

The Seven Stories of Hope

Story #2: The Religious And The Sinners

Luke 18:9-17

First Third: Move Up

- ♦ Pastoral care and prayer
- ♦ Application goals from last week
- ♦ Vision: "Moving Up, In and Out"

Up & In – Matt. 22:37-40

Out – Matt. 28:19-20, Acts 20:20

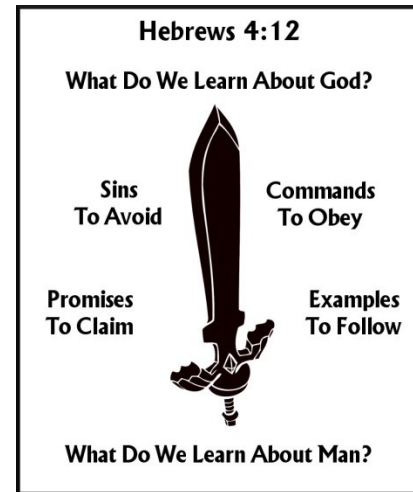


Second Third: Move In (Read the story twice.)

List the sins that our society considers to be abnormal and outside the realm of acceptance or forgiveness.

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Key Truth: This parable teaches that the kingdom is for humble and repentant sinners, not the proud & self-righteous. Jesus tells the story of the "good" Pharisee who doesn't need to repent vs. the tax collector who begs for God's forgiveness.



How to learn from the story of "The Religious & the Sinners."

Final Third: Move Out

- ♦ Practice: Practice retelling the story in your own words.
- ♦ Personal Application: What did God say? How should I obey?

- ♦ Assigned Goal: Share the story with 2 people this week.

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- ♦ Pray for the Spirit's power to apply this story and achieve your goal.