

Application

4. What are your 5 “I” statements about yourself? Share them with the group.

5. Those “I” statements come about when we think like the Pharisee. Now, think like the tax collector. How can you offer those same efforts to God in brokenness, not in pride?

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TOPICS: SELF PITY, BROKENNESS

REPLACING SELF-PITY WITH BROKENNESS Selected Scriptures

“Self-pity is of the devil. and if I wallow I it, I cannot be used by God for his purpose in the world.”

Oswald Chambers

Self-pity redirects worship to yourself;
brokenness cries out to God (Luke 18:9-14)

Five “I” statements

The self-pitied demand to be better than they are;
the broken demand to have better than they deserve
(Romans 3:10-12)

The self-pitied know only opposition;
the broken know only grace (James 4:1-6)

My personal five "I" statements

The self-pitied know only want;
the broken are taught contentment (Philippians 4:11-13)

Getting to Know You

1. What is your favorite holiday? Why?

Into the Bible

2. Read Psalm 143:1-6, David says the same thing about our righteousness as Paul does in Romans 3:10-12. Verse 2 of Psalm 143 says, "no one living is righteous before you." Look at the rest of the passage. What does David do to make up for his lack of righteousness?
3. From James 4:1-6, list three characteristics of believers who have wrong motives in their requests from God.