

TAKE HOME SHEET

IT'S FINE
I'm Fine
EVERYTHING IS FINE

(HANGING ON TO GOD'S PROMISES WHEN EVERYTHING IS NOT FINE)

Series: It's Fine, I'm Fine,
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Message: God Will Forgive You
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Jesus had a public encounter with a man whom everyone knew was despicable. Tax collectors were notorious for taking advantage of the people, and the Roman government condoned it. Read the account below and then look back over the message notes and see how they apply in this situation. As you do, ask God to show you anything in your life He wants you to “repent” of, following Zacchaeus’ example in making real changes as a result.

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. ² There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. ³ He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.” ⁶ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy.

⁷ But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled. ⁸ Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!” ⁹ Jesus responded, “Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

Luke 19:1-10 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version
NLT – New Living Translation

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¹⁴ Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. ¹⁵ My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place.

2 Chronicles 7:14-15 (NLT)

repent (def): to change my mind, and then change my attitudes and actions

Sorrow without repentance is worthless.

Godly sorrow brings repentance...
2 Corinthians 7:10 (NIV)

Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.
Matthew 3:8 (NIV)

[The following is written by King David after he was caught in his sin. Read about the details in 2 Samuel, chapters 11 and 12, in the Old Testament.]

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Psalms 51:1-4 (NIV)

⁸ If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. ⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

1 John 1:8-10 (NLT)

I am wrong.

Please forgive me.

Please help me learn to do what is right.