

Love and Forgiveness



MEMORY VERSE: "But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."

1 John 1:9



LUKE 7:36-39 A Sinful Woman

1. One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to dinner. Who else showed up at the dinner? What did she do? Why do you think she did this?
2. What did Simon, the Pharisee, think about the woman who came to his house? What did he think about Jesus?
3. What do you think Jesus sees in this woman that the Pharisee does not? Can you relate to the woman? Can you relate to Simon the Pharisee?



LUKE 7:40-43 Debts Forgiven

4. Jesus taught about forgiveness by telling a parable - a simple story that teaches a lesson. How did the man who loaned the money show love to the men who owed him money?
5. What decision did Jesus' parable and question help Simon to reach? v. 43
6. The point of the parable is that we are all sinners and in need of Jesus and forgiveness. But some people understand this better and are more grateful to Jesus. How do you show your thankfulness (gratitude) to Jesus for forgiving your sins?



LUKE 7:44-50 Honoring Jesus

7. What did the woman do for Jesus that the Pharisee failed to do?
8. What do their actions tell us about them?
9. In verse 50, Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Considering that faith has not actually been mentioned before, how have her actions shown her faith?
10. Why do you think when we are forgiven, we can experience Jesus' peace?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus came to die on the cross so our sins could be forgiven. Each of us has sin in our life and needs forgiveness. The more we admit our sin (confess), the more grateful we will be for forgiveness, and the more we will love Jesus. When we really appreciate our own forgiveness, we experience great peace and a desire to forgive others!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Father, thank you for forgiving me when I confess my sins. It is easier to forgive others when we remember that You have forgiven us! Show me whom I need to forgive and help me love them and forgive them as You have have forgiven me. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



How does it feel to be forgiven?

Is there anyone you need to forgive?

Luke 7:36-50

Luke 7:36-39 Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman

36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. 37 When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. 38 Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them. 39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner!"

Luke 7:40-43

40 Then Jesus answered his thoughts. "Simon," he said to the Pharisee, "I have something to say to you." "Go ahead, Teacher," Simon replied. 41 Then Jesus told him this story: "A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other. 42 But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?" 43 Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt." "That's right," Jesus said.

Luke 7:44-50

44 Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn't offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You didn't greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume. 47 "I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love." 48 Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 The men at the table said among themselves, "Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?" 50 And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Faith: trust, loyalty, belief; accepting God's Word as fact; deciding to surrender and live your life to follow Jesus. Faith let's us go to God with confidence and hope but ultimately submits to God's will no matter what.

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