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SPEAKER: Bishop (Dr.) Vincent Collins SERMON SERIES: SHIFT – A New Season of Divine Favor

**SERMON TITLE** The Power of a Shift: Zacchaeus — Walking in Divine Overflow

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**Key Verse:** 

Luke 19:9 (NIV) — "Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

# KEY PASSAGE

Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see Him, since Jesus was coming that way. 5 When Jesus reached the spot, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6 So he came down at once and welcomed Him gladly. 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." 9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'

### **Definition of SHIFT:**

A spiritual shift is a God-initiated change that moves us from where we are to where He wants us to be. It's not simply change

for the sake of change—it's a divine repositioning for Kingdom purpose.

Every divine shift begins long before you see the evidence of change—it begins deep within the heart and mind. The shift in Zacchaeus's life (Luke 19) was not accidental; it was the result of an inner transformation that began when he decided to see Jesus differently and welcome Him fully.

To understand the full picture of Zacchaeus's transformation, we must trace the biblical pattern that begins in Mark 4, moves through Mark 5, and culminates in Luke 19. Each passage reveals how the Word of God works in the human heart to bring about divine change. Before we ever see external fruit, God first works beneath the surface—in our thoughts, desires, and decisions. That's the divine order: Word → Will → Worship. The Word of God enters the mind like a seed, the will responds through obedience, and worship is the visible fruit of that inward change.

### **SERMON POINTS**

The Transition: From Hearing to Healing, From Knowing to Doing

When you look at these three passages together—the sower in Mark 4, the suffering woman in Mark 5, and Zacchaeus in Luke 19—you see a divine progression:

Stage	Scripture	Description	Action
Word Received	Mark 4	The seed is sown into the mind.	Faith begins
Will Activated	Mark 5	The heart moves in obedience.	Faith acts
Worship Overflowing	Luke 19	The life bears fruit and multiplies.	Faith produces

- The Word renews the mind.
- The will responds in obedience.

Worship refeases overflow.

That's the power of a divine shift—when your thinking, choosing, and living come into alignment with God's truth.

The Shift Begins When You Seek Jesus Above Everything Else

- Luke 19:3–4 "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...'
- Matthew 6:33 (NIV): "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
- Philippians 3:8 (NLT): "Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.'

The Shift Deepens When You Welcome Jesus Into Your House

• Luke 19:5–6 — "When Jesus reached the spot, He looked up and said, 'Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.' So he came down at once and welcomed Him gladly.

- Revelation 3:20 (NIV): "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."
- John 14:23 (NLT): "Jesus replied, 'All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them."

### The Shift Produces Divine Overflow — A Heart That Gives Freely

- Luke 19:8 "Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."
- Luke 6:38 (NIV): "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap."
- Acts 20:35 (NLT): "You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."

### **CLOSING THOUGHTS**

The divine shift in Zacchaeus's life didn't reach its fullness when he saw Jesus from the tree—it deepened when he welcomed Him into his house. Transformation always moves from public encounter to private surrender. It's one thing to meet Jesus in the crowd; it's another to invite Him into the personal spaces of your life—your home, habits, and heart. When Zacchaeus opened his door, he opened the atmosphere for change. Jesus went from being a guest of curiosity to the Lord of his household. That's when heaven opened—not at the moment of sight, but at the moment of surrender. The true mark of a divine shift isn't what happens in the sanctuary; it's what continues in the home when the service is over. The same Jesus who dined with Zacchaeus still desires to dwell with us today—to be more than a Sunday visitor, but the daily Lord of our lives.

Zacchaeus's story didn't end with Jesus visiting his home—it overflowed when his heart shifted from getting to giving, from taking to transforming. The greatest evidence of a renewed life is not what you keep, but what you release. When your heart begins to mirror God's—serving, giving, and loving freely—heaven responds with multiplication. A renewed mind helps you think differently, but a renewed heart empowers you to live differently. When Zacchaeus declared, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor," that was the sound of transformation echoing through his house. His generosity became the evidence of his salvation. Overflow isn't measured by what you possess—it's revealed by how much love, mercy, and kindness flow through you. When your heart becomes a channel instead of a container, heaven keeps pouring. God trusts those who use their blessings to bless others.

NOTES

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please note: There are multiple ways to sign up for an event. You can scan the QR code, visit our website, or sign the signup sheet in the foyer under the event registration section.

Oct. 15th-Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at Various Dates & Times: Fall Into Fun: Agape's Interest Groups. Scan the QR Code to sign up today. For more information, contact the Christian Education Department.



Oct 19-Women's Ministry Pot Luck-RSVP Required-5:30pm

Oct. 25th - Covenant Couples Workshop 11 am-1pm.

Oct. 26th - Youth Meet and Greet - 5pm - 7pm

Oct. 29th- Fall Festival: Trunk-O-Treat- 6:30om

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am-3 pm -AWCI Community & Health Fair. For more information, contact: Deacon Eureka Washington.



Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am Service- Baby Dedication

# SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

### **Sunday School**

- Every Sunday at 10:10 am-10:55 am.
- Scan QR Code to Sign Up & receive a digital copy of the Sunday School Book.



# Men's Ministry Meeting.

- Every 3rd Saturday, 8:30 AM.
- At Agape Worship Center International
- All men are invited.
- More information: Contact Deacons Teddy Spence or Eureka Washington.

### **Breakfast For Champions: Weekday Devotion & Prayer**

- Monday-Friday at 7 am
- Call In: 717-908-1690 Access Code: 577625

### **Intercessory Prayer**

• Every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Monday at 6:30pm-7:30pm

# Virtual Midday Bible Study - Starting Back August 14th, 2025

- Every Thursday at noon
- Call In: (470)869-2200 (US East)
- Meeting ID: 393-678-9202
- Virtual:meetings.ringcentral.com/j/3936789202

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