

COMING HOME

(Luke 19:1-10)

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. (10)

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QUOTES OF NOTE

Home was not a place to me when I was a child. It was people.
(Frederick Buechner, *The Sacred Journey*)

If tax collectors were considered to be unsavory characters, then Zacchaeus as a chief tax collector can only be considered to be that much worse.... The crowd bars this man's way to Jesus.... Though this man has the power of wealth and official status, he is clearly a social outsider. In the eyes of his Jewish compatriots, his "littleness" is more than physical. He is a nobody. (John Nolland, *WBC*)

[Zacchaeus was] a sawed-off little social disaster with a big bank account and a crooked job. (Frederick Buechner, *Peculiar Treasures*)

Over and over again I've left home. I've fled the hands of blessing and run off to faraway places searching for love! This is the great tragedy of my life and of the lives of so many I meet on my journey. Somehow, I have become deaf to the voice that calls me the Beloved, have left the only place I can hear that voice, and have gone off desperately hoping that I would find somewhere else what I could no longer find at home. (Henri Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*)

Desperado, why don't you come to your senses? / You been out ridin' fences for so long now / Oh, you're a hard one / And I know that you got your reasons / But these things that are pleasin' you can hurt you somehow...

Now it seems to me, some fine things / Have been laid upon your table / But you only want the ones that you can't get...

Desperado, why don't you come to your senses? / Come down from your fences, open the gate / It may be rainin', but there's a rainbow above you / You better let somebody love you, let somebody love you, / You better let somebody love you, before it's too late. (Don Henley & Glenn Frey, *Desperado*)