

Navigating Family Betrayal: Parents

Part 1

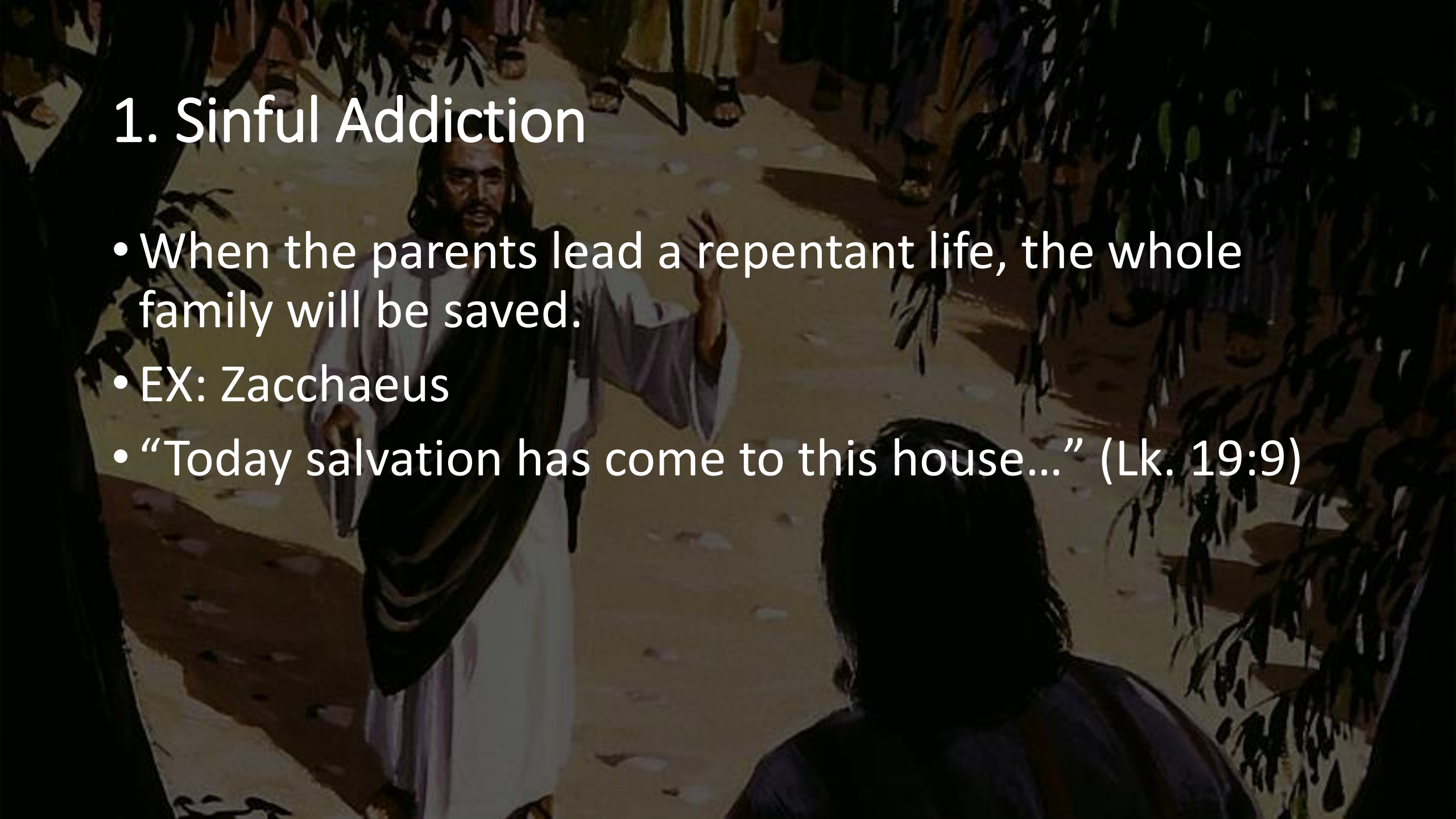
Introduction

- The Lord revealed to us the signs of the end times
- “Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.” (Mk. 13:12)
- The Lord warns us of the state of families during this time
- How do parents betray their children?

1. Sinful Addiction

- Abraham and Abimelech
- But Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, “Lord, will You slay a righteous nation also?” (Gen. 20:4)
- Lot’s wife
- David’s lust for Bathsheba



A background image showing Jesus walking through a crowd of people. He is wearing a white robe and a dark sash, and has his right hand raised in a gesture of blessing or teaching. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a dirt path.

