

S E R M O N O U T L I N E

I'd **LIKE** to
BUT ...

2. I'M TOO SINFUL TO BE ACCEPTED

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¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding round him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.'

⁵ Simon answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.'

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!' ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.' ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

LUKE 5

#1.

YOU ARE EVEN MORE INIQUITOUS THAN YOU THINK

³³ Peter replied, 'Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.'

³⁴ 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus answered, 'this very night, before the cock crows, you will disown me three times.'

³⁵ But Peter declared, 'Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.' And all the other disciples said the same.

MATTHEW 26

¹⁰ As it is written:

'There is no one righteous, not even one;

¹¹ there is no one who understands;

there is no one who seeks God.

¹² All have turned away,

they have together become worthless;

there is no one who does good,

not even one.'

ROMANS 3

#2.

GOD IS EVEN MORE GRACIOUS THAN YOU BELIEVE

³¹ 'Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your

brothers.'

LUKE 22

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5

#3. FORGIVENESS IS EVEN MORE PRECIOUS THAN YOU IMAGINE

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

ROMANS 5

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we

should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

1 JOHN 3

¹³ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

¹⁴ I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

LUKE 18

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. To what extent has familiarity with Christianity eroded your sense of unworthiness before a holy God? In what ways do you observe yourself and others failing to regard God as the utterly righteous and awesome being that he is?**
- 2. Why are we so prone to relying on works righteousness (rather than grace righteousness)? In what ways do you find works righteousness creeping into your thoughts and actions?**
- 3. According to the sermon, what are some beneficial effects of receiving God's forgiveness? Are you experiencing these benefits in your life?**

