

## 10-23-22 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“The parable [of the Pharisee and the tax collector] invites us to aspire to humility. Humility shows itself in our attitude, behavior, and spirit. Humble hearts hold out hope that we can be restored to wholeness and find community with God and neighbor”

- Douglas W. Ruffle



2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 ✠ Luke 18:9-14

### Questions for Reflection —

- In what way(s) do you identify with the Pharisee? Have you ever made assumptions about another person based on outward appearances? Under what circumstances are you tempted to think more highly of yourself than you ought? What would it look like instead for you to approach such situations with a humble heart? In what aspect(s) of your life might you need to cultivate a spirit of humility? What do you need in order to do so?
  
- In what way(s) do you identify with the tax collector? Are you able to bring all of who you are, including your foibles, when you come to God in prayer? Why or why not? What do you need in order to be more truthfully self-aware? What would enable you to trust fully in God's merciful love and compassionate understanding so that you can be restored to wholeness?
  
- What is the race that God has called you to run? What challenges, distractions, and/or temptations threaten to cause you to deviate from your course? What do you need in order to overcome them? What does it mean for you to keep the faith in the face of setbacks? What spiritual practices help you to stay the course in your life of discipleship?

### Daily Household Prayer

Good and gracious God, You promise to pour out Your Spirit upon us; You are the hope of the world. Give us strength, that we might serve You; make us humble, that we might live for Your glory alone. In the Name of Jesus we pray. Amen.