

# Wrecked

## Wrecked To Released (Week 2)

### LifeNotes

## TALK IT OVER

### Main Idea

Often, God needs to wreck what we hold dear, to learn to hold dearly onto Him.

### Key Scriptures

*Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" ... "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me. When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.*

Matthew 19:16, 20-22

*Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.*

Luke 19:1-2

*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."*

*Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

Luke 19:8-10

**Money matters make us think money matters most.**

### Lessons to be learned:

- Generosity is not a function of our bottom line, it's a condition of our heart.
- Generosity is the cure for acquisition addiction.
- Generosity is a symbol of spiritual renewal.

### Start talking.

- How do, "money matters make us think money matters most"?
- How is this true whether you have plenty or little?

### Start thinking.

- Read Matthew 19:16, 20-22. How did the man approach eternal life?
- Why did Jesus tell him to sell all he had? Why did the man walk away sad?
- Read Luke 19: 1-2 and 8-10. How did Zacchaeus' response differ from the previous man? Why?

### Start sharing.

- How do you respond to money issues?
- How is it, that sometimes our possessions can possess us?
- What is the principle Jesus wants to teach us about money and possessions?

### Start doing.

- Live generously!
  - Give your time – how can you serve someone this week?
  - Give your talents – what talent do you have that could be used to help others? How could you do that this week?
  - Give your treasure – if you haven't already, begin to give tangibly to what God is doing through Harbor Church. If have have been giving, thank God for the opportunity to be used by Him!

### Closing prayer.

Jesus, help me not get consumed by issues of money and finances. Help me to trust you through good and difficult financial seasons. Lord give me the courage to trust you through the valleys, through the wreckage, with my money and finances. God renew my heart as I seek to live generously. Reveal to me ways I can give of my time, talent, and treasure for your purposes. Jesus, I trust you. I believe you. And I release my finances to you. Amen.