

Dinner with Jesus: A Woman With No Name

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Luke 7:36-50

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. 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.

³⁹ 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."

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.

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."

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."

If you live like Jesus, you will be called to enter into really awkward situations with people.

True faith is looking at Jesus and recognizing the forgiveness of the father.

Proof of this faith is love for others, which means at times, sitting with people in the mess of life.

Do you...

1. Live life in a perpetual state of never being satisfied.
2. Want more possessions?
3. Look for things outside of God's loving relationship to satisfy?
4. Spend a lot of time living in the past?
5. Believe anything is better than your present reality?
6. Obsess on external things or possessions?
7. Hold onto anger and resentment?
8. Sit and continually make judgments of others?
9. Lack gratitude?
10. Take anger out on the ones you love most?

Pride keeps you from coming to grips with the depth of deception of your own heart.

Instead of being broken, we choose to flee, fight or hide because we actually believe that transparency and vulnerability with Jesus and others won't bring us life.

Luke 7:50

⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Matthew 26:13

¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

In brokenness we awaken to life and humility and actually change the world.

MAIN TO DO:

- Where are you in stopping in being a comparing Pharisee?
- Where are you in becoming a broken, humble follower of Jesus?