

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Road Map  
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Luke 7:36-50  
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### Daily find yourself worshiping at Jesus' feet.

Where do you find yourself in this account?

- ❖ The host of the meal - a home, plenty, well respected, upstanding...
- ❖ The disgraced woman at Jesus' feet, weeping, wiping, worshiping
- ❖ Jesus' disciples, on the sidelines

Jesus makes it clear where we want to be.

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- ❖ The Pharisee problem:
  - ♦ He's of *little value* to those who think they have *little* or no sin to cancel
  - ♦ Simon, the Pharisee didn't worship Jesus
    - Hollow honor: invite, but no water, kisses, or lotion/oil
    - "Tell me, *teacher*," "I *suppose* the one who had the bigger debt..."
  - ♦ Why? He thought he had little or no debt.
    - He **worshiped** his **own worth**. *I'm righteous....*
    - He missed: ***All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.*** Rom 3:12
      - ♦ Not just true of those who live openly disgraceful lives!
    - Sin is failure to worship God with every thought and fiber of our being, every will of our heart and mind. To value, trust, revere
    - Sin values pleasure, fun, ego vs. the feet of Jesus.
    - ***If that's sin, I sin a lot!*** Indeed!
- ❖ Find real value at Jesus' feet.
  - ♦ What brought this uninvited woman here? Jesus' reputation and words!
    - Shocking: *Behold, a woman... Staring with contempt...* She knew...
    - Jesus didn't trash her. He announced unconditional forgiveness.
      - ♦ **Not** acceptance **just** for those who behave and are good.

- ♦ **Not:** forgiveness *if... when you... All you have to do...*
- ♦ NIV11: ***her many sins have been forgiven — as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.***
  - NIV84: *her many sins have been forgiven - for she loved much.*
  - *for = as is evident by her by...* **not:** *because of...*
  - She didn't come to buy forgiveness. She came forgiven.
  - Jesus assured her: *Your sins are forgiven.*
- ♦ Jesus' forgiveness makes us God's people. Priceless.
  - Only faith in Jesus' words finds value in seeing I'm a wretched sinner
  - Saved by Jesus, I'm precious to God.
- ❖ Worship at Jesus' feet crushes my false self-worth
  - ♦ If I seek to feel good about myself based on how good I am:
    - I have to ignore and cover up my wretched sin at work within.
    - I lessen Jesus' value to me = love less = loveless
  - ♦ I'm wretched. Look what Jesus has worked in me! Amazing grace!
  - ♦ If I use guilt and shame to motivate me to behave
    - Sin is merely suppressed - not freed from sin by forgiveness
    - Heart isn't changed. Living under law, not living new life
  - ♦ Valuing Jesus = valuing a new mindset, new life
- ❖ This account challenges me and you to daily test: *Where do I worship?*
  - ♦ It doesn't require daily tears and expensive perfume.
  - ♦ It simply requires your whole being: self, heart, mind, body.
  - ♦ Finding worth: putting everything in Christ - to serve him
  - ♦ Check: use of time, relationships, love, values, assets
    - If it doesn't serve Jesus, it serves sin and that's **not** life.
    - Requires time listening to Jesus daily & living with him in prayer

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That happens where you live in the conviction: *I have been forgiven much.*  
See - facing the fact of your sin is not depressing. In Christ it's liberating.