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“The Last Coca Cola In The Desert”
(Luke 18:9-14)

Every language has its own _____ that make perfect sense to its own people.

The Chinese idiom says: “A _____ among a flock of chickens.”

Jesus’ stories are always a glimpse into the _____ of God.

Jesus’ stories are meant to _____ our life, not just _____ us!

This Pharisee in our story seems to think he’s God gift to...._____!

Jesus begins this story saying that _____ men went up to pray, a _____ and a _____.

Tax collectors were considered societal _____, and utter disgraces to their families.

Jesus was trying to reveal the _____ of God and the _____ of God’s kingdom.

1.- One man stood before God in his self-_____;
the other stood before God in his _____.

St. Augustine said it takes 3 qualities to understand God’s truth:
1st is _____; 2nd _____; 3rd _____!

Some people can’t move on to positive change in their spiritual lives because they’ve never experienced real _____.

Some of us are still trying to _____ God’s approval!

There is an inverse relationship between _____ God’s approval and receiving God’s _____!

2.- One man thought he was the _____ Coca Cola in the desert. The other knew he was a _____ in need of mercy.

The word used for “mercy” here refers to pardoning a _____ or making _____ for another’s sin.

Atonement in the Hebrew Bible is translated as “to _____.”

Christ is our _____! He is our atoning sacrifice!

3.- One exalted himself and left _____; the other _____ himself and left justified.

It’s astounding to me how little we _____ from God!

The tax collector stood before God and recognized God’s _____ and his own _____!

Henry Nouwen:

“Dear God, I am so afraid to open my clenched fists! Who will I be when I have nothing left to hold on to? Who will I be when I stand before you with empty hands?”

Please help me to gradually open my hands and to discover that I am not what I own, but that what you want to give me.”

One man showed up with _____ hands and asked God for mercy. And God did the rest!

Come to God with _____ confession, humility and _____ hands.

Leave here changed by the mercy of the God who gave His life to save us and give us eternal life!