

Radical Encounters – The Woman

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Luke 7:36-50

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

In Jesus' presence, the woman rains the tears of her heart

Read and discuss Luke 7:36-38 (NIV)

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.

*What can we understand about this woman according to the description and her actions?

*What might we gather about her thoughts in this encounter?

*When is the last time you were overtaken or overwhelmed with emotion?

Jesus forgives – no matter the debt

Read and discuss Luke 7:39-43(NIV)

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.

*What might Simon be experiencing in this encounter with Jesus?

*What truth from this story to Simon is speaking to you?

When we come to terms with the depths of our own heart, we can appreciate God's love

Read and discuss Luke 7:44-50(NIV)

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."

*What is surprising or interesting about this whole encounter? How do you see yourself in Simon? The woman?

*What would it look like for you to sit at his feet basking in his love and forgiveness?

*How might the spirit be calling you to be like this woman?