



**How About Dinner
At Your Place.**

You Matter To God

Week 2 – Luke 19:1-10

A photograph of a wooden dining table with several white plates and silverware sets. The table is set for a meal. The text "Everybody is insecure." is overlaid in the center of the image in a large, bold, black font.

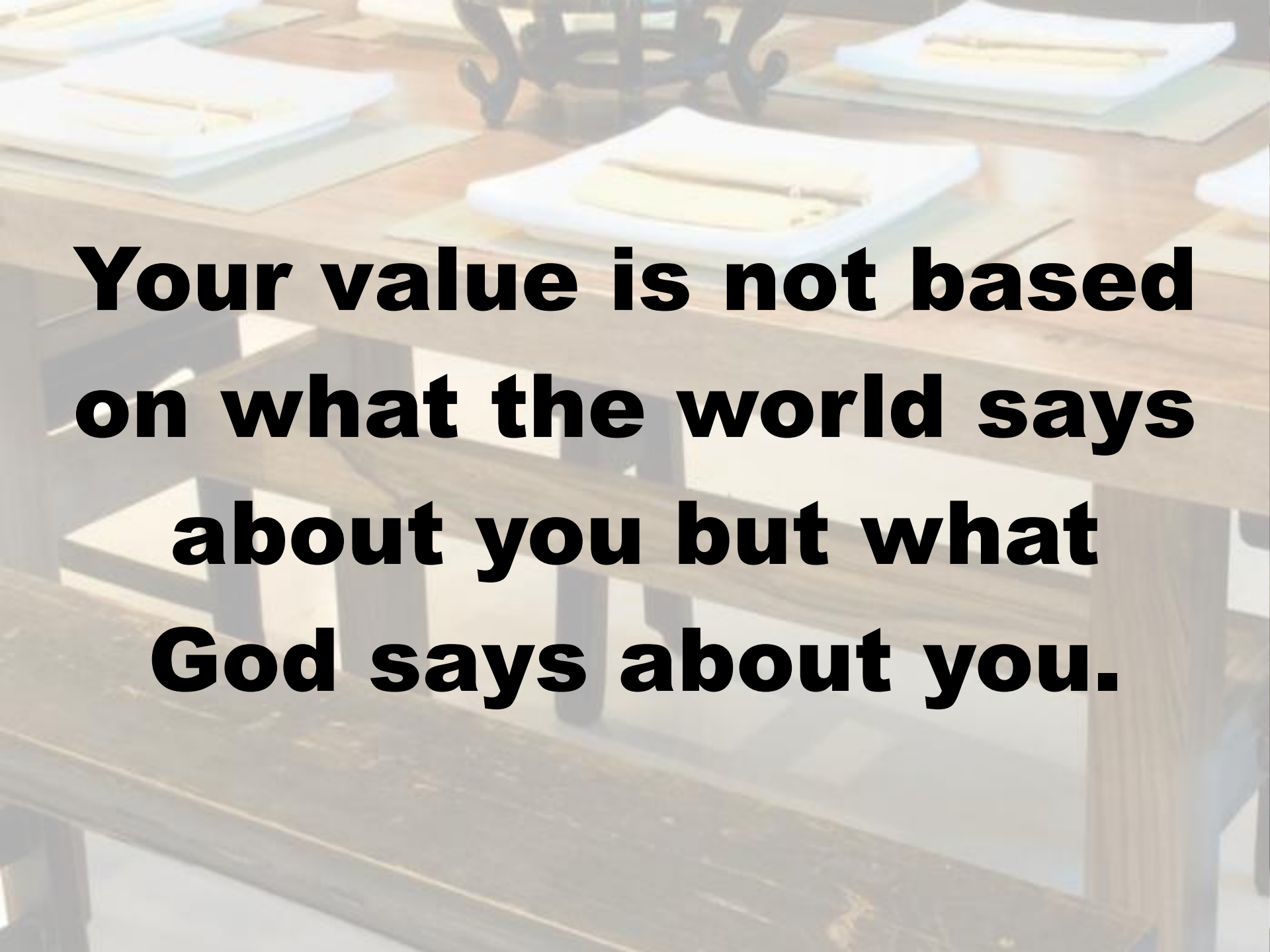
**Everybody is
insecure.**



**One of your deepest needs
in life is to feel secure.**

To feel valued.

**As a result you're
constantly evaluating
and comparing.**



**Your value is not based
on what the world says
about you but what
God says about you.**



Four Ways the World Judges Value

**1. We judge our worth
by our appearance.**



Four Ways the World Judges Value

2. We evaluate our worth by affluence.

Never connect your self-worth with your net worth.

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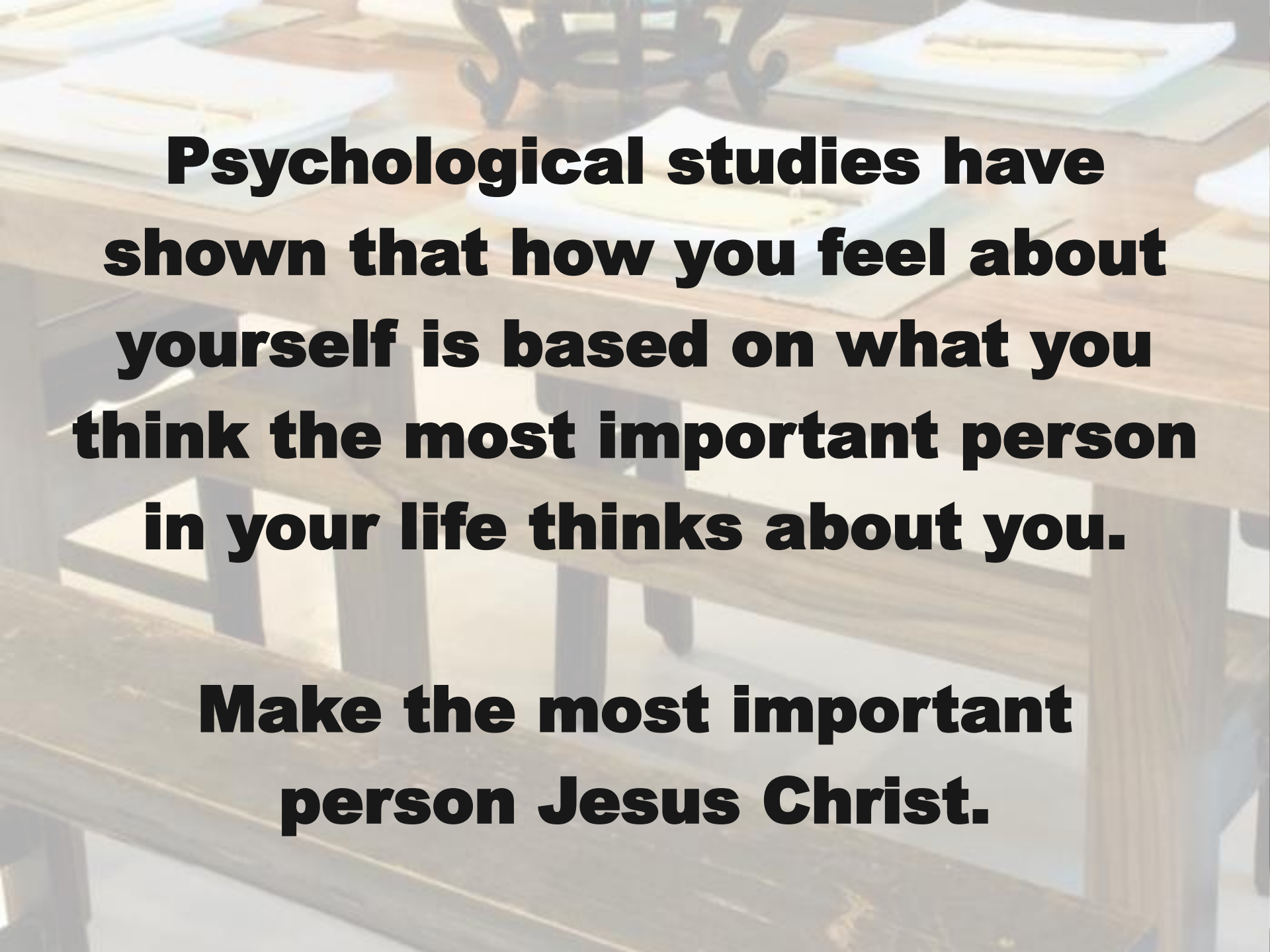
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**3. We judge our worth
by achievement.**



