



Title | A Story of Two Lives

Text | Luke 7:36-50

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Sermon Notes

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

⁴²When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

⁴³Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly."

⁴⁴Then 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 and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."

⁴⁸And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴⁹Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Big Idea:



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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

- How do you typically respond to someone who is struggling with their circumstances or personal sin? Do you recognize their brokenness and desire to pursue God?

Tuesday:

- Do you feel more comfortable having your life "under control" or from trusting God to work in the middle of circumstances that you do not have "under control"?

Wednesday:

- Does facing your sin make you try harder to achieve the important performance standard, or do you experience your sin as your ongoing need for mercy and grace in order to be transformed?

Thursday:

- Read Luke 7:36-50 again. Do you more closely identify with Simon or the Woman?

Friday:

- Through the means of the Holy Spirit, can you provide a safe place for another's messy life and brokenness?

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