

Show Mercy**based on Luke 18:9-14**

Jesus had just told the parable of the Widow and the Mean Judge to his disciples. As they were thinking about it, Jesus noticed that the Pharisees in the crowd had edged closer to hear what Jesus was saying.

Jesus turned to them and others in the crowd and told them this story:

Two people went to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who made a show of entering the temple and praying in the middle, where everyone could see him. The other was a tax collector. He had quietly crept in when no one was looking and went to a dark corner.

The Pharisee stood with his hands raised and prayed, "Thank you, God, that I am not like that tax collector over there. I fast not once, but twice a week. I give a tenth of everything I have to God."

As the Pharisee continued to tell God how good he was, the tax collector stood in the corner with his head bowed. He couldn't even lift his face to heaven. He pounded on his chest with his fists, crying to God, "I am a sinner. God, show mercy to me."

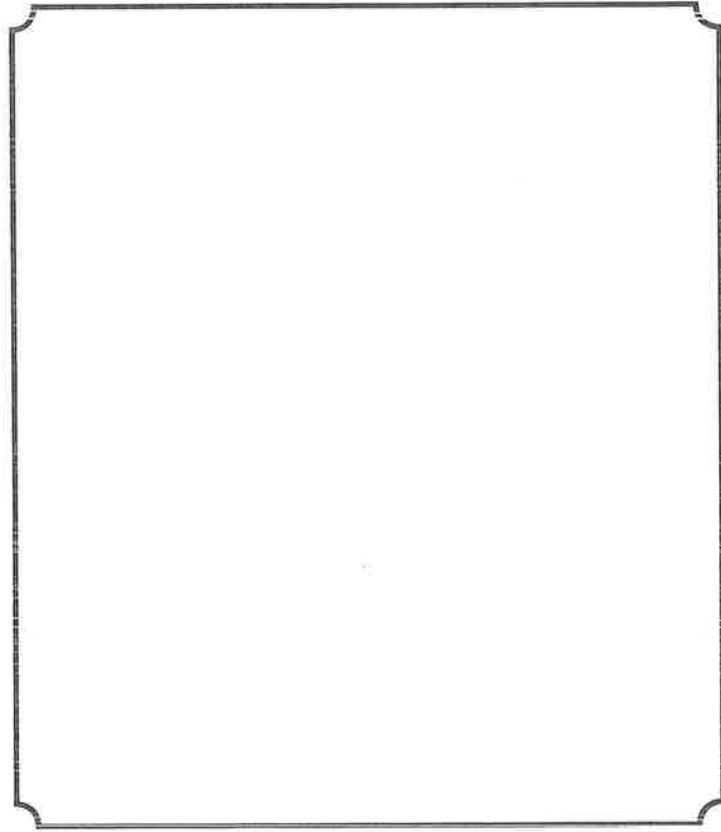
Jesus stood silently so the listeners could get these two men firmly in their imaginations. Then Jesus said, "Believe me, the tax collector went back home knowing God's mercy. But the Pharisee did not. Everyone who thinks they are so good will be brought low. Those who know what they have done wrong and say it will be lifted up."

I wonder what the faces of the Pharisees were like when Jesus finished speaking.



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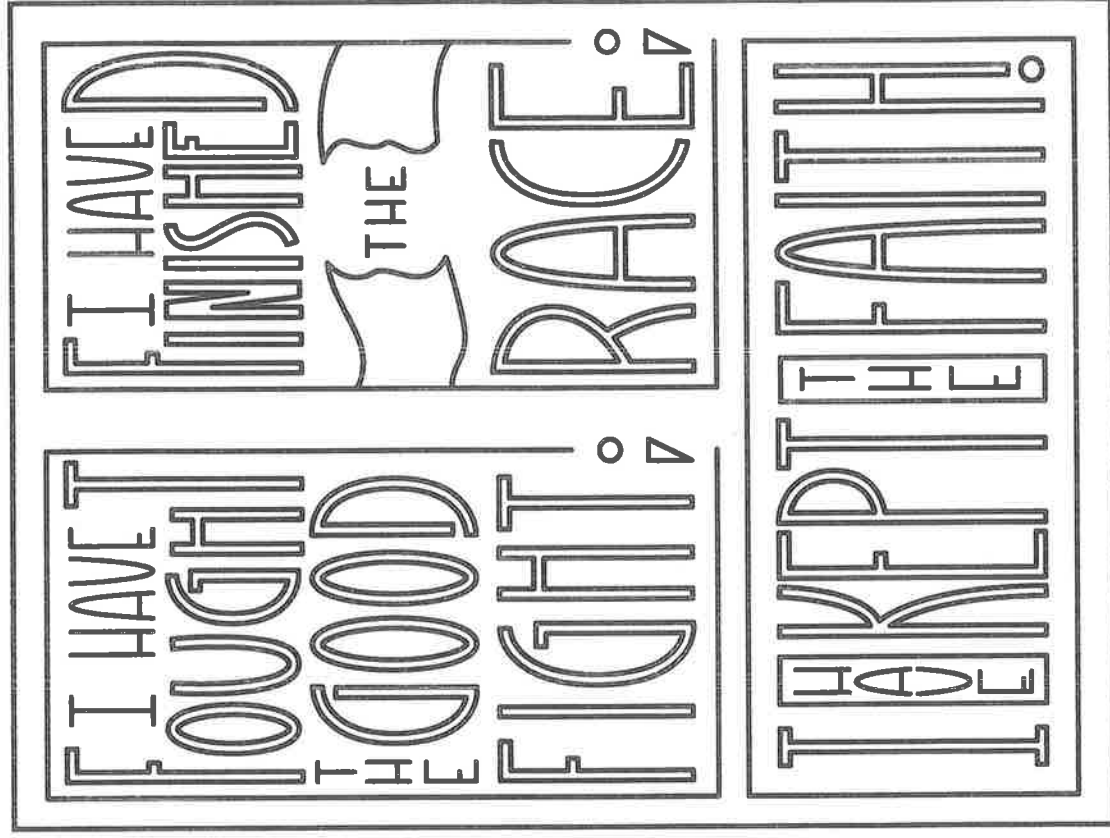
In Luke 18, Jesus talks about how having a humble attitude when we pray helps us really connect with God. One part of being humble is recognizing how much we need and depend on God. It can be as simple as praying each day, "God I need you and can't do this without you. Thanks for loving me." What does being humble look like to you? **Draw it here.**



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