

Snapshots of Jesus  
"Your Biggest Problem"  
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Mark 2:5-7

*When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."*

*6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"*

A Parable – A Letter – A Song

Luke 18:9-14

*To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men — robbers, evildoers, adulterers — or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'*

*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.*

We become blind to our sin when we play:

1) The \_\_\_\_\_ Game. "I you know plenty of bigger sinners than me!"

2) The \_\_\_\_\_ Game. "If they hadn't...I wouldn't have..."

1 John 1:8-10

*If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.*

Ps 32:3-5

*When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.*

*4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped*

*as in the heat of summer.*

*5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.*

*I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD" — and you forgave*

*the guilt of my sin.*

*Ps 51:*

*2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.*

*7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.*

*8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.*

*9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.*

*10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

*Mark 2:10-12*

*That you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins . . . ." He said to the paralytic, 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"*