
Looking for God Monday to Friday

Scripture Reading: Luke 7

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. 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.

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!"

Then Jesus answered his thoughts. "Simon," he said to the Pharisee, "I have something to say to you."

"Go ahead, Teacher," Simon replied.

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. 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?"*

Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt."

"That's right," Jesus said. 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. You didn't greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume.

"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." Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven."

The men at the table said among themselves, "Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?" And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:36-50 NLT)

Reflection & Discussion

- Start with a time of silence, relaxing together, releasing the tension and noise. We want to be good listeners in our time together- good listeners to God which helps our listening to one another.
- In the quiet offer a prayer of thanks to God for each one around the circle.
- The leader reads the passage slowly at least twice. We listen for a word or a phrase that catches our attention.
- What nudges do you think we are receiving from God in this story of Jesus' life and his words to those around him?
- What words or actions of Jesus did you notice? What message does that have for us today?
- Where does this story connect with people, events, challenges I've faced this last little while?

An Prayer of Invitation to Jesus

*Among the hungry
among the homeless
among the friendless
come to make things new.*

*Among the powerful
among the spoilt
among the crooked
come to make things new.*

*In halls of fame
in corridors of power
in forgotten places
come to make things new.*

*With piercing eyes
with tender touch
with cleansing love
come to make things new.*

(#83 Celtic Prayers For Life Today Ray Simpson, Kevin Mathew)



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