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Gen.32,10: Jacob said: *"I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant."*

Lk.19,9: *"Jesus said to [Zacchaeus], 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.'"*

It is easy to see why Jacob should see fit to feel and speak in this way. It is obvious to all who know his story that he was deserving of anything but the kindness and faithfulness of God.

But how is it for us? Have we any less reason to feel and speak as Jacob did? Not if we consider the kindness and faithfulness God has shown us in Jesus Christ. To know this in a living way we must come to Christ and know him, immerse ourselves again and anew in his life, his words, his death and resurrection, and experience the fruit of forgiveness and grace.

"Lord, neither your kindness nor your faithfulness come out strong in us when we fail to consider just how poor we are and unworthy to receive your goodness towards us; deliver us from wrongful illusions. Amen"