

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

the stories He told shaping the stories we live

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“In order to be understood, every great word must become flesh, every great idea must take form and shape in a person; and the first great quality of a parable is that it makes truth into a picture which all men can see and understand.”

William Barclay



Stories, if they are good, will begin in the here and now, and take you to the there and then.

Stories spark questions which often times leads, for those who press in, to discover truth for themselves.

Sometimes these stories do not reveal truth, but conceal it.

Generally speaking these stories will have only one main point.



The Outside-In Approach to Approval

Moral Diligence and righteousness.

Comparative Righteousness



**A life approved by God, depends not on how we stand
in relationship to other people, but how we stand
before God.**



"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst."

—1 Timothy 1:15



The Inside-Out Approach to Approval

Crying out for mercy



**Those who ask for mercy receive mercy, and stand
approved by God.**

