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Dear Friend:

I wonder if Zacchaeus ever returned to the sycamore tree where he first met Jesus. I like to imagine him standing at the trunk of the tree with his grandchildren gathered around. I can see him pointing up through the limbs and marveling, "That's where I first heard Him call my name."

This past winter, a Young Life leader named Mary took a group of high school seniors to her own "sycamore tree" at Frontier Ranch in Colorado. Mary gathered her six Campaigners girls around the sacred spot where she first heard Jesus call her name 13 years ago. Mary had met the Savior one night at the base of a black mountain, silhouetted against a billion dazzling stars during the 20 minutes of silence at camp.

Now Mary stood at the base of that mountain again with the graduating seniors and gave them a vision for their future. "I would have never known you if I had not first met Jesus here at this spot," she said. Then Mary encouraged the girls to give their faith away to others and imagine what God might do.

Thank you for supporting Young Life. Thanks to friends like you, thousands of kids will sit beneath the stars at Young Life camp this summer. For many it will be their first time to sit in silence and consider Jesus. May God give them ears to hear the Savior calling them by name. And may many like Mary return to their sycamore tree someday with a gaggle of disciples. Thank you for making legacies of faith like this possible with your support.

In Christ for all kids,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Newton'.

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