Four Ways the World Judges Value

**4. Basing your worth
on approval.**



Psychological studies have shown that how you feel about yourself is based on what you think the most important person in your life thinks about you.

Make the most important person Jesus Christ.

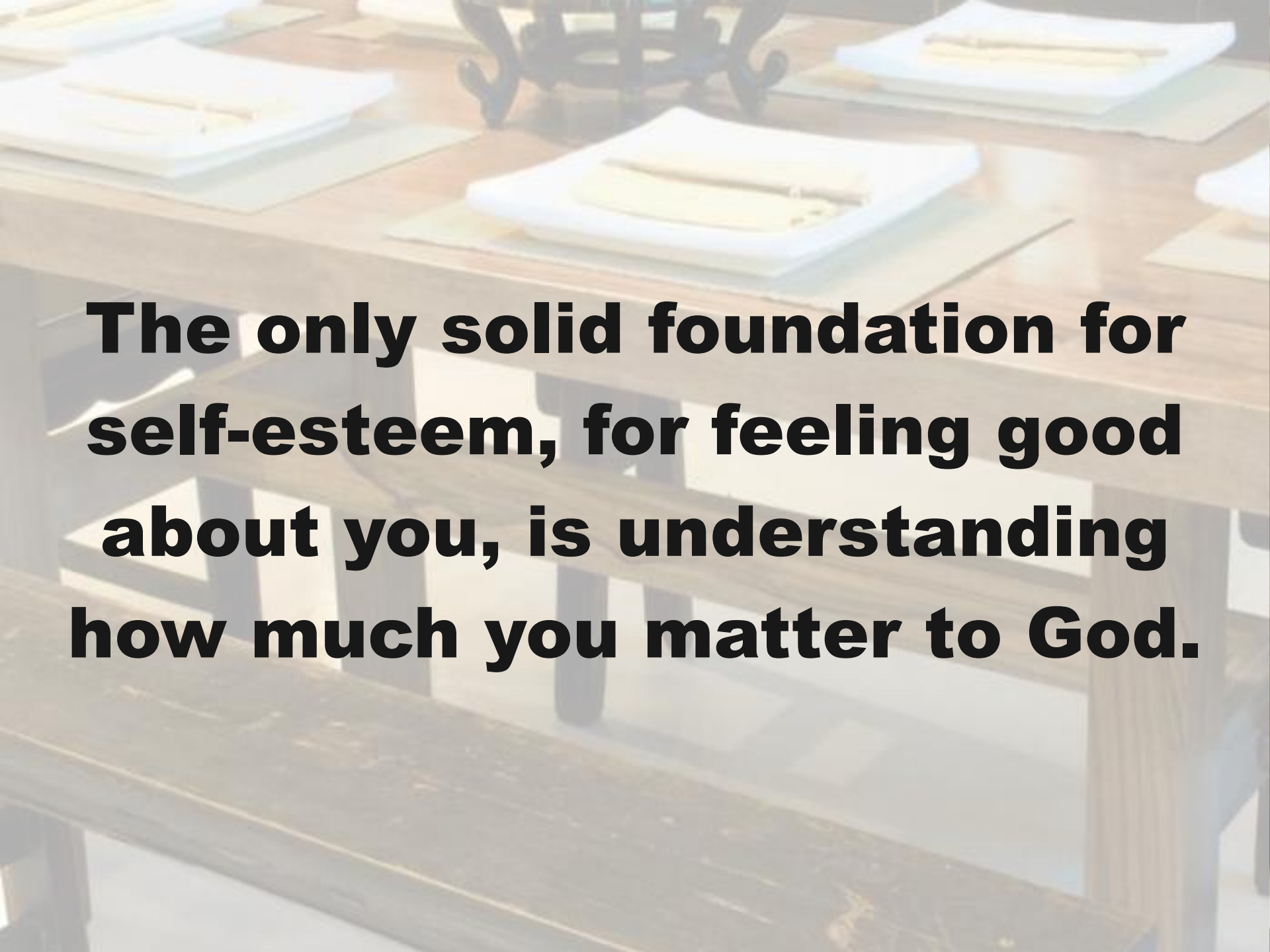
The problem with appearance, affluence, achievement and approval – is that they are all unstable, unreliable sources of security.

1. Our beauty fades.

2. Possessions wear out.

3. Successes are surpassed.

4. No matter what you do, some people are just not going to like you.



The only solid foundation for self-esteem, for feeling good about you, is understanding how much you matter to God.

Luke 19:1-10

***“Jesus was going through the city of Jericho. A man was there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector, and he was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but he was too short to see above the crowd. So he ran ahead to a place where Jesus would come, and he climbed a sycamore tree so he could see him. When Jesus comes to that place, he looked up and he said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, hurry and come down! I must stay at your house today!’ Zacchaeus came down quickly and welcomed him gladly.*”**

