
KINGDOM
COME

How did we get to this parable? Luke 7:18-35

- Jesus is Healing, Raising the Dead to Life,& Teaching
- Jesus then asks – What did you "expect to see from John?" – He was the greatest prophet ever!
  - "Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."
- Pharisees Rejected John & Jesus
  - "the people of this generation, & what are they like?"
  - V. 33 – Two extremes Joy & Sorrow – Both Rejected!

36 One of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him, & He went into the Pharisee's house & reclined at table.

37 And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment,

38 Standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears & wiped them with the hair of her head & kissed His feet & anointed them with the ointment. Luke 7:36-40

39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, He would have known who & what sort of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.”

40 And Jesus answering said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he answered, “Say it, Teacher.”

Luke 7:36-40

Last Week: Matthew 20 -

“Call the laborers & pay them their wages…” — v.8
“Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?” — v.15

- **Grace** is not God giving us what we have earned…
  …**Grace** is God giving what we could never earn.
- God's goodness isn't diminished because He is good to someone else.

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- **Mercy** is not God giving us what we deserve…
  …**Mercy** is God sparing the judgment we deserve.

Pride v. Penitent

- Simon Invited Jesus Over – "*The scribes & the Pharisees watched Him closely*" (Earlier in Luke)
  - To 'Judge' or 'Test' Jesus
- The Woman Comes to Jesus in Humility & Respect
  - To 'Honor' & 'Worship' Jesus
- Simon Questions Jesus Instead of Examining His Own Heart – "he said to himself…"
- Jesus Confronts Simon's Thinking & Tells Him a Parable About Mercy.

41 “A certain moneylender had two debtors.
One owed 500 denarii, & the other 50.
42 When they could not pay, he cancelled the
debt of both. Now which of them will love him
more?”
43 Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for
whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And He
said to him, “You have judged rightly.”

Luke 7:41-43

Both were in debt.

- **One owed 500 denarii & One owed 50 denarii.**
- **The amount was different, but neither could pay.**

Both needed forgiveness.

- **The issue wasn't who owed more.**
- **The issue was that neither could pay the debt.**

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The forgiven debt produces love.

- The person who recognizes the size of their debt recognizes the greatness of the forgiveness.
- Greater awareness of forgiveness produces greater love.

44 Then turning toward the woman He said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears & wiped them with her hair.

45 You gave Me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss My feet.

46 You did not anoint My head with oil, but she has anointed My feet with ointment.

Luke 7:44- 50

Live From Humility, Not Comparison …

“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.”

“You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet.”

“You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.”

Washing His Feet, Greeting with Kiss, & Anointing His Head

- **Humility gives Jesus honor with what we have, not merely with what is convenient.**
- **She uses something valuable to honor Jesus.**
- **She anoints His feet rather than His head - Humility**
- **Her devotion is expressed through costly, tangible action rather than words alone.**

47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are
many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But
he who is forgiven little, loves little.”
48 And He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”
49 Then those who were at table with Him
began to say among themselves, “Who is
this, who even forgives sins?”
50 And He said to the woman, “Your faith has
saved you; go in peace.”

Luke 7:44-50

Merit v. Mercy

- See the Difference — Simon overlooked what the woman offered Jesus
- Recognize the Love — Her actions revealed deep affection & gratitude
- Understand the Forgiveness — Those who recognize their forgiveness respond with love
- Receive His Peace — Jesus declares her sins forgiven (publicly) & sends her away in peace (personally)
  - She has a NEW identity & a new purpose!

HOW DO I DO THIS?

Before YOU LOOK OUTSIDE
... YOU LOOK INSIDE!

Matthew 20 — **Grace**: The Goodness of the King

- You don't have to earn God's favor, & you shouldn't resent His generosity toward others.
- Stop comparing. Start rejoicing.

Luke 7 — **Mercy**: The Forgiveness of the King

- The more deeply you recognize your need for forgiveness, the more deeply you can appreciate the mercy of Jesus & respond with love.
- Recognize your debt. Remember His mercy. Respond with love.

Recognize Your Debt
Remember His Mercy
Respond With Love

