

RISE AGAIN FAMILIES

Pt. 3 Thriving Through Change

*“Don’t let anyone look down on you because of your age.
Make a statement with your life -- your words, your
attitude, your love, your faith, and your integrity.”
--1 Timothy 4:12*

Classic put downs:

By appearance = How do I look?
By achievement = What have I accomplished?
By approval = How well am I liked?
By affluence = What do I own?

We can feel most vulnerable to put-downs when

*“Then Jesus entered and walked through Jericho. There was a man there, his name Zacchaeus, the head tax man and quite rich. He wanted desperately to see Jesus, but the crowd was in his way—he was a short man and couldn’t see over the crowd. So, he ran on ahead and climbed up in a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus when he came by.
--Luke 19:1-4 (The Message)*

1. NO MATTER HOW INSIGNIFICANT I FEEL,

*“When Jesus got to the tree, He looked up...”
--Luke 19:5 (Message)*

*“... God never overlooks a single sparrow. And He pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail – even numbering the hairs on your head!”
--Luke 12:6-7 (Message)*

2. NO MATTER WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT ME,

*“... Jesus looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name ‘Zacchaeus!’ He said.”
--Luke 19:5b (Living Bible)*

*“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.”
--Ephesians 2:10 (New Living)*

*“Even if my father and mother abandon me,
the LORD will hold me close.”
--Psalm 27:10 (New Living)*

3. NO MATTER WHAT I’VE DONE,

*“... He said, ‘Come down quickly!’ For I am going to be a guest in your home today!”
--Luke 19:5c (Living Bible)*

*“All the people who saw it started grumbling, “This man has gone as a guest to the home of a sinner!”
--Luke 19:7 (Good News)*

*“Jesus said, ‘those the Father has given Me will come to Me, and I will never reject them.’”
--John 8:37 (New Living)*

We thrive through the changes when we see ourselves
