



**Dear friends,**

this Christmas we will play the game of “the good and the bad guy”. However, it’s not about good and bad people, since this kind of people does not exist. As you know, only God is truly good: at most we strive to be good. When Jesus met those people who were considered to be “bad”, he saved them from stoning, he healed them from sicknesses and ate with them. Are they really bad guys?

The game we actually want to play is that of “the good and the bad moments”. Bad moments are bad just because they are always there, in front of us. A doctor to visit, a debtor to chase, an expired bill, all those daily hassles preventing us from seeing the good.

Right as it happened to Zacchaeus, who could not see Jesus. This Christmas let’s climb the sycamore like he did, let’s get comfortable and think for five minutes about three good moments.

**Liliana** may think of Nora, who received an incredible support from Faith and Light friends when dealing with her illness. Or she may think of the communities of Piemonte, supporting each other, also economically. Or she may think of the little seed planted in Arona.

**Fabio** may think of the new-born community of Tirana or of Pietro, adopted by so many Faith and Light friends. Or he may even think of Pope Francis, who requested that our Faith and Light friends were in the front row during the Mass of the International Day of People with Disabilities.

**Vito** may think at the basket matches in Monopoli or of that thread connecting one hundred people during the meeting of region Campania. Or he may think of those two disabled friends from Foggia who had to overcome thousands of difficulties to get married and finally made it and shared their joy with everyone.

These five minutes you are going to reserve for you, sitting on the sycamore, will be five minutes of justice. It is not fair that sufferings, misunderstandings, frustrations obscure the beauty and the good that we all live.

Our heart deserves a reward. At Christmas let’s look around us, let’s look inside. The reward will be there.

**Buon Natale!**

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