"For our sake He made Christ [virtually] to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in and through Him we might become [endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of] the righteousness of God [what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness]."

2 Corinthians 5:21 Amp

To prepare for our Trumpet Call session on 11/09, answer the following questions openly and truthfully in your journal. What you write is between you and Jesus. Go beyond the "right answers" that you may know from Scripture and ask God to reveal your true feelings.

- 1. Do you believe that God accepts you unconditionally, just as you are, no matter what?
- 2. Have you seen this belief go beyond head knowledge so that it affects your relationships with God and others? Why or why not?
- 3. What holds you back?
- 4. Are there things about yourself you wish you could change? What are they?
- 5. What makes you feel ashamed?
- 6. When do you feel most acceptable?
- 7. When do you feel most unacceptable?
- 8. Do you ever feel like an imposter?
- 9. Do you fear exposure?
- 10. What are your "fig leaves", the things you use to protect yourself from exposure or to cover up your shame?

Throughout the week continue to journal about the feelings these questions have brought to the surface asking God to show you the lies you have believed that are keeping you from experiencing victory in the area of acceptance, both of yourself and of others. Bring your journal to class next week as we will continue to practice the fundamentals of victory we have been learning this semester.