

The Story Series
Tethered
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Opening

-(show The Story Slide)

-(show our slide for tonight) – point out where Romans 10 is on chart...

-thank David and Justin...

-(plan to finish series by the end of August)

Tethered

-tethered: to tie with a rope or a chain to restrict movement

- horse
 - astronaut
 - surfer
 - climbers (mountaineering/alpinism)
 - children
- **In boating** (go to props)
 - Definition: to create movement
 - Definition: to determine direction

-(let's watch this minute segment of wakeboarding in Paris)

-Romans 10:9-14

*What is Paul saying here? He is telling us that when we **hear** about Jesus, something inside of us **believes** in Him (talk about heart vs. head) and a **confession** wells up inside of our hearts committing our lives to Him, picking up the tether He offers. (talk about our use of the term vow of devotion). LIVE IN HIS WAKE!*

-Three Questions:

>Are we living in a society where Christianity is recreational?

>Is my life with Jesus something that I pick up and put down?

>Do I view Jesus as restricting me or directing me?

Zacchaeus

-Luke 19:1-10

-He heard...

>Read verses 1-4 (Jesus was on his way to die, 3 years of fame)

>sometimes we have to bring the “sycamore tree” to people!

- Is your example casting a shadow?
- Is your example making Jesus easier to find?
- One day in Heaven, what will people say about you?

>(talk about my dream for City Life...for Jesus to be easy to find...)

>(talk about next weekend...and more to come!)

-He believed...

>Read verses 5-7

>Who is Jesus: He is God's son, sent into this world to die for our sins and because of His forgiveness I can become a part of God's family. (use visa illustration for entry into the Kingdom, a forgiveness stamp!) And as a child of God, I look to Jesus to be my example in how I should live. He is the author of all truth and leads me to my God given destiny. And when He rose from the dead, He began the work of preparing Heaven for all us who have put our faith in Him. You and I are eternal, immortal beings created by God to live and rule and reign with Him for all eternity which only possible through Jesus.

>(talk about Zacchaeus' home being a prophetic picture)

>Are you excited about your belief in Jesus?

>Are you ready for the ire that belief in Jesus always brings?

-He confessed...

>Read verses 8

>*If my verbal confession does not lead to life alteration then have I really experienced true salvation?*

>does my confession have an expression? (attitudes and actions)

>Matthew 3:8

-He tethered...

>read verses 9-10

>Zacchaeus was lost

- Not that no one knows where you are
- You aren't where you are supposed to be
- (tell story of Vanessa and Claire Thursday)

>Zacchaeus is now saved

- Change of heart, evidenced by verse 8
- "true son..." a positional shift, where is supposed to be

>His life is now tethered to Jesus

>How about you?

>And if so, will you help others hear about Him?

Band

-Make a list... (staying tethered to him)

- 1. One thing I need to stop doing.**
- 2. One thing I need to start doing.**
- 3. One person to hear my story.**

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