

SERMONNOTES

“PRAY LIKE A SINNER” | LUKE 18:9-14

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Theme: Recognizing the depth of our spiritual destitution and crying out to God for mercy leads us to the unconditional love and acceptance of God found in Christ.

Mercy- compassion or forgiveness shown toward an offender or enemy who is within one's power to punish or harm.

Pharisee's Prayer

- Confident of his own righteousness he prays, “I am not like other people-robbers, evil doers, adulterers or even this tax collector.” V.9,11
- Looks down on those who do not measure up to his good behavior. V.9
- Proving his worth by the religious deeds that he does leads to his pride.

Tax Collector's Prayer

- Has zero confidence in his righteousness and worth. V.13
- Beat his breast in brokenness over his sins against God.
- Believing in God's mercy, he cries out to God for mercy.
- Goes home justified freely by God's infinite mercy. V.14

What can we learn in regular experiences of His mercy in prayer?

- My worth, my identity, my life is found in the merciful love of God.
- Proving our worth by actions leads us away from God to pride.

How can we learn to pray like a sinner?

- Start with “Lord I am like other people- robbers, evil doers, adulterers...”
- Feel how prideful and selfish attitudes and actions have offended God who has loved us and given us so much.
- As you think about Jesus dying for your sins, pray “LORD Jesus have mercy on me a sinner.”

THISWEEK

TODAY, DECEMBER 3:

8:30 am: Worship Service
9:50 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service
4:00 pm: Deacon's Meeting
5:00 pm: Youth Ministry Teams
Summit Kids
Adult Bible Study, Room 124
6:00 pm: Technical Dress Rehearsal

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4:

6:30 pm: Technical Dress Rehearsal

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5:

7:00 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast, Famous A's
Ladies' Prayer Meeting, Sanctuary
10:30 am: Staff Meeting

WORSHIPATTENDANCE

1st: 128 2nd: 205 Sunday School: 192

DEACON OF THE WEEK

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6:

5:00 pm: Special Characters Dress Rehearsal
6:30 pm: Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal
6:30 pm: Youth Tree Decoration

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7:

6:30 pm: Dress Rehearsal

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8-10:

6:40 pm: Pre-Pageant performance by
Youth Stick Ministry Team
7:00 pm: Musical Drama “Mary Did You Know”

DECEMBER 3-10

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