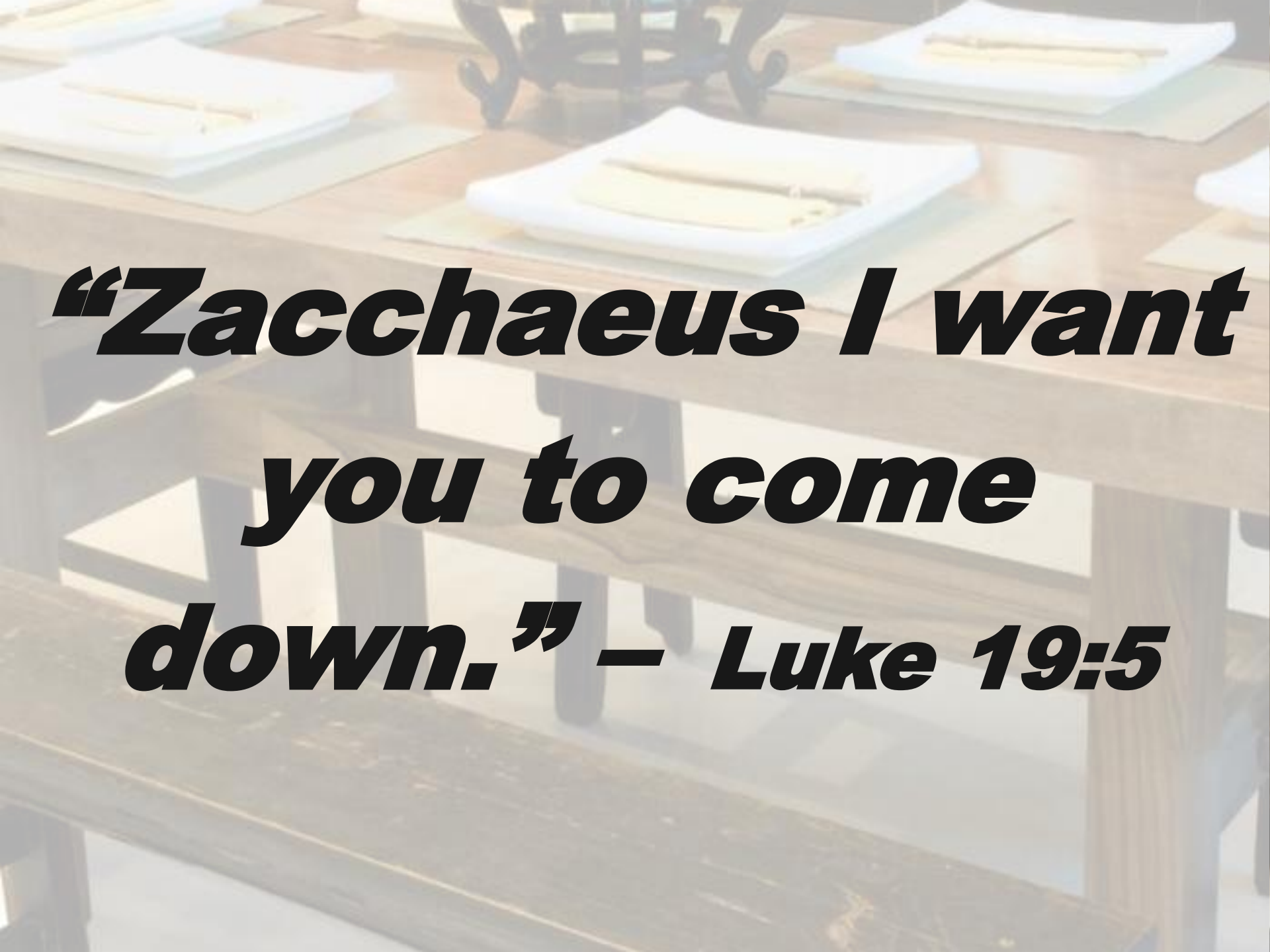
All the people saw this and began to complain, 'Jesus is staying with a sinner!' But Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, 'I will give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I will pay them back four times as much!' And Jesus said to him, 'Salvation has come to this house today! This man is a true son of Abraham! And I, the Son of Man, have come to seek and save people like him who were lost.'"



***First, Zacchaeus
doesn't like his
appearance.***



***Second,
Zacchaeus
is not liked by
anyone else.***



***“Zacchaeus I want
you to come
down.” – Luke 19:5***



**Four Truths –
How Much You Matter to God.**

**1. The first thing we learn is
no matter how small I feel –
Jesus notices me.**



***“But when Jesus
got to the tree, he
looked up.”***

– Luke 19:3



Luke 12:6-7

“God never overlooks a single sparrow.”


“He pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail... even numbering the hairs on your head!”



A photograph of a wooden dining table with several white plates and yellow napkins. The table is set for a meal. The background is slightly blurred, showing a wooden chair. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**The greatest
expression of love
is attention.**





**One of the keys to
great parenting is
simply showing up
and paying attention.**



A wooden table with several papers and a pen on it. In the background, a wooden chair is visible. The scene is brightly lit, possibly from a window out of frame.

**Four Truths –
How Much You Matter to God.**

**2. No matter who ignores me—
Jesus knows me.**

**All of his life, Zacchaeus has
been ridiculed and rejected.**

A wooden dining table with white plates and silverware. The table is set with several place settings, each consisting of a white plate, a white napkin, and silverware. The table is made of light-colored wood and has a simple, clean design. The background is slightly blurred, showing the legs of the chairs and the overall setting of a dining room.

Luke 19:5

***“Jesus looked up at Zacchaeus
and called him by name.”***

“‘Zacchaeus,’ he said...”



Luke 19:5

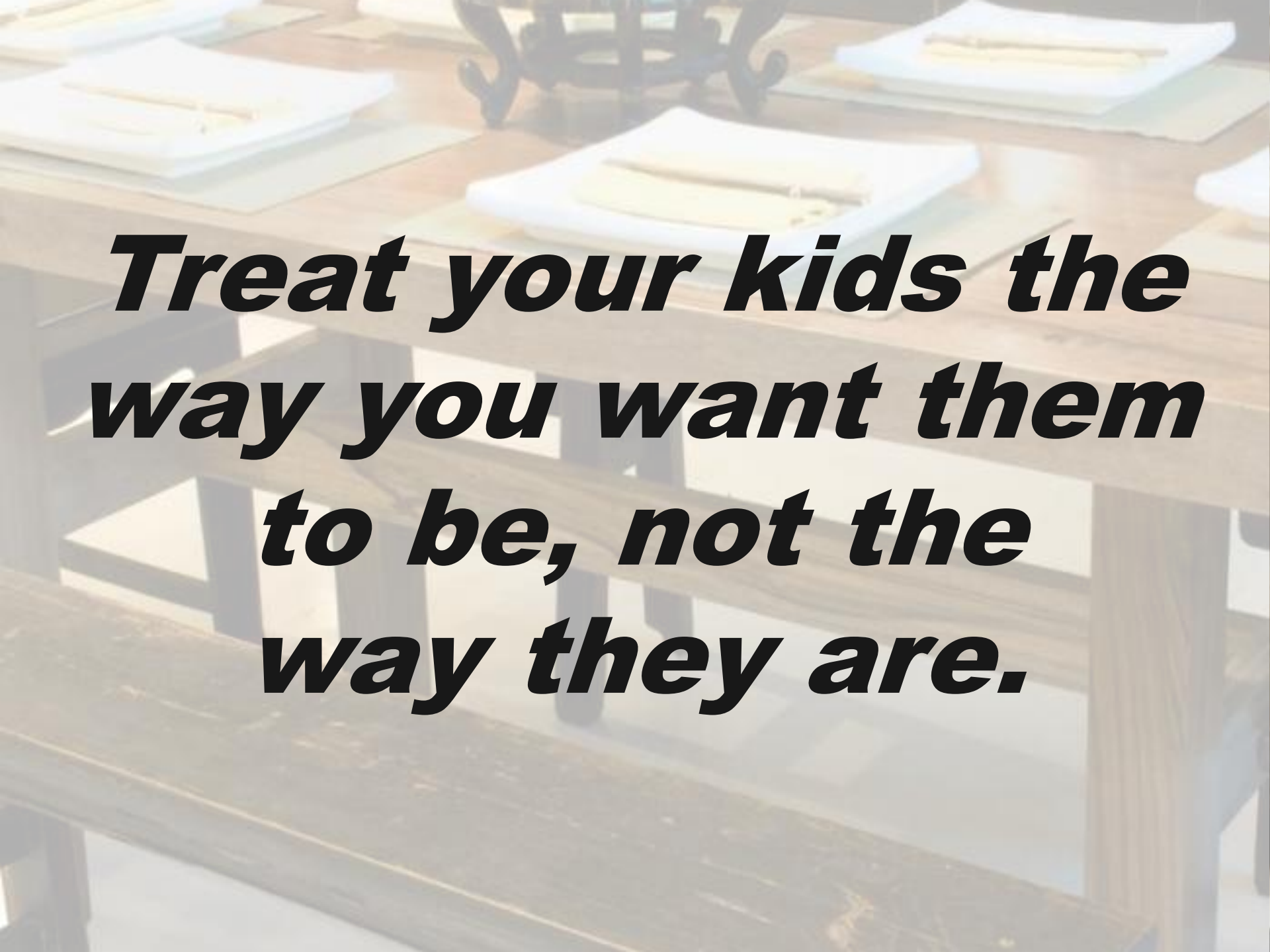
***“Zacchaeus, come down!
I’m going to your house today.
I’m going to have a party
at your house.”***

