

RENEWSPRIT- "THE SPIRIT MAN" WEEK 2

"Then Jesus said to the crowds and his disciples: 'The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.'" – Mathew 23:1-3

Sanhedrin – Religious Leaders: Sadducees and Pharisees

Sadducees – the chief priests and the elders. They were born into this position.

Pharisees – a Jew who had done an incredible amount of work and had reached this role of religious leader.

Sadducees – pretenders who see their faith as something they were born into, a religious heritage.

Pharisees – pretenders who see their faith as intellectual knowledge and behavioral compliance.

Jesus summed up the Pharisees this way: *"They honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me."* – Matthew 15:8

Find a moment and look into the mirror and ask yourself some questions about who you really are...

1. *Who am I when nobody else is around?*

2. *Who am I when there are no lights and no stage?*

3. *With God, who am I?*

There is great joy in brokenness. There is great freedom in confession.

“When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this, he said to himself... ‘If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is – that she is a sinner.’” – Luke 7:39

“And Jesus answered him, ‘Look, I came in the house. You did not give me a kiss, not even on my hand. She hasn’t stopped kissing my feet. You gave me nothing to wash my feet with, and she is washing my feet with her tears. You gave me no olive oil for my head; and she has poured perfume on my feet.’ And people can just see the brokenness of this woman, and then Jesus turns to this woman and He says, ‘Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace.’” – Luke 7:40, 44-50

“A broken and contrite heart, God, you will not refuse.” – Psalm 51:17

Reflect: How will you apply this teaching? What really stood out to you in this message?
