
**A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:
GOD LOVES "DISPOSABLE" PEOPLE**

I don't believe the world's a particularly beautiful place, but I do believe in redemption.

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LIFE IS NO FAIRY TALE

Modern fairy tales all have clear lines and happy endings; but real life is messy.

When we view people as objects or tools, we destroy their humanity.

The Christmas Message from Jesus's Family Tree

Where the world lusts, God loves.

What the world calls disposable, God calls redeemable.

Where the world pronounces disqualified, God pronounces grace.

Something to think about

Was there anything in today's study that particularly challenged, troubled, or encouraged you? Jot it down.

Look at how David looked at Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11:2-4) and how Jesus looks one people looked at as disposable (Luke 19:7-9). What similarities to David do you see in the people's attitude? What differences do you see in Jesus's actions and attitudes do you see to them all?

If you are feeling like one of the "disposable ones" today, what personal take-aways to you see

- 1) From Matthew's inclusion of Bathsheba in Jesus's family tree?
- 2) From Jesus's actions and attitudes toward Zacheeus?