

# **BIG ENOUGH: God Is Big Enough To Forgive Your Sin (Luke 18:9-14)**

## **Introduction.**

**Barbara**, a 35-year old mom sat in her pastor's office sobbing. She declared that she felt dirty. Why? As a fourteen year-old-girl, she had an abortion, with her parents approval. Guilt ridden she felt God could never forgive her.

**Evelyn**, a 55-year old woman, confessed, "I have always felt unworthy – like I wasn't good enough." Later she confessed that as a child she was abused by a family member." Forgiven? Yes! Freedom? No!

**Josh**, a 17-year old male lay in the hospital bed charged with vehicular manslaughter. He and some friends were joy riding. Josh lost control of the car. His best friend was killed! Can God forgive him?

**For some, there is a tension (a struggle) between the idea of God's forgiveness and the depth of their sin.** Can God really forgive all sin? The answer is YES!

**BIG IDEA:** Our sin is far more terrible than we think, but God's grace is far BIGGER than our sin.

**Contextualize this sermon.**

**Contextualize Luke 18:9-14.**

## I. Your Sin is BIG (18:9-13)

***Principle: Our sin is far more terrible than we think!***

- A) Both men were sinners - one recognized it, the other did not (18:11)
- B) Both men were sinners- one understood the depth of sin, the other did not (18:13)
- C) Both men were sinners - one understood the consequences of sin, the other didn't (18:12-13)

## II. God's Grace is BIGGER (18:14)

***Principle: God's grace is BIGGER than our sin!***

- A) Reality of grace
- B) Responsibility of grace
- C) Response to grace

## III. God is BIG ENOUGH to forgive (18:13-14)

***Principle: God is BIG ENOUGH to forgive all our sin!***

- A) No matter the quantity of your sin, God is big enough to forgive you.
- B) No matter the depth of your sin, God is big enough to forgive you.
- C) No matter the consequence of your sin, God is big enough to forgive you.

## Conclusion

Your view of God dictates how you live.

Is YOUR God big enough to forgive all your sins? Mine is.

Is YOUR God big enough to forgive and never bring up your past sins? Mine is.

Is YOUR God big enough to give a fresh start? Mine is.