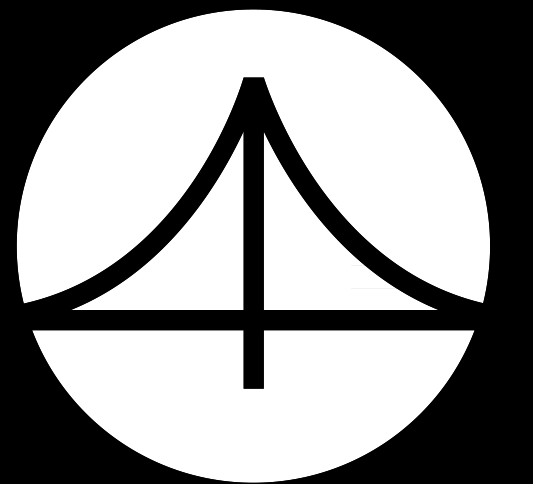


# Parables of Jesus in Luke: Two Prayers

Luke 18:9-14



# Repentance is the only path to God

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# The Story

- Pharisees were Jewish heroes in Jesus' day
- Tax collectors were the villains of society
- The Pharisee thanks God for making him good
- The tax collector asks God to show him mercy
- The tax collector is accepted by God and the Pharisee isn't

# What it Means

- We need to repent not only of the bad things we've done, but the good things too
- The goal of God's commandments is that we'll love God and love others
- Obeying God's commands without love isn't true obedience

# What it Means

- We're far more messed up than we ever realized, but far more loved than we ever dared hope
- God doesn't see the world as full of good people and bad people, but of forgiven sinners and unforgiven sinners