



## *The Hindrance of Unrepentance*

**INTRODUCTION:** There are many things that can hinder us from living the abundant life that Jesus came to give. One of the subtle hindrances that can rob us of joy and prevent us from growth is the sin of unrepentance. Please take time to listen today and examine your own life to make sure that this hindrance is not preventing you from what God wants to do in your life.

**READ:** Isaiah 59:1-3; Luke 18:9-14

### **DISCUSSION:**

1. What does it mean to repent? When do you first remember doing this?
2. What does genuine repentance look like? In what ways can you tell if “repentance” is insincere?
3. Why did Jesus give this parable in Luke 18 to the Pharisees? What was He trying to help them understand?
4. As a group, read Matthew 23:23-28. Why did Jesus make these statements? What does this teach us about our own attitudes and actions?
5. Take turns in the group reading the following - Matthew 5:21-26; 5:27-37; 5:38-48. The Pharisees thought their actions of keeping the Law could earn God’s favor. However, what does Jesus reveal about the Law in Matthew 5?
6. In Jesus’s parable in Luke 18, how did the Pharisee approach God? What did he do wrong? In what ways do we do the same? How did God respond?
7. In the parable, how did the publican approach God? What did he do well? How did God respond?
8. How is this parable similar to the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15? What did the prodigal son and the publican have in common? What did the Pharisee and the older brother have in common? Which group best describes you right now?
9. In Luke 15, what did the father do when the prodigal repented and returned home? How does this illustrate what God does when a sinner repents of sin? Is there a prodigal that you need to pray for?

**MAKE IT SO:** 1 John 1:9 assures us, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Don’t let anything stop you from being right with God today.

**READING LIST:** **Monday:** Luke 15:11-32 / **Tuesday:** Matthew 5:21-26 / **Wednesday:** Matthew 5:27-37  
**Thursday:** Matthew 5:38-48 / **Friday:** Matthew 6:1-15 / **Saturday:** Matthew 6:16-24  
**Sunday:** Matthew 7:1-5, 24-27