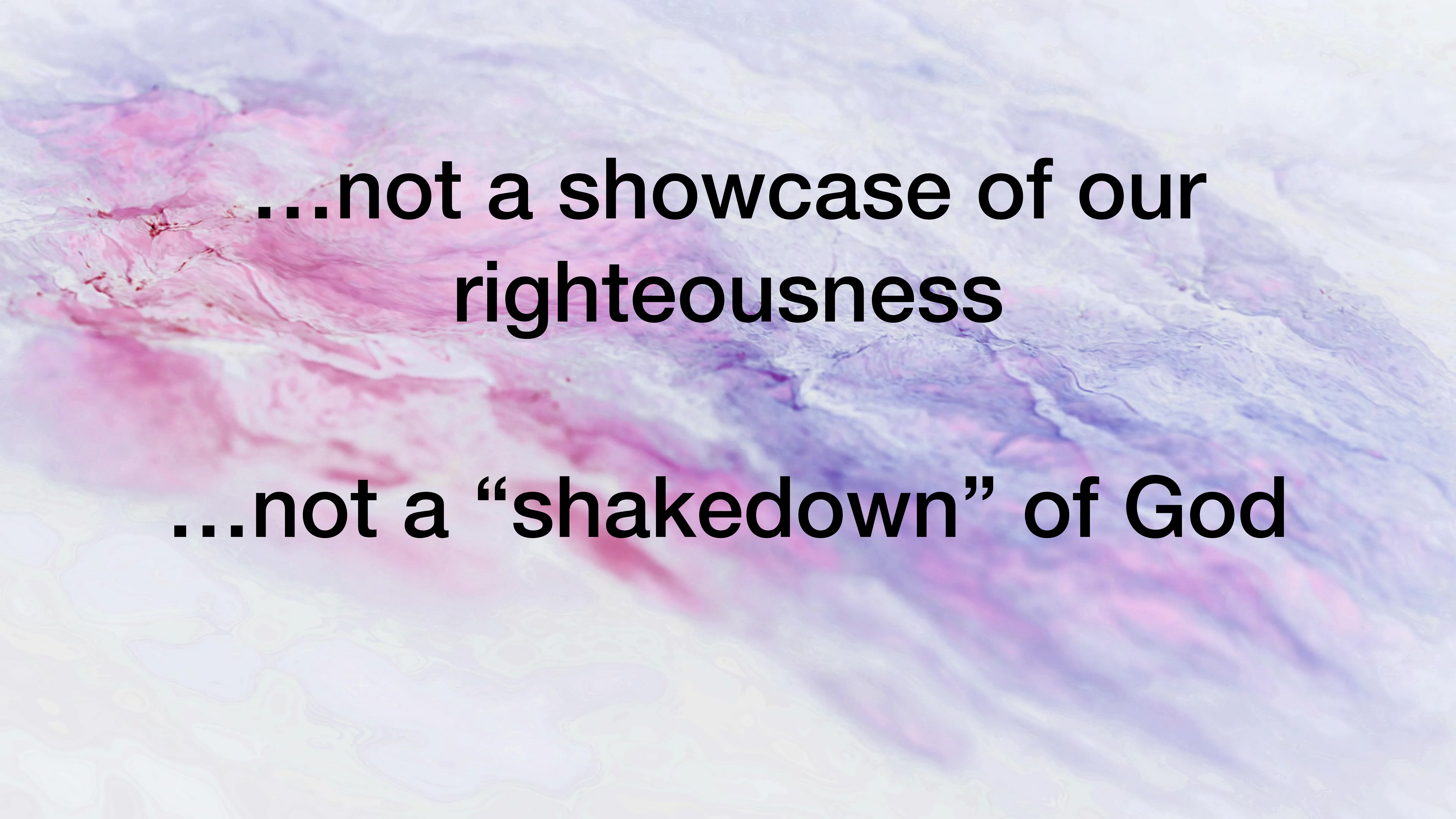




Mercy Based Praying

Luke 18:9-14



**...not a showcase of our
righteousness**

...not a “shakedown” of God

**Pro 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, and
haughtiness before a fall.**

**1Pet 5:5 And all of you, serve each other in
humility, for “God opposes the proud but favors
the humble.”**

Humility Can Be “Tricky”

**What does this have to do with
prayer?**

“only the deserving get God’s attention!”

God hears the cries of the needy....

**For the Pharisee, prayer was merit-based.
For the Tax Collector, prayer was mercy-based.**

**Ricky “The Rock Star” Righteous
vs
Ted “The Terrible” Tax Collector**



Jesus flips the script!

prayer is not merit-based

prayer is always mercy-based