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***Zacchaeus –
Pure One***

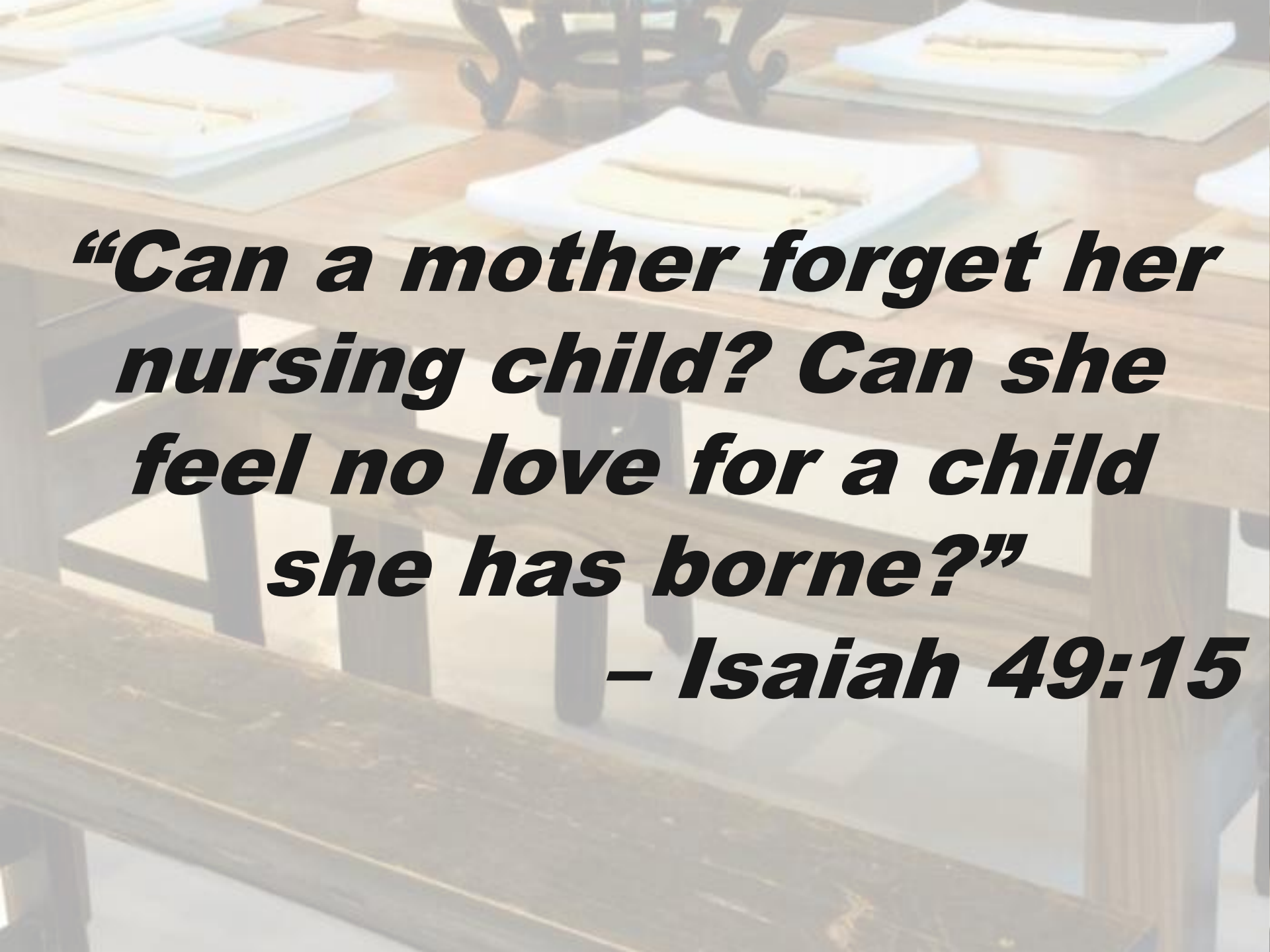


Jesus is affirming his potential rather than pointing out his past.

A wooden table with several papers and pens scattered on it, serving as a background for the text. The text is centered and reads:

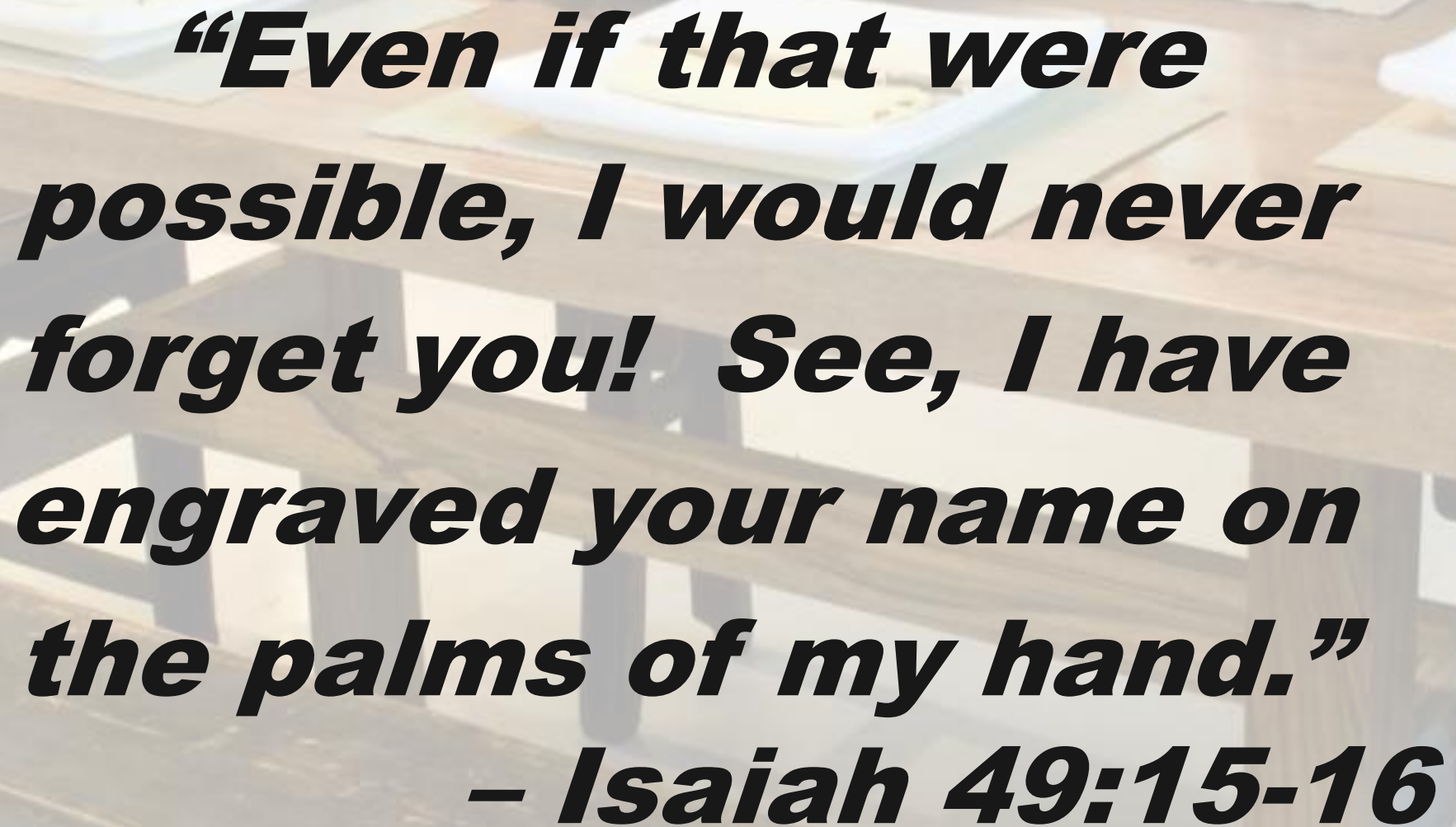
Treat your kids the way you want them to be, not the way they are.



