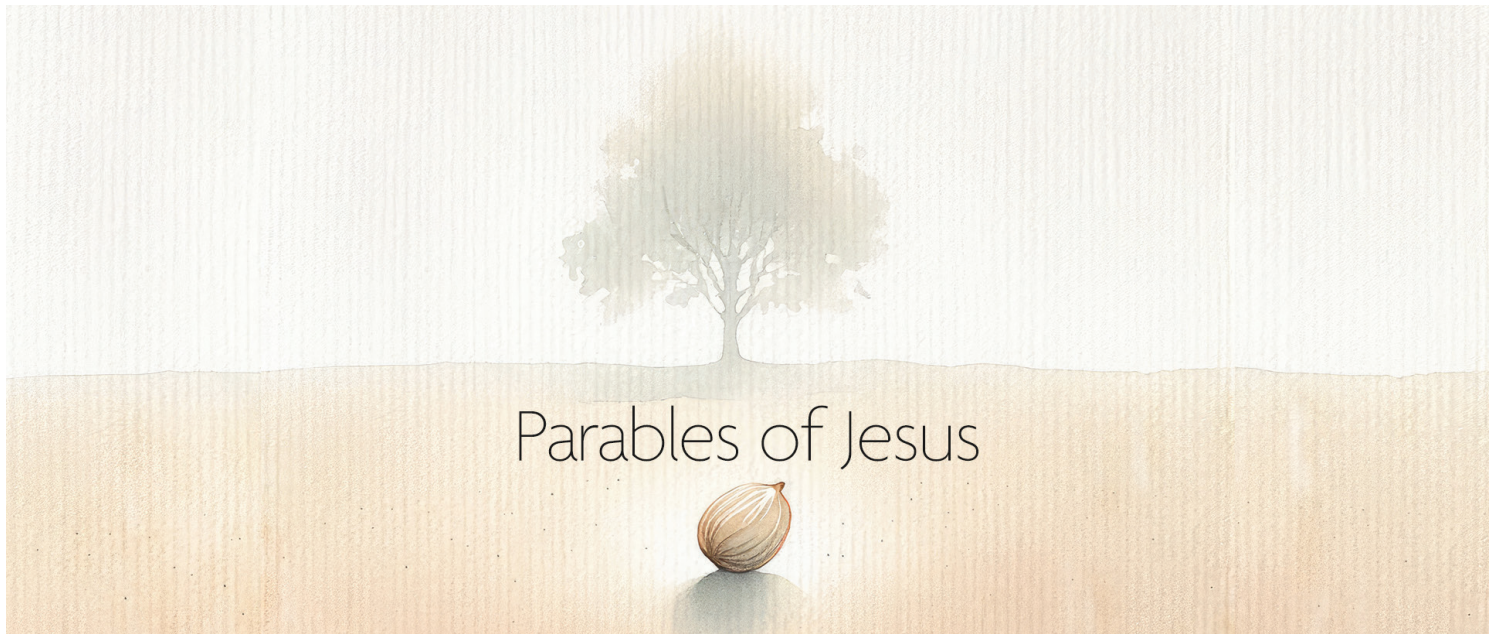




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READ

Read Luke 18:9-14 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- What were the cultural assumptions about Pharisees and tax collectors in Jesus' day?
- What is the relationship between trusting in self for righteousness and treating others with contempt?
- What does Jesus mean when he says, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." What does it mean to humble oneself?
- How does our understanding of the gospel affect our understanding of this parable?

APPLY

- If Jesus were telling this parable today, who might fit the role of "tax collector"? What about the "Pharisee"?
- What are some of the ways we can tend to pat ourselves on the back as followers of Jesus? Is this always wrong? What makes it an issue?
- Why is it so tempting to compare our faith to others'? How can we cultivate spirits of humility?
- How can we ensure that we are welcoming to the "tax collectors" of our day?
- What might it look like to navigate the tension of showing grace to sinners without affirming sin?

PRAY

- Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.

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