

## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### Amazing Grace Produces Abundant Passion

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#### What do you want people to say about you at your funeral?

Luke 7:36-50 (NLT) One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. <sup>37</sup> When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. <sup>38</sup> Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them.

<sup>39</sup> When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner!"

<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus answered his thoughts. "Simon," he said to the Pharisee, "I have something to say to you." "Go ahead, Teacher," Simon replied. <sup>41</sup> Then Jesus told him this story: "A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other. <sup>42</sup> But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, cancelling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the larger debt." "That's right," Jesus said.

<sup>44</sup> Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn't offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You didn't greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume. <sup>47</sup> "I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love." <sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup> The men at the table said among themselves, "Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?" <sup>50</sup> And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

**A person who is forgiven little shows only a little love; but a person forgiven much - loves much!**

#### Are we more like Simon or more like this sinful woman as we approach Jesus?

- **Simon is blinded to his depravity. But the woman is acutely aware of her sin.**
- **Simon is self-righteous & judgmental. But the woman is desperate for forgiveness.**
- **Simon withholds from Jesus. But the woman gives her very best to Jesus.**
- **Simon is proud and unwilling to receive from Jesus. But the woman is humble and willing to receive from Jesus.**

"Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." Mark 12:30 (NLT)

Psalms 2:10-12 (NLT) Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. <sup>11</sup> Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. <sup>12</sup> Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him."

- **The Gospel says we are more sinful than we believe, but more loved than we can ever imagine.**

John 3:16-18 (MSG) "This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him.

#### So how is your passion for Jesus Christ today?

**Big Idea: Experiencing grace expands our passion.**

- **Revisit God's grace.**
- **Repent of sin.**
- **Respond to Christ with love & devotion.**



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- 3) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in this passage? What interesting details do you observe? Is anything repeated? What questions come up about the passage? What surprises you in the passage? Are there connecting words or ideas?
- 4) **Meaning:** What meaning do you think people inferred from this interaction with Jesus? What is John trying to communicate to his readers through Jesus' teaching?
- 5) What is the meaning for us? What is the "big idea" of the passage or is there a key verse?
- 6) In what ways are you like Simon and in what ways are you like the sinful woman? What is God saying to you in this regard?
- 7) What does this tell us about Jesus? What does this tell us about sin and grace?
- 8) **Application:** How does this passage call on you to change the way you live? What will you do this week as a result of this teaching? What aspect of this teaching do you need to pass on to others?



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