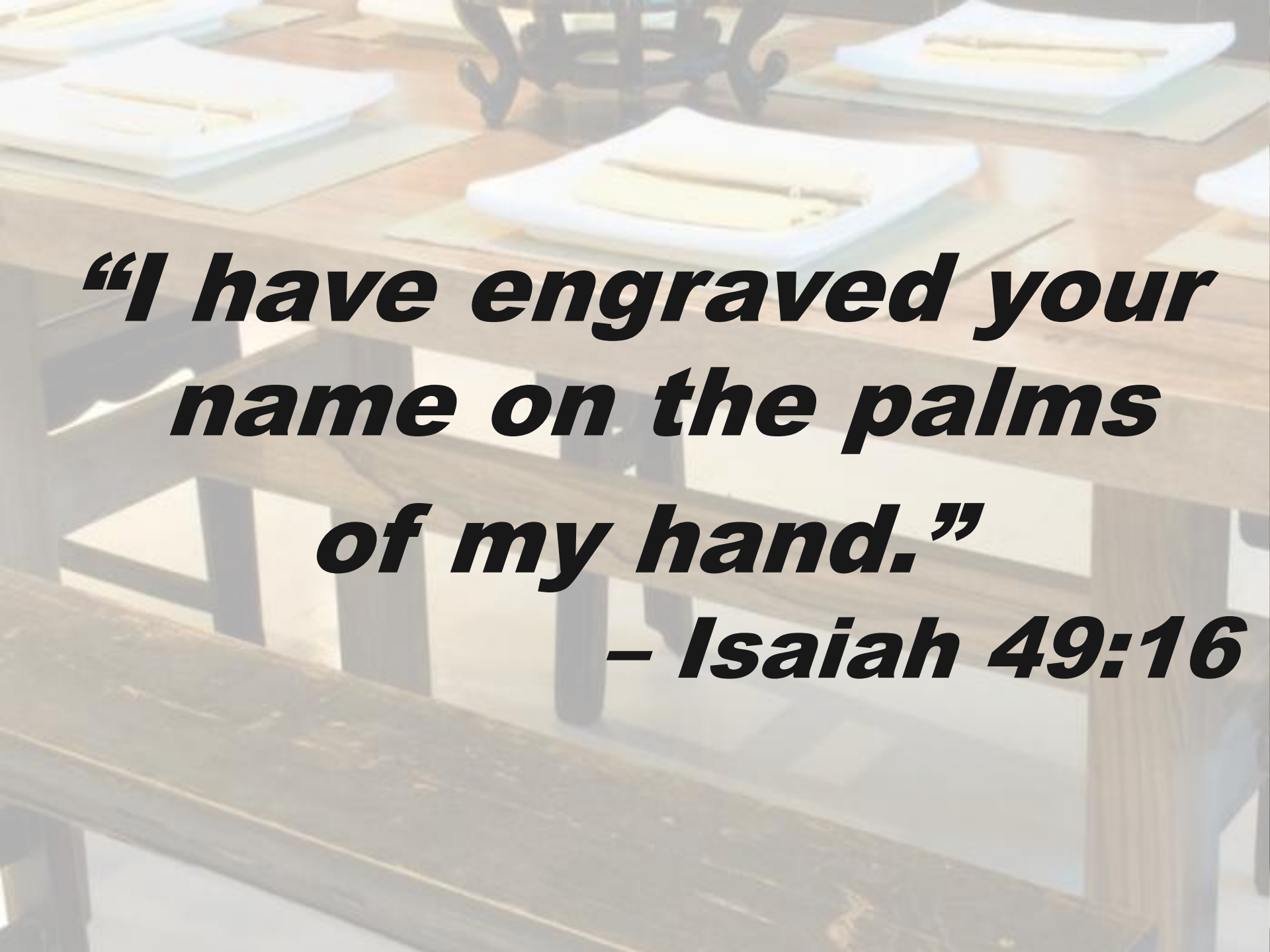


“Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for a child she has borne?”

