

WALK IN LOVE

as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.

Ephesians 5:2



Reflection by Mary Daly and Catherine Daly –

Usually, this passage reminds us that Jesus loves sinners. *Good news for sinners such as us.*

It also reminds us that Zacchaeus, a redeemed sinner, was so filled with gratitude and joy that he told Jesus he would give half his fortune to the poor, and pay back anyone he might have defrauded four times what he owed them.

Bad news for us: we are not that generous. One year, we even wondered whether we could count the portion of our income tax that supports the poor as part of the tithing we aspire to.

Today, the unadulterated truth is that none of those thoughts came to us first. Instead, the words that struck us were, “He was trying to see who Jesus was but...he could not, because he was short in stature.”

The image of a little man scrambling up a tree like a

school boy struck us. How silly he must have appeared, how unseemly. We laughed.

And then this thought: A short little rich man made a fool of himself for love of Christ; would we?



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Proper 26 | Luke 19:1-10

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Reflection Questions

- Few of us are called to give away half our fortune as Zacchaeus does. But what if we cut other things in half to give away? For instance, if you cut in half the time you spend online or watching television, what would you do with it? How could you serve others with it? What are other examples?
- When has God’s call led you to do something unexpected?
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