



PARABLES:

Stories for Life

Luke 7:36-50

BIG QUESTION: What does God think of your worship?

"One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table." Luke 7:36

Reclining at the table doesn't mean leaned back with feet far under the table, they "reclined" by leaning on their left elbow usually and eating with their right hand. They were often on a mat or cushion of some type.

"And 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, and 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." Luke 7:37-38

REFLECTION QUESTION: When is the last time you had this kind of encounter with Jesus?

"Now 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.'" Luke 7:39

Jesus knew the risk...LOVE requires RISK

"IF this man were a prophet..." - This reveals Simon's belief about Jesus

"And Jesus answering said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' And he answered, 'Say it, Teacher.'" Luke 7:40




"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Luke 7:41-42

**One owes \$68,000, the other owes \$6,800
"Which of two will love him more?"**

"Simon answered, 'The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.' And he said to him, 'You have judged rightly.'" Luke 7:43

"Then 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. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.' And he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.'" Luke 7:44-48

3 Signs Communicated How the Host Saw Their Guests:

-  1. Water to WASH FEET (servants often did this)
-  2. Greeting KISS (This greeting communicated a lot)
-  3. Anointing OIL (usually household olive oil)

To overlook any one of these would be a major misstep as a host...to overlook all three would be insulting to your guest

"Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this, who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'" Luke 7:49-50

**Simon is a picture of WORTHLESS worship,
the woman is a picture of WORTHY worship**

Which picture of worship best describes your worship?