The Transparent Disciple

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Text: *Luke 18:9–14; Matthew 5:8; Psalm 51:6*

Living without Masks

- We are not flawless, but we must _____.

- Jesus' tenderness frees us from the exhausting work of _____ _____.

Owning Our Inner Reality

- Poverty of spirit is _____.

- Stop pretending to be _____.

- Jesus meets us _____ in the places we are _____.

Enjoying the Freedom of Being Known

- Our brokenness does not _____.

- When we are confident that we are loved, we are free to _____ _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- Every environment we enter—work, family, church, friendships—has unspoken rules about what you can show and what you should hide. What are some of the unspoken rules you've noticed in different parts of your life? Which of those unspoken rules has shaped how you show up spiritually?

- What are some of the "masks" people commonly wear in church or daily life, and which ones do you personally feel tempted to put on?

- Jesus contrasts managed appearances with confessed weakness (see Lk 18:9-13). Where do you see yourself leaning toward the Pharisee's mindset, and where do you resonate with the tax collector's honesty?

- What does an "unmixed" or "pure" heart look like in everyday life, and what tends to pollute or complicate your inner life (Mt 5:8)?

- Where in your life do you feel the tension between wanting to appear strong and needing to admit weakness?

- What part of your story or inner life feels fragile right now, and how does Jesus' tenderness reshape how you view that area?

- What do you think would change in your spiritual life if you truly believed you didn't have to hide anything from God or from God's people?