- *Song -
 - I. A searching sinner
 - A. He enjoyed <u>earthly wealth</u>
 - B. He knew that earthly wealth did not satisfy his soul

"What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?" (Matthew 16:26)

C. He was separated from God because of sin

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

D. He was seeking to know who Jesus was

- *Picture of Sycamore tree
 - II. A seeking Savior
 - A. Jesus saw him
 - B. Jesus knew him

"O Lord, you have searched me and you know me." (Psalm 139:1)

- C. Jesus reached out to him
- D. Jesus loved him
- E. Jesus welcomed him

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door. I will come in and eat with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3:20)

- III. A responsive man
 - A. He responded quickly

"Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him." (Mark 1:17-18)

- B. He responded with obedience
- C. He responded with joy
- D. He responded with <u>repentance</u>

"I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:32)

IV. A changed man

A. He experienced <u>salvation</u>

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13)

B. He became part of the <u>family of God</u>

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." (John 1:12)

C. He gave evidence of a changed life