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36 When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. **37** A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume.

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“She must have heard Jesus preach, and in repentance she determined to lead a new life.

She came out of love and gratitude, in the understanding she could be forgiven.”

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38 As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

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“Jesus reclined on a couch with his feet extended away from the table, which made it possible for the woman to wipe his feet with her hair and still not disturb him.”

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When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is — that she is a sinner.”

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The Pharisee assumed that Jesus was not a prophet because of two false presuppositions:

- (1) a true prophet would not allow a sinful woman to do this, or**
- (2) Jesus did not know that this was a sinful woman and thus was not a prophet.**

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Luke 7:40-43

40 Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.”

“Tell me, teacher,” he said. **41**

“Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" **43** Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

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“Here is the heart of Jesus’ relational ethic. Unlike the Pharisee, who can only dwell on the sinner’s past record, Jesus prefers to see the potential that love and forgiveness possess for changing a person’s heart.”

Darrell Bock

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Luke 7:44-47

44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. **46** You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. **47** Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven — as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

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“The point is that Simon did nothing exceptional for Jesus, but acted with relative indifference. The woman, by contrast, went far beyond the norms of hospitality:

**washing His feet not with water
and a towel, but with her tears
and her hair; kissing Him not on
His cheek, but on His feet; and
anointing His feet not with
(inexpensive) olive oil, but with
costly perfume.”**

Mark Strauss

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Luke 7:48-50

48 Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” **49** The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” **50** Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

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“Since the woman had, according to 7:47, already been forgiven of her sins, this statement serves as a word of assurance to her, namely, “Your sins have indeed been forgiven.”

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“Through faith salvation came to the woman. Not because of her love but through faith the woman experienced the forgiveness of sins. Her love was a subsequent witness to her faith and forgiveness.”

Applications

The authority & commands of Jesus:

- **To go out and interact with
“sinners”**
- **To serve Him**
- **To tell “sinners” the Good
News**

Final Thoughts

“Once again the one expected to have the inside track to forgiveness and salvation is found outside of God’s kingdom. Simon knew nothing of love and gratitude toward Jesus. The reason is clear. He knew nothing of the forgiveness and salvation Jesus brings.

On the other hand, the outcast, a woman who was a sinner and despised by religious leaders such as Simon, found forgiveness. Again the last have become first and the first last.”

Final Thoughts

“Overflowing love is the natural response to forgiveness and the appropriate consequence of faith. But only those who realize the depth of their sin can appreciate the complete forgiveness that God offers them. Jesus has rescued all of his followers, whether they were once extremely wicked or conventionally good, from eternal death.”

Final Thoughts

Ephesians 2:8-10

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — **9** not by works, so that no one can boast. **10** For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Final Thoughts

Colossians 3:12-14

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **14** And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.