

EPIC: Living the Grand Story of God
"Full Surrender"
October 31, 2010

Question: What stands between you and total surrender to Jesus? What major adjustment will position you for total obedience?

MESSAGE: *Full surrender positions us for EPIC obedience.*

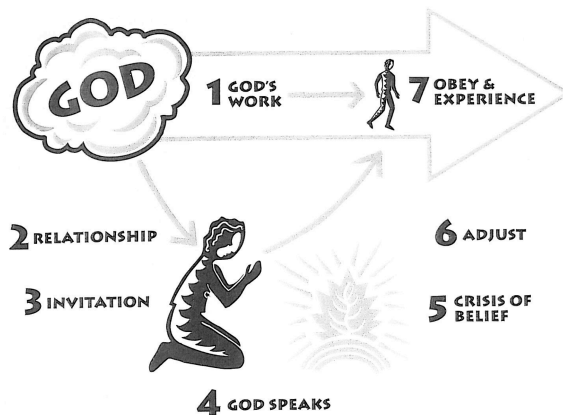
Luke 14:33 "Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple."

Jim Elliot - "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

TEXT: **Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus**

- I. Jesus calls us into a fully surrendered life of discipleship.
- II. We all have issues that keep us from fully surrendering.
- III. We must reposition ourselves to "see" and hear Jesus.
 - a. Going out on a "limb" is a risk, and requires faith.
- IV. Jesus is not content to be admired from a distance but says he **MUST** come into our "home." (personal life)
- V. When Jesus lives in us by the Holy Spirit, he empowers us to do EPIC work for the kingdom - faith in action!

Application: What area of your life needs surrendered to Jesus? What major adjustment do you need to make?



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Prayer: *Father, help us to see the major adjustments that will lead us into EPIC obedience.*

MESSAGE: *Full surrender positions us for EPIC obedience.*

Opening Up:

1. Have you sensed God working in your life this week?
2. How is God challenging you to have more confidence (faith) in him?

Digging In:

1. Review Zacchaeus' story in Luke 19:1-10.
2. What were some of the obstacles in Zach's life to full surrender to Jesus?
3. He accepted Jesus' invitation to come and stay in his home. Discuss what that could have meant for Zach, his family, career, etc? How did he go out on a "limb"?
4. What do you think happened to Zach for him to go from extortionist to extravagant giver?
5. Jesus is very clear about what it takes to be a disciple. Read Luke 14:25-34. What does that mean for you? Us?
6. Jesus modeled full surrender in the garden: "Not my will but thine be done." What could God do in, and through you, if you were that surrendered? If WE were?

Application:

1. What areas of your life are most difficult to fully surrender to Jesus? Why?
2. What adjustments need to be made in order to reposition your life to Jesus?

Prayer: Share prayer requests and pray for God's divine whisper to reveal the truth about his will in your circumstances.