SEPT 19

"As Jesus was speaking, one of the Pharisees invited him home for a meal. So he went in and took his place at the table." Luke 11:37 NLT

[lectio] // LUKE 11:37-54

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

So God gets invited to dinner. The host is TRAINED in the Law, the Temple and the Priesthood. The host actually works for God. The host has a dinner party, invites guests but does not know that he's invited the owner's son. Then he host criticizes the guest on edicate and all the ways the guest has it wrong about the owner's way of doing business. So the host is telling the owner's son how to run the family business. The whole passage is full of "woe to yous." But in the correction, which was NOT heeded, was a way to fight the dualistic problem of looking one way on the outside, but being completely filthy on he inside. Jesus says, "So clean the inside by giving gifts to the poor, and you will be clean all over." Clean the inside, manage the inside, tend to, work on the inside by doing what's right, doing something for those who have nothing and can give you nothing in return. Clean the inside and it will fix the dualistic paradox that every human being struggles with.

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pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

Biggest problem ever! The inside matching or surpassing the outside. My character being more real, true and healthy than what appears to be happening in my positions, status, finances, toys or social posts! God help me clean the inside! Create in me a clean heart Oh God and renew a right spirit within me (out of David's repentant prayer). When you (by your Spirit or another) point out incongruities, help me to repent and change! Not try to justify or flip the focus through manipulation. Let me receive correction that I might be healed.

[contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root