



Foundations of Our Faith
"50 Years! Who Are We Celebrating?"

October 17 & 18, 2026

Luke 18:9-14

Opener: If you arrived at church on a Sunday morning and were the very first one there, where would you choose to sit? In the front? Or in the back? Why?

Go Deeper: *(Exploring the Bible)*

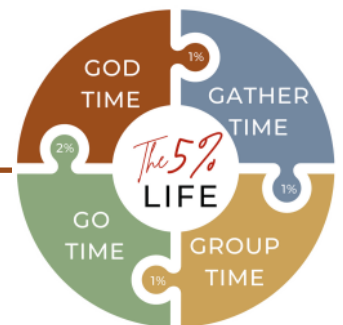
1. Compare Psalm 51:10-11 with Luke 18:11-12. How does David's confession compare with the Pharisee's prayer?
 2. Now compare Psalm 51:10-11 with the tax collector's prayer in Luke 18:13. Why do you think Jesus' judgment of the two men was so different?
 3. Is it possible for us to be recipients of God's grace, but not be aware of it in our life?
 4. Read Ephesians 2:8-9 carefully. It gives us a convincing and absolutely true description of how we are saved. Is it by God's grace or our works? Is it something to brag about?
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Live It: *(Applying to Daily Life)*

1. When might you be tempted to think like the Pharisee? Thinking about your faithful church attendance? Your generous giving? Your position in life compared to someone else?
2. Think of one time when God's grace stood out more than another. How did you recognize/notice it?
3. Did you acknowledge that gift of grace from God? Did you give God thanks?
4. It may happen during worship today. You may think of it as you drive to an appointment or an event this week. However it happens (the Holy Spirit doesn't always speak to us at the most convenient time), will you ask God's forgiveness when you are convicted as King David was in Psalm 51? Something of which you are not at all proud. When you do, make an effort to see God's grace in that moment awareness.



GOD TIME:



Daily Bible Readings (October 18-24)

Sun:	Luke 18:9–14	God Welcomes the Humble
Mon:	Psalm 51:1–12	Create in Me a Clean Heart
Tues:	Romans 3:19–28	Made Right by Faith
Wed:	Ephesians 2:1–10	Saved by Grace
Thurs:	Titus 3:3–8	Renewed by God's Mercy
Fri:	Luke 15:11–24	The Father Welcomes Us Home
Sat:	1 John 1:5–9	Forgiven and Cleansed