

Finding Security

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Do you ever feel different from the other women in your church? You spot a small group of women after the service, coffee tumblers in hand, talking and laughing about something. You may join in, play the part, but there is a small part of you that feels like you don't belong.



I guarantee whatever you feel insecure about will feel magnified. Are you insecure about your weight? Your mind compares your size with the people around you. Are you single? Your eyes glance at their engagement rings. Do you long for children? Your mind pays more attention to their conversations regarding children and growing their families. You may feel different. You may feel alone.

I am comforted that the Bible includes stories of individuals struggling with insecurity. The story of Zaccheus paints the image of a small man who is despised by others for many reasons. He is separated by society due to his size, his occupation as a tax collector, and the deceitful choices he has made.

But when Jesus walks by he decides to risk further humiliation by climbing up a tree in order to see him. Perhaps he would be seen by others, perhaps he could get away with it unnoticed. He didn't care. He wanted to see the Savior. Jesus was at the forefront of His mind.

The story of Peter walking on the water shows us that we can never take our eyes off of Jesus. When Peter first trusts Jesus he is able to get out of the boat and walk on water. However, when Peter sees the waves around him he gets scared, takes his eyes off of Jesus, and sinks. When his eyes were off Jesus, Peter was overwhelmed by his circumstances, saw his personal inadequacies, and forgot where his trust lies.

Like Zaccheus I must seek the Savior at all cost. Like Peter I must keep my eyes on Him in order to combat my insecurities. We must teach other women to do the same. Instead of giving petty compliments or well wishes, we must point them to the Savior. Jesus is the only one who can speak to our souls and tell us who we are.