**“Who am I really” Parables of Jesus Pt. 1**

**Jesus’ parables were intended to address very specific human issues.**

**Faith in Jesus isn’t about what we know it is more deeply related to who we are becoming.**

***36 One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, 38 and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. 39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.”*  Luke 7:36-39**

***Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”* Luke 15:1-2**

**Many of us are unable to see ourselves accurately through the veil of self-righteous, particularly morality as we define it.**

**A Pharisee is quick to point to all of his/her good deeds as justification before God.**

***In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.* Judges 17:6**

**When we focus on Christ, instead of having conversations with others about others, we will have conversations with God about ourselves.**

***The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,* Psalm 51:17**

**We need to think less often about ourselves and more highly of God.**