



COMING NEAR TO GOD

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- The Roman Centurion **Luke 7:1-10**:
 - **vv.2-5**: Jewish Elders are sent to Jesus
 - He is worthy to have his servant healed!
 - He built us a synagogue.
 - **vv.6-10**: Centurions Servant is sent to Jesus.
 - Centurion “I am not worthy.”
- Lesson: None of us are worthy to approach God (**Matthew 5:3**).

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■ The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Luke 18:9-14:

- **v.11-12:** Mr. Holier-Than-Thou.
- **v.13:** Would not even raise his head.
- **v.14:** The lesson from Jesus.

■ Lesson: God desires a humble heart in order to approach Him. **1 Peter 5:5-7**

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- Blind Bartimaeus **Luke 18:35-43**:
 - **vv.35-36**: Jesus approaching and Bartimaeus wanting to know.
 - **vv.37-39**: Understands his condition and stops at nothing to get to Jesus.
 - **vv.40-43**: Jesus moved with compassion heals the man.
- Lesson: God desires those who will stop at nothing to come to Him.

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■ It is not those who:

- Believe themselves worthy.
(The elders' appraisal of the Centurion)
- Are self righteous. (The Pharisee)
- Would not permit another to come (The crowd).

■ It is those who:

- Know their condition (Matthew 5:3).
- Seek God in humility.
- Will stop at nothing to come to Him.