- Isaiah 49:15

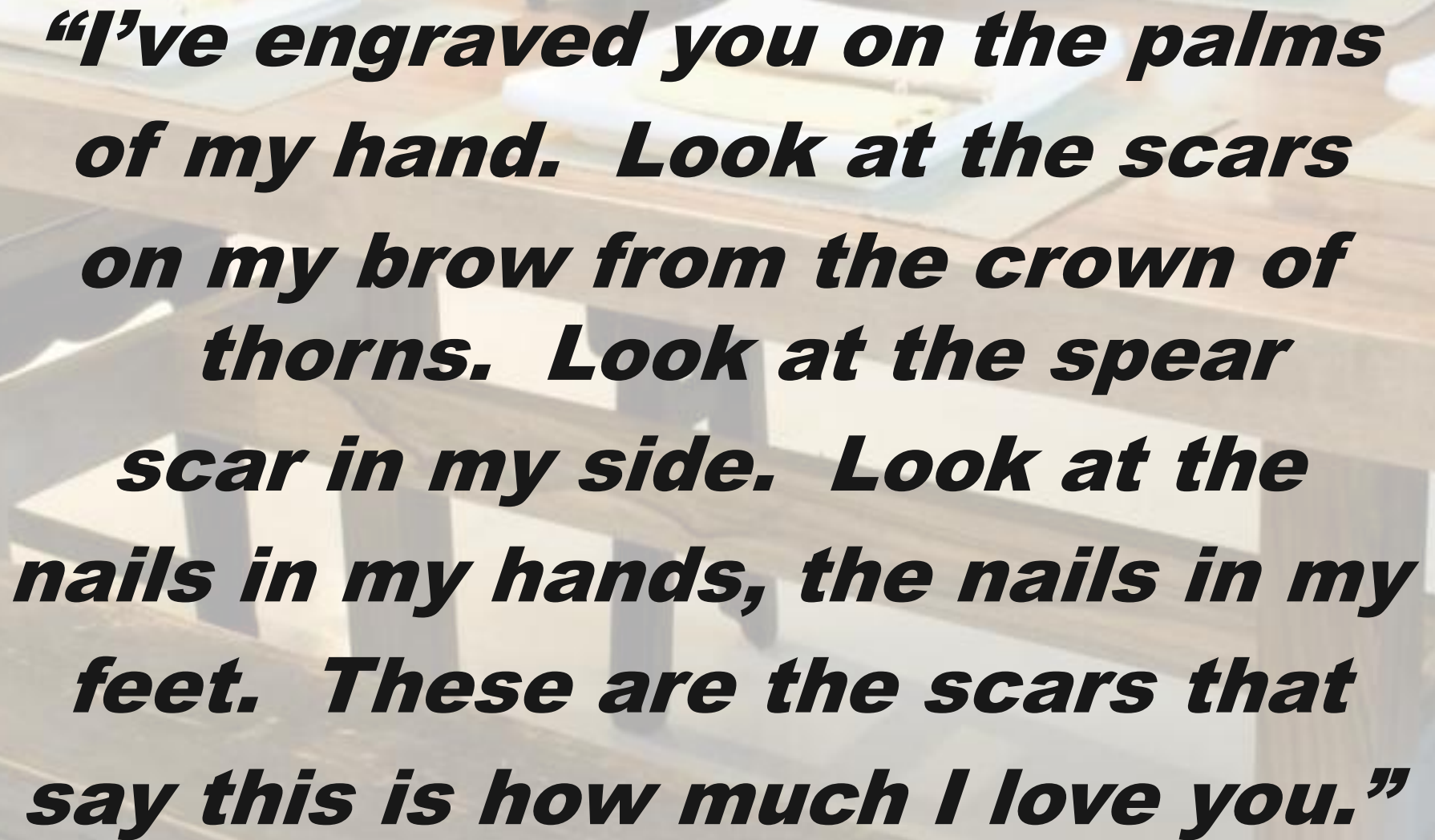


“Even if that were possible, I would never forget you! See, I have engraved your name on the palms of my hand.”
– Isaiah 49:15-16

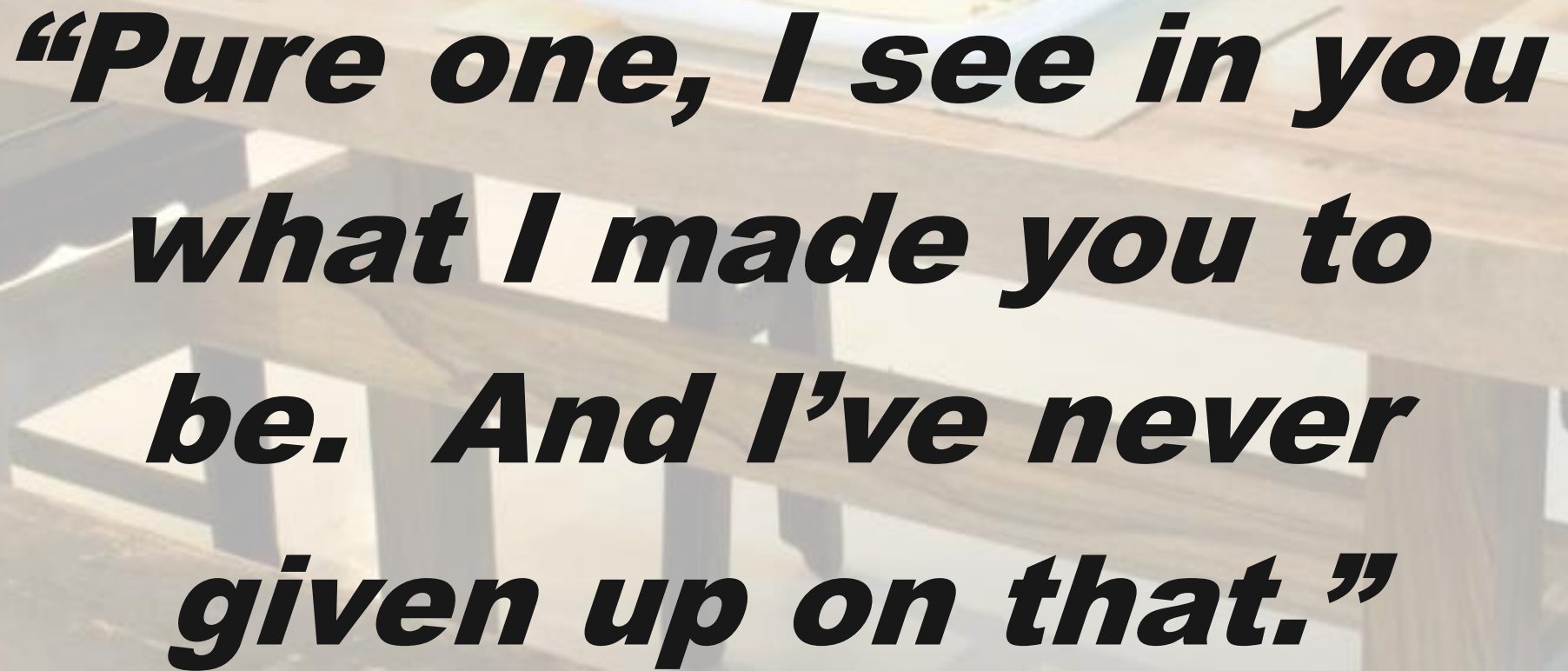


***“I have engraved your
name on the palms
of my hand.”***

- Isaiah 49:16



“I’ve engraved you on the palms of my hand. Look at the scars on my brow from the crown of thorns. Look at the spear scar in my side. Look at the nails in my hands, the nails in my feet. These are the scars that say this is how much I love you.”

A wooden desk with several stacks of papers and a chair in the background. The text is overlaid on the desk.