1. Sinful Addiction

- When the parents lead a repentant life, the whole family will be saved.
- EX: Zacchaeus
- “Today salvation has come to this house...” (Lk. 19:9)

2. Greed

- “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” (1 Tim. 6:10)
- “And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” (Lk. 12:19-21)

3. Lack of Discipline

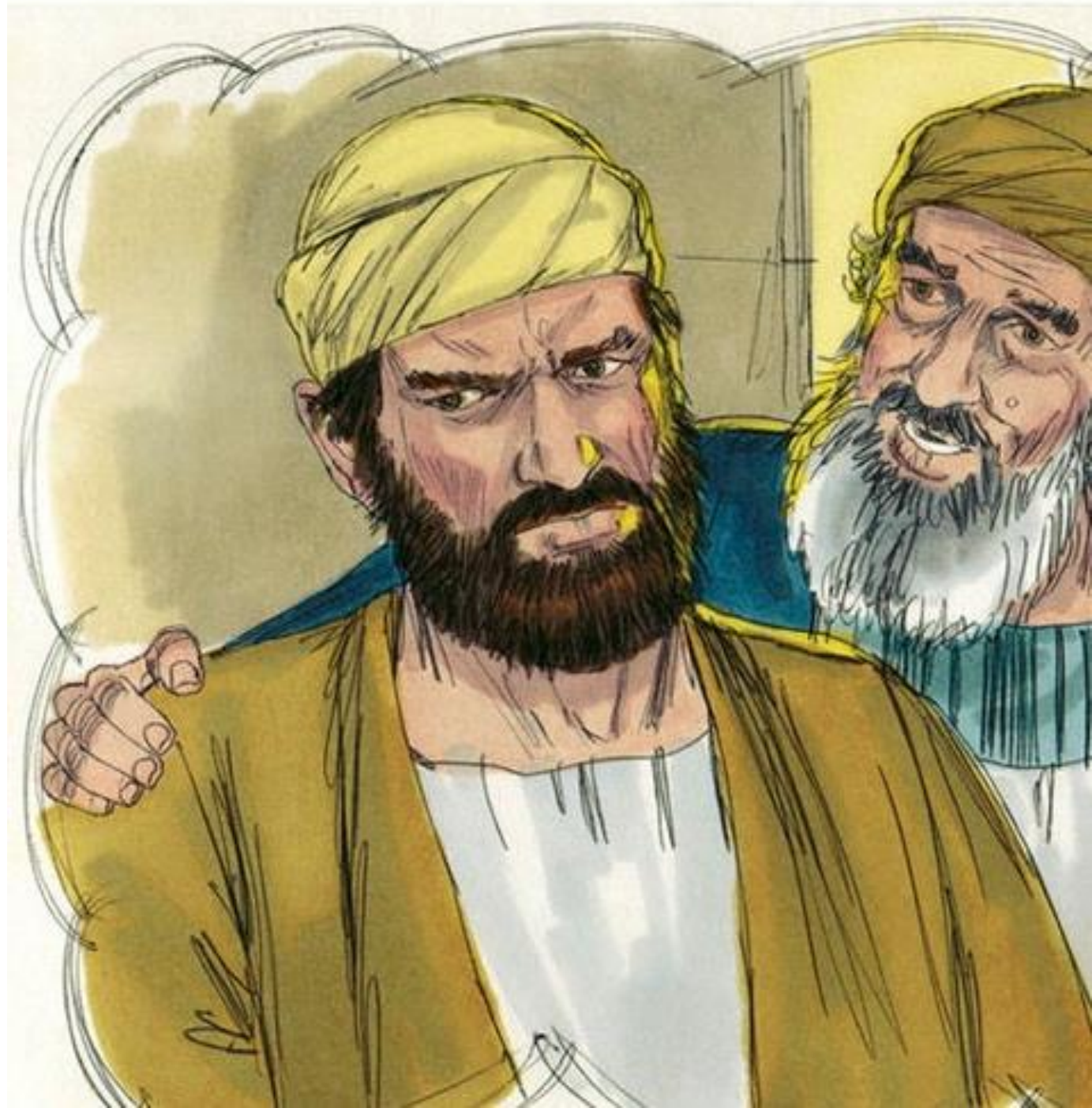
- Disciple provides a child with predictable goals and boundaries of acceptable behavior.
- EX: Eli the priest
- How does the lack of discipline affect children?
 - Behavioral Issues
 - Difficulty regulating their emotions
 - More likely to engage in risky behavior
- “Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.” (Pro. 29:17)

4. Lack of Spiritual Training

- “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” (Deut. 6:6-7)
- We will answer on their behalf on Judgement Day
- “Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Prov. 22:6)

5. Conditional Love

- Withholding affection based on a child's performance or some expectation
- EX: The elder son in the parable of the Lost Son



6. Injustice

Dealing with
children in an
unfair manner

Showing partiality
in dealing with
children

EX: Absalom

Conclusion

- “Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.” (Mk. 13:12)
- How do parents betray their children?
 - Sinful addiction
 - Greed (money)
 - Lack of Discipline
 - Untrained in the Spiritual life
 - Conditional love
 - Injustice
- “But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.” (Mk. 13:23)
- NEXT WEEK: What would cause children betray their parents?