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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	<i>Mark 4</i>	The seed is sown into the mind.	<i>Faith begins</i>
Will Activated	<i>Mark 5</i>	The heart moves in obedience.	<i>Faith acts</i>
Worship Overflowing	<i>Luke 19</i>	The life bears fruit and multiplies.	<i>Faith produces</i>

- The Word renews the mind.
- The will responds in obedience.
- Worship releases 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.”

