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How To Reach God

Luke 18:9-14

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone 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 by himself and prayed: “God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.”

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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 all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.””

Big Idea:

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Connecting with God arises from an awareness of our spiritual needs, not from an exercise of trying to convince him he's lucky to know us.

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The Wrong Approach

Human attempts at
perfection never
move God.

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The Right Approach

Expressing our need of God to God is the beginning of receiving from God.

Today

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1. Drop your mask
2. Pick up the language, deeds and attitude of authenticity.
3. Live and relate to others with an awareness of your own need for God's grace.