

How can we be the one to make things right?



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. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd.

So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, He has gone to be the guest of a sinner. 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 what was lost."

When God touches your heart you will be the one to make things right

When you're the one to make things right God is able to touch your heart

Rationalization #1

But I've been hurt so I don't want to be the one to make things right

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 6:14-15

Rationalization #2

But he/she has never asked for my forgiveness so I don't have to be the one to make things right

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.

Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:13

Rationalization #3

But it won't fix anything so why bother try to be the one to make things right?

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone

Romans 12:18

God wants you to be the one to make things right.

When you choose to be unforgiving it's like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die



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Release "I forgive you."