***“Pure one, I see in you
what I made you to
be. And I’ve never
given up on that.”***



**Four Truths –
How Much You Matter to God.**

**3. No matter what I've done
– Jesus wants me.**

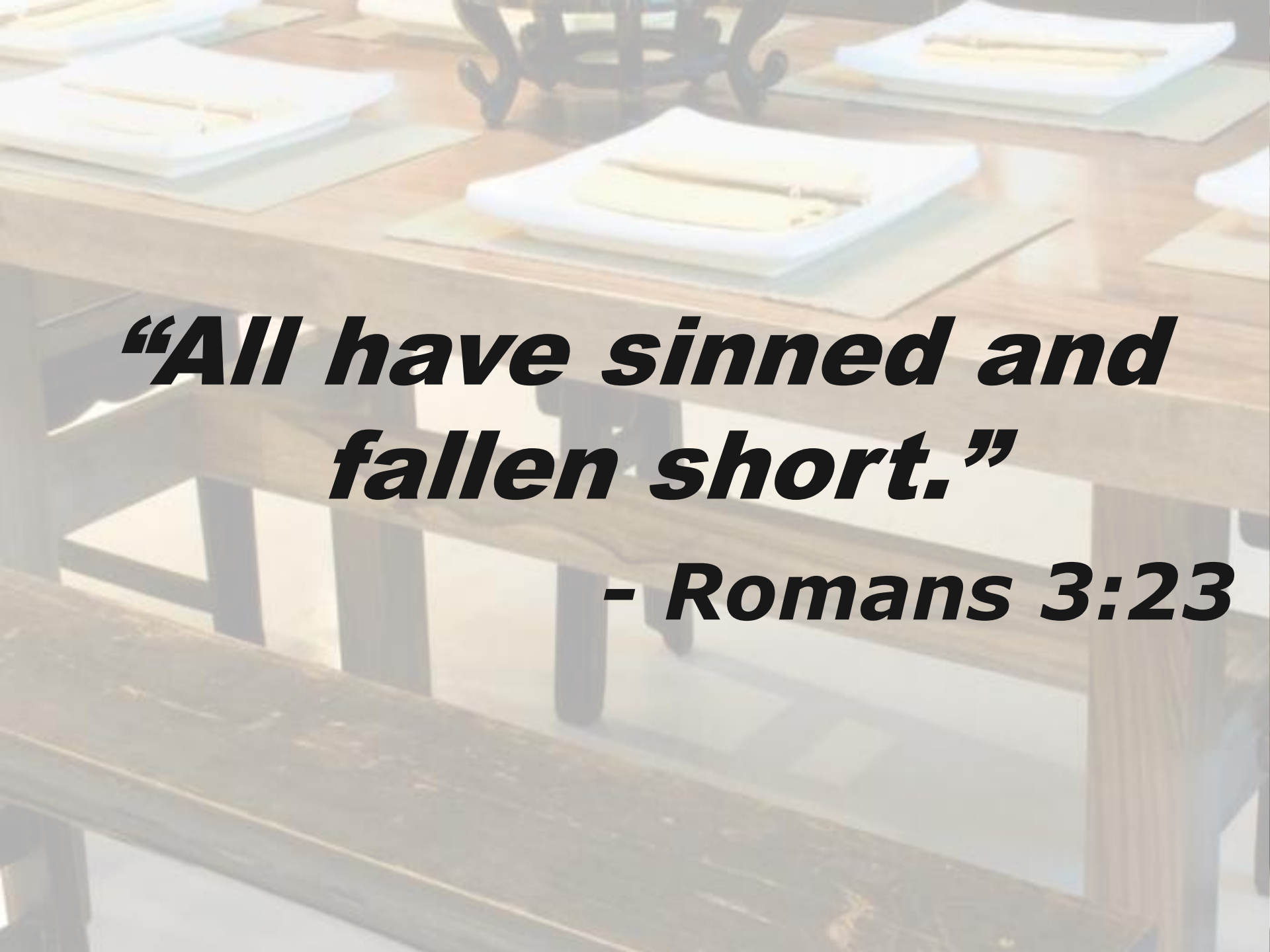
“Jesus looked up at Zacchaeus, called him by name and said ‘Zacchaeus, come down quickly! For I’m going to be a guest in your home today.’”

- Luke 19:5

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***“Zacchaeus!
Come on down!”***

- Luke 19:5

A photograph of a wooden dining table set for a meal. The table is light-colored wood and has several white plates with silverware on it. The background is slightly blurred, showing a dark wooden chair. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, italicized font.

***“All have sinned and
fallen short.”***

- Romans 3:23



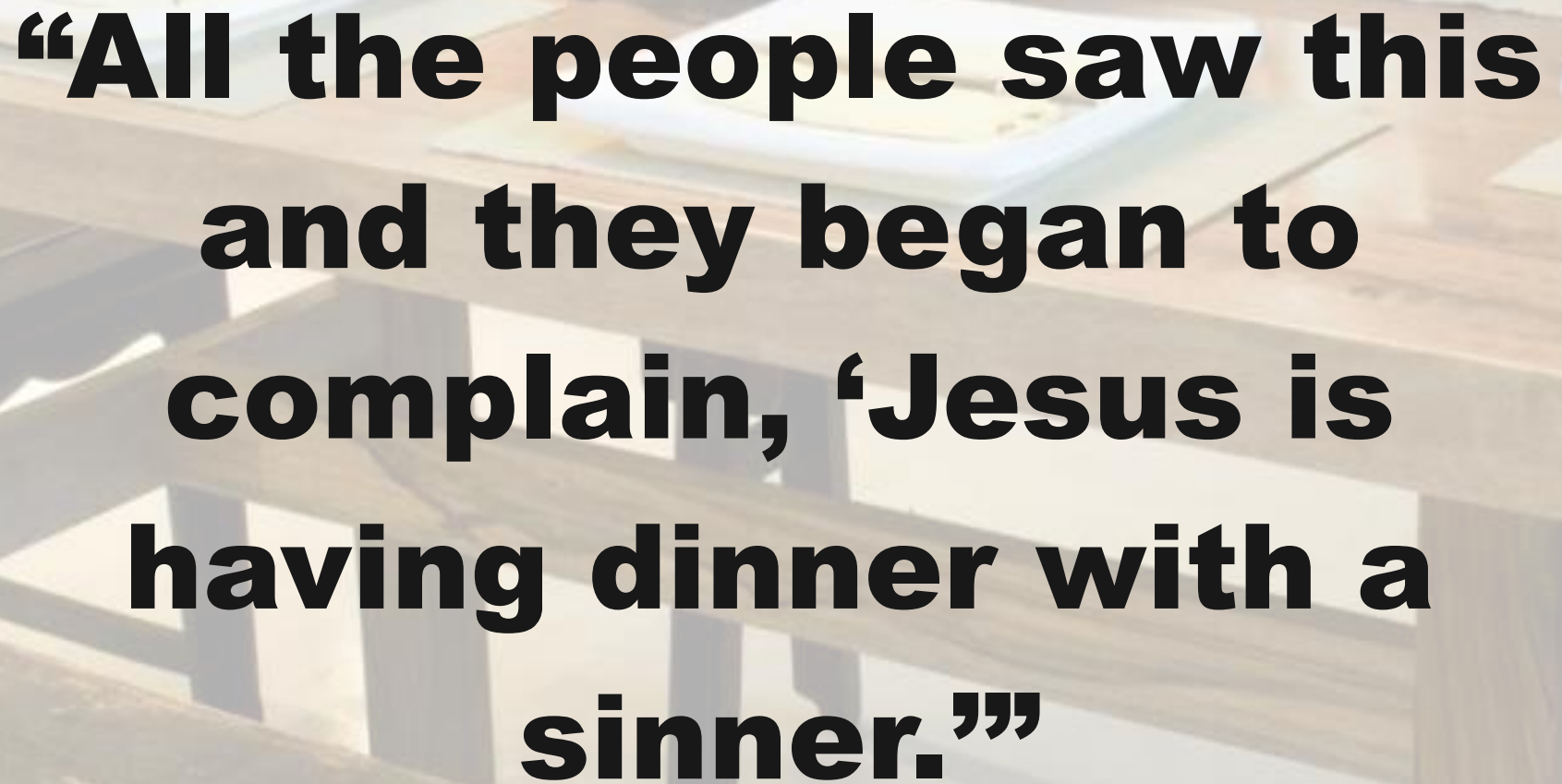
***“I didn’t come to
condemn the world;
I came to save it.”***

