

Parable: Truth in Story
Week 4: A Pair of Pray-ers
Luke 18:9-14

Series Theme: God reveals truth to the committed follower of Jesus.

The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. **Psalm 25:14**

This Week: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” (James 4:6)

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men-- robbers, evildoers, adulterers-- or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' ¹³ "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' ¹⁴ "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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Three questions:

What is your perception of self?

What is your perception of others?

What is your perception of God?

- **Making It Personal**