

# Breakthrough... Accept Responsibility

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## Scripture

“Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. 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.” Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled. 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!” 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.”

-Luke 19:1-10

**One Big Thing ....I get to decide. I choose my response. No one does it for me.**

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“From his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. ... Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. ... Who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”

-Ephesians 3:16-20

## Discussion Questions

1. Which of these 5 habits of the heart is your biggest challenge?
2. Where do you most need God’s help to apply these principles?
3. What can you learn from Zacchaeus about accepting responsibility for your life?

Series Resource: *The Heart of Leadership*, by Mark Miller

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