- John 12:47



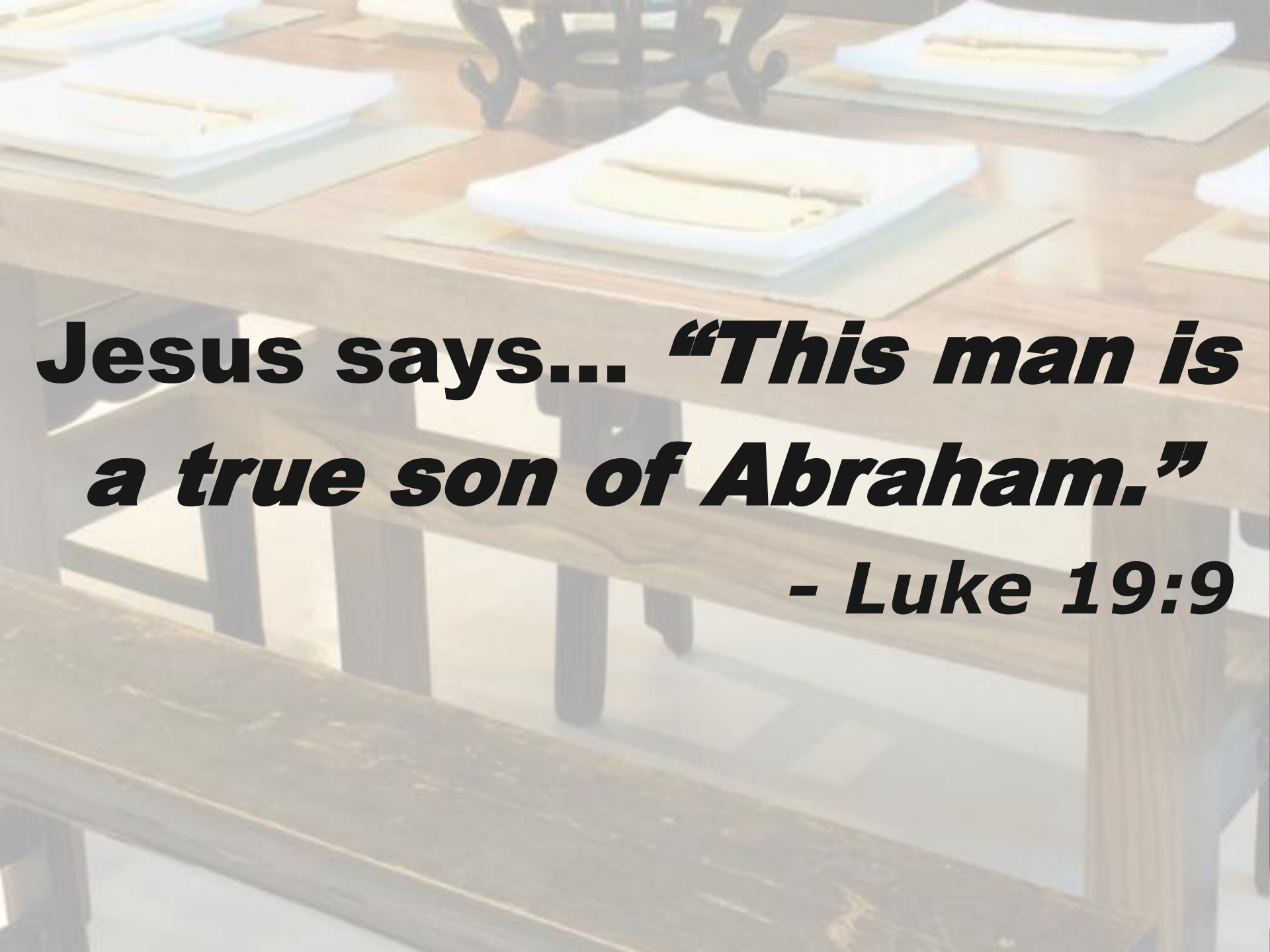
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**4. No matter what others
say about me
– Jesus affirms me.**



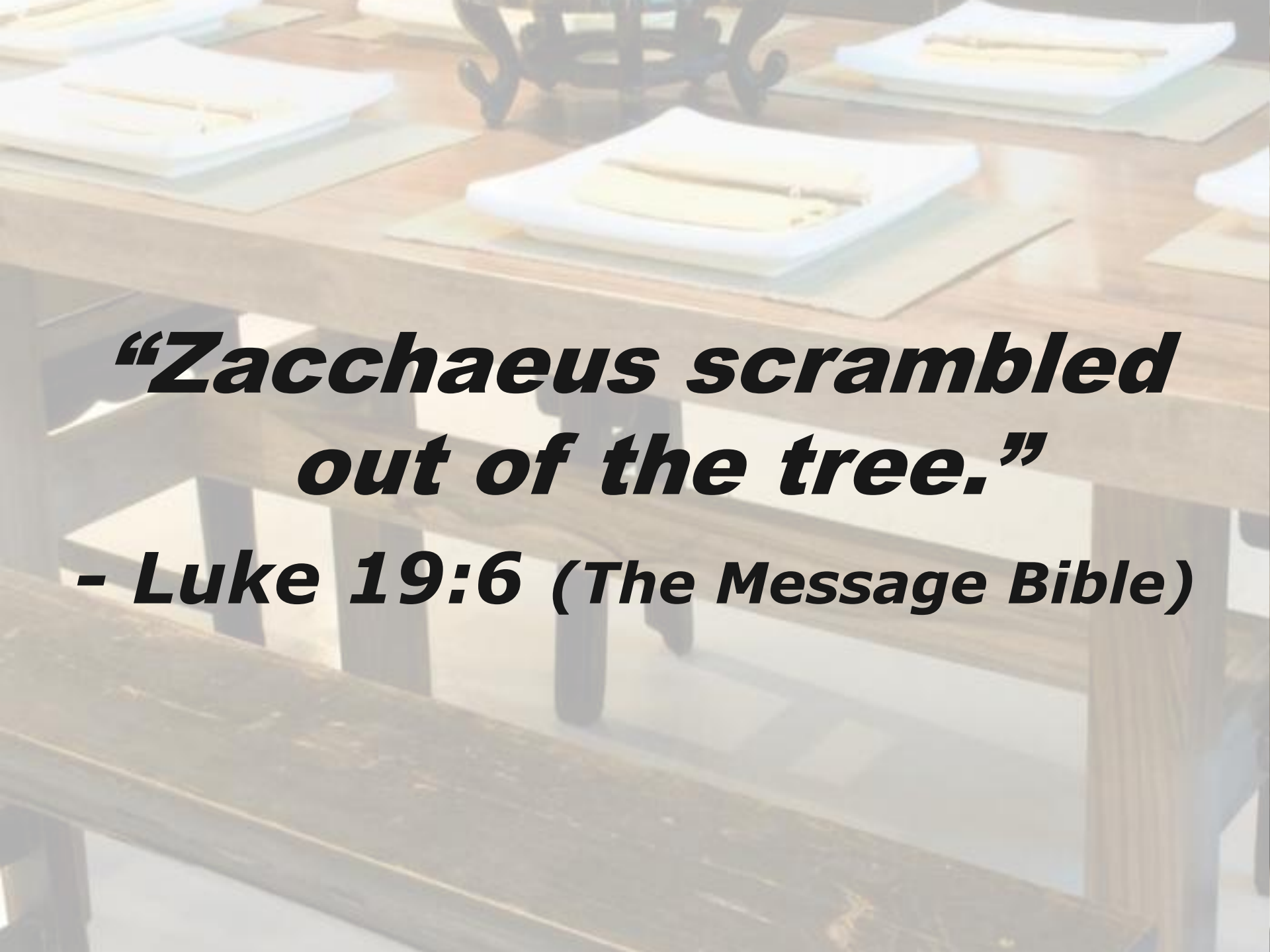
**“All the people saw this
and they began to
complain, ‘Jesus is
having dinner with a
sinner.’”**

- Luke 19:7

A wooden dining table with white placemats and plates, set for a meal. The table is made of light-colored wood and has several white placemats arranged on it. Each placemat has a white plate with a yellow napkin and a silver fork and knife. The background is slightly blurred, showing a wooden chair with a dark metal backrest.

**Jesus says... *“This man is
a true son of Abraham.”***

- Luke 19:9

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***“Zacchaeus scrambled
out of the tree.”***

- Luke 19:6 (The Message Bible)

“Lord, I’ll give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I’ve cheated anyone, I’ll give back four times as much!”

- Luke 19:8