“JESUS THE CONFRONTER”
Luke 14:1-14

INTRODUCTION:

A. Doctrine of self-esteem is assumed to be a basic “Christian” belief.
B. Jesus confronts us continually with our sin
C. The text reveals 3 areas where Jesus confronts our sin.

I. JESUS CONFRONTS OUR SIN OF RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY (14:1-6)

A. Man with dropsy planted before Jesus to see if He violated Pharisees’ rules against healing on the Sabbath.
B. Characteristics of hypocrisy
   1. Hypocrites study the Word for ammunition against others, not for themselves.
   2. Hypocrites target and try to bring down anyone who confronts their sin with the Word.
   3. Hypocrites care more about their man-made rules than about people being right before God in their hearts.
   4. Hypocrites bend rules for own purposes, but apply them rigidly to others.
   5. Hypocrites often ignore overwhelming evidence in order to persist in sin.
C. Religious hypocrisy deeply entrenched and needs to be rooted out.

II. JESUS CONFRONTS OUR SIN OF SELFISH PRIDE (14:7-11)

A. Jesus confronts Pharisees with sin so they could repent and be right before God
B. Biblical humility runs counter to self-esteem teaching flooding our society.

III. JESUS CONFRONTS OUR SIN OF USING PEOPLE RATHER THAN LOVING THEM (14:12-14)

A. Jesus rebukes the host for his sin of using people rather than loving them.
B. Test whether your motives are right

CONCLUSION:

A. Let God’s Word expose and scrub dirt out of your heart
B. Lord, confront me with my sin and cleanse it out of my life.