving half his wealth to the poor, restoring what he stole fourfold.
- Application: True hunger doesn't just want an experience — it produces real change.

5. Hunger Brings Salvation Home

- Jesus declared: "Today salvation has come to this house..." (Luke 19:9).
- Zacchaeus' hunger not only changed him, but his whole household.
- Application: Your hunger can open the door for your family to experience God.

Closing Thought on Zacchaeus

- Hunger made a wealthy, despised man climb a tree just to see Jesus.
- That hunger turned into the moment that changed his life forever.
- Simple Question: What tree are you willing to climb to see Jesus?

Finally: Galatians 6:9

- "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."



My Closing Testimony

1. It takes a lot of focus to not be overrun by fatigue
2. I live with an awareness that my hunger and appetite for the right thing can slowly be impacted.

Closing Quote: “It’s hard to beat a person who never gives up”

- Babe Ruth is remembered as one of the greatest hitters in baseball, but he also struck out far more than most players — **1,330 times in his career.**

Next Time: The Basics Part 2 (October 2025)