

Choosing Intimacy

Luke 7:36-47

Outline

The Backdrop

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."

I. Intimacy in the Story.

II. Intimacy in the Bible.

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"Adam knew his wife." Genesis 4:1

"And I will put my Spirit in you..." Ezekiel 36:27

*You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.*

² *You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.*

³ *You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.*

⁴ *Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.* Psalm 139:1-4

III. What Does This Mean?

*"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
And saves those who are crushed in spirit."* Psalm 34:18

*"The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in truth."* Psalm 145:18

*"Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts
sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."*
Hebrews 10:22

"For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children." Romans 8:16

"As a father has compassion for his children, so God has compassion for us." Psalm 103:
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"In Him was life and that life was the Light of mankind." John 1:4