Zacchaeus and the New Year
Luke 19:1-10

PROPOSITION: Don’t rely on just pain and problems (or even willpower) to make changes in your life – cooperate with Jesus in encouraging something good you do and taking a step away from something harmful.

I. Recognizing our ‘lostness’, ‘excuses’ and ‘shortcomings’
   A. Sinner despised by the people  
   B. Chief tax collector  
   C. Wealthy  
   D. Short

II. Zacchaeus’ move towards transformation
   A. Wanted to see who Jesus was  
   B. Didn’t let hindrances keep him from Jesus  
   C. Responded immediately & sacrificially to Jesus’ call  
   D. Changed some actions in his life  
   E. Jesus is seeking and saving the lost

III. Making positive changes today
   A. Be actively learning about Jesus  
   B. Encourage a positive area you are currently doing  
   C. Take a realistic step towards a change  
   D. Take a step of faith for God’s higher purpose

IV. Four areas you may face which God may encourage you to change this year
   A. Regret (do a positive opposite action)  
   B. Laziness/sloth (form a habit)  
   C. Self/worldly-focus (do selfless acts of generosity)  
   D. Complaining (practice thankfulness)

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