

# DIARY OF A SECRET SINNER

## “I’m So Proud of Me”

### THE PHARISEE HERESY

**“I’m better because of how much I’ve been blessed!”**

<sup>27</sup> *“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. <sup>28</sup> In the same way, **on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.** Matthew 23:27-28 (NIV)*

### THE BLAMELESS LAME MESS

**“I’m better because of my obedience!”**

<sup>20</sup> *The man said to him, “Teacher, **I have wholeheartedly obeyed all these laws since my youth.**” Mark 10:20 (NET)*

<sup>3</sup> *If anyone **thinks they are something when they are not**, they deceive themselves. Galatians 6:3 (NIV)*

<sup>3</sup> *Do not **think of yourself more highly than you ought**, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. Romans 12:3 (NIV)*

### THE POSITION RENDITION

**“I’m better because I’m valuable!”**

<sup>26</sup> *...whoever **wants to become great** among you **must be your servant**, Matthew 20:26 (NIV)*

<sup>11</sup> *“I tell you the truth, **of all who have ever lived**, none is greater than John the Baptist. Matthew 11:11a (NLT)*

<sup>11</sup> *“I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—**so much greater that I’m not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals.** He will baptize you with the*

*Holy Spirit and with fire....* <sup>27</sup> John replied, “No one can receive anything unless God gives it from heaven. <sup>28</sup> You yourselves know how plainly I told you, ‘I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for him.’”

**Matthew 3:11, John 3:27-28 (NLT)**

**“I am not the Christ; I am just a messenger!” (WE SHOULD RETHINK OUR STATUS)**

<sup>29</sup> *It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, **and the best man is simply glad to stand with him** and hear his vows. Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success.*

**John 3:29 (NLT)**

**“I am not the groom, I’m the best man!” (WE SHOULD REINVENT OUR SERVING)**

<sup>30</sup> ***He must become greater** and greater, and **I must become less** and less.* **John 3:30 (NLT)**

**“I am not the picture, I’m the frame!” (WE SHOULD REDIRECT THE GLORY)**