

## WHAT WOULD JESUS UNDO?

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### Hypocrisy

“The single greatest cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, then walk out the door, and deny Him with their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.”

Brennan Manning

Hypocrisy is not the disparity between what we \_\_\_\_ and what we \_\_\_\_\_ we did.

Hypocrisy is the gap between what we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ we are.

<sup>16</sup> Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. **Titus 1:16 (NLT2)**

<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.... <sup>33</sup> “You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell? **Matthew 23:33 (NIV11)**

### Hope For the Hypocrite

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full

of greed and self-indulgence. <sup>26</sup> Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

**Matthew 23:25-26 (NIV11)**

<sup>13</sup> Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

**Proverbs 28:13 (NIV11)**

<sup>23</sup> Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. <sup>24</sup> See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. **Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV11)**

- We don't close the gap with \_\_\_\_\_
- We close the gap with \_\_\_\_\_

### My Next Step Today Is To...

- Memorize or meditate on Psalm 139:23-24
- Commit to do an inventory this week as you interact with people. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you other masks you put on.
- Confess to God and to a safe person a mask that you've been wearing. Ask God to bring healing to the area of your life that has led you to wear that mask and ask the person to let you know if they see you putting the mask back on.
- Take off the mask that I've used to convince myself that I don't need God. Then surrender my real self to God, making him the Lord and Savior of my life.