



UNLIKELY HEROES – Pt. 4
Big Faith Comes In Small Packages

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1. Recognize your _____.

Luke 19:1-4 (NLT), “Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. ²There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the **chief tax collector** in the region, and he had become very rich. ³He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was **too short to see over the crowd**. ⁴So he **ran ahead and climbed** a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.”

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT), “And it is impossible to please God without **faith**. Anyone who wants to come to him **must believe that God exists** and that he **rewards** those who **sincerely seek him**.”

2. God honors faith in _____.

Luke 19:5 (NLT), “⁵When 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.”

James 2:14 & 17 (NLT), “¹⁴What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if **you say you have faith** but **don’t show it by your actions**? **Can that kind of faith save anyone?**” ¹⁷“**In the same way**, faith also, if it has no works, is dead, **being by itself**.”

James 2:20-24 (NASB), ²⁰But are you willing to acknowledge, you foolish person, that **faith without works is useless**? ²¹Was our father Abraham not justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²²You see that **faith was working with his works**, and as a **result of the works, faith was perfected**; ²³and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” And he was called a **friend of God**. ²⁴You see that a **person is justified by works and not by faith alone**.”

James 4:8a (NLT), “Come close to God, and **God will come close to you**.”

Luke 19:6a(NLT), “⁶Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and **took Jesus to his house** in great excitement and joy.”

Revelation 3:20 (NLT), “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, **I will come in**, and we will **share a meal together as friends**.”

3. Don’t live for the approval of _____.

Luke 19:7-8 (NLT), “⁷But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be **the guest of a notorious sinner**,” they grumbled. ⁸Meanwhile, 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!”

Luke 6:38 (NIV), “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For **with the measure you use, it will be measured to you**.”

4. Faith puts _____ over religion.

Luke 19:9-10 (NLT), “⁹Jesus responded, “**Salvation has come to this home today**, for this man has shown himself to be a **true son of Abraham**. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

2 Corinthians 6:2 (NLT), “For God says, ‘At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you.’ Indeed, the ‘right time’ is now. **Today is the day of salvation**.”
