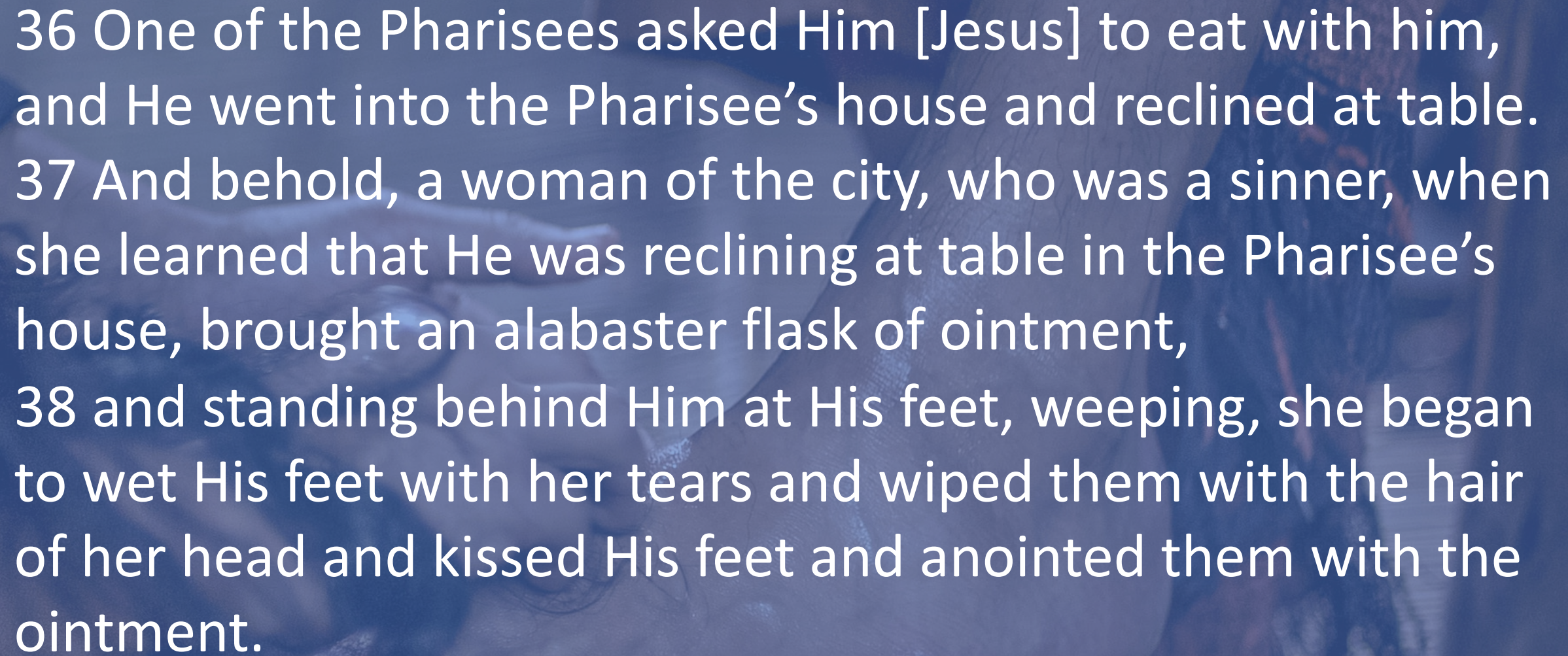




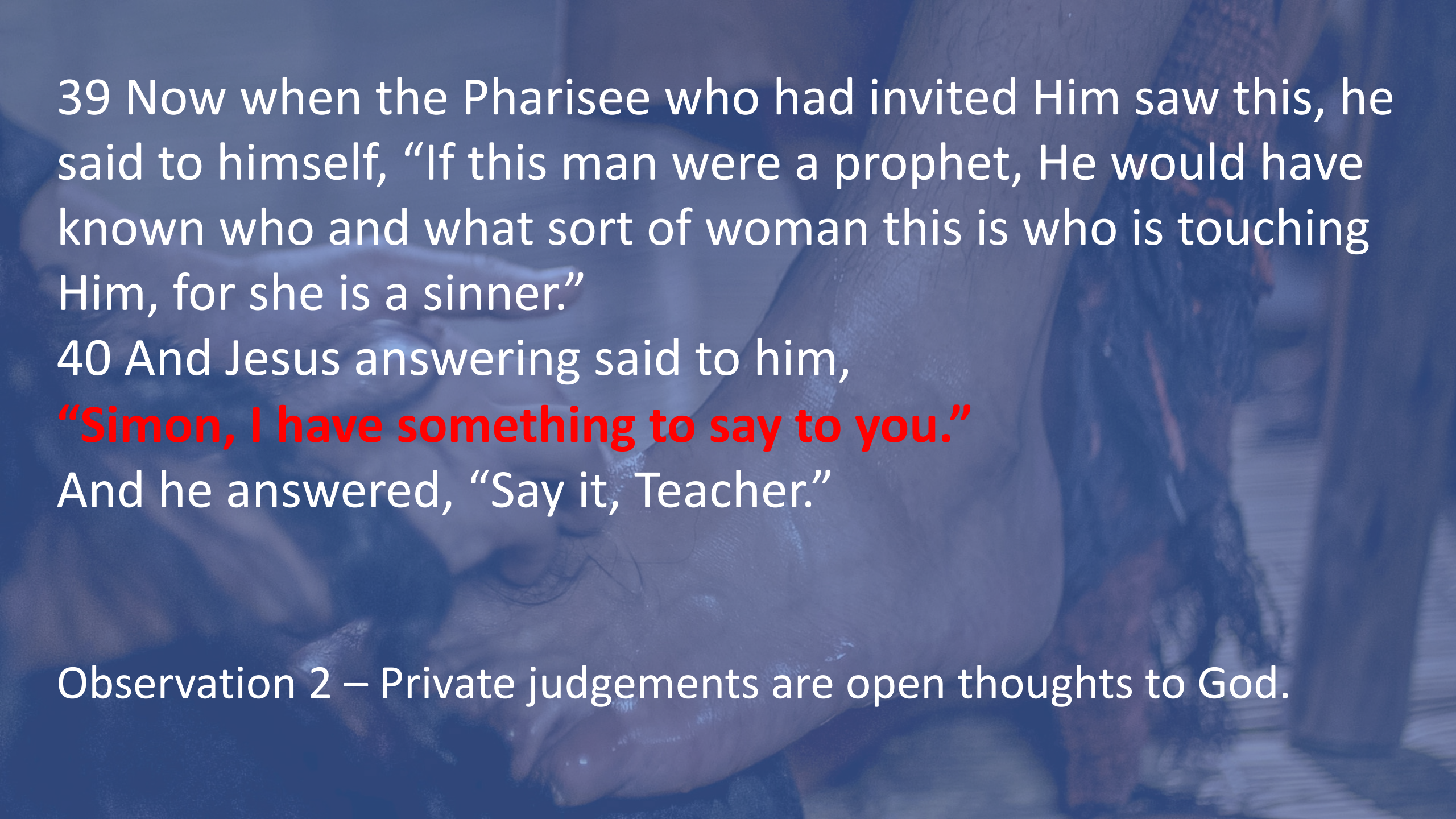
Meals with the Master Forgiven Little OR Much?

Luke 7:36-50

A woman with long dark hair is shown from the chest up, leaning over and washing the feet of a man whose face is partially visible in the foreground. She is using her hair to wipe the feet. The scene is set in a room with a wooden floor and a wall in the background. The lighting is soft and focused on the woman's hands and the man's feet.

36 One of the Pharisees asked Him [Jesus] to eat with him, and He went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table.
37 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,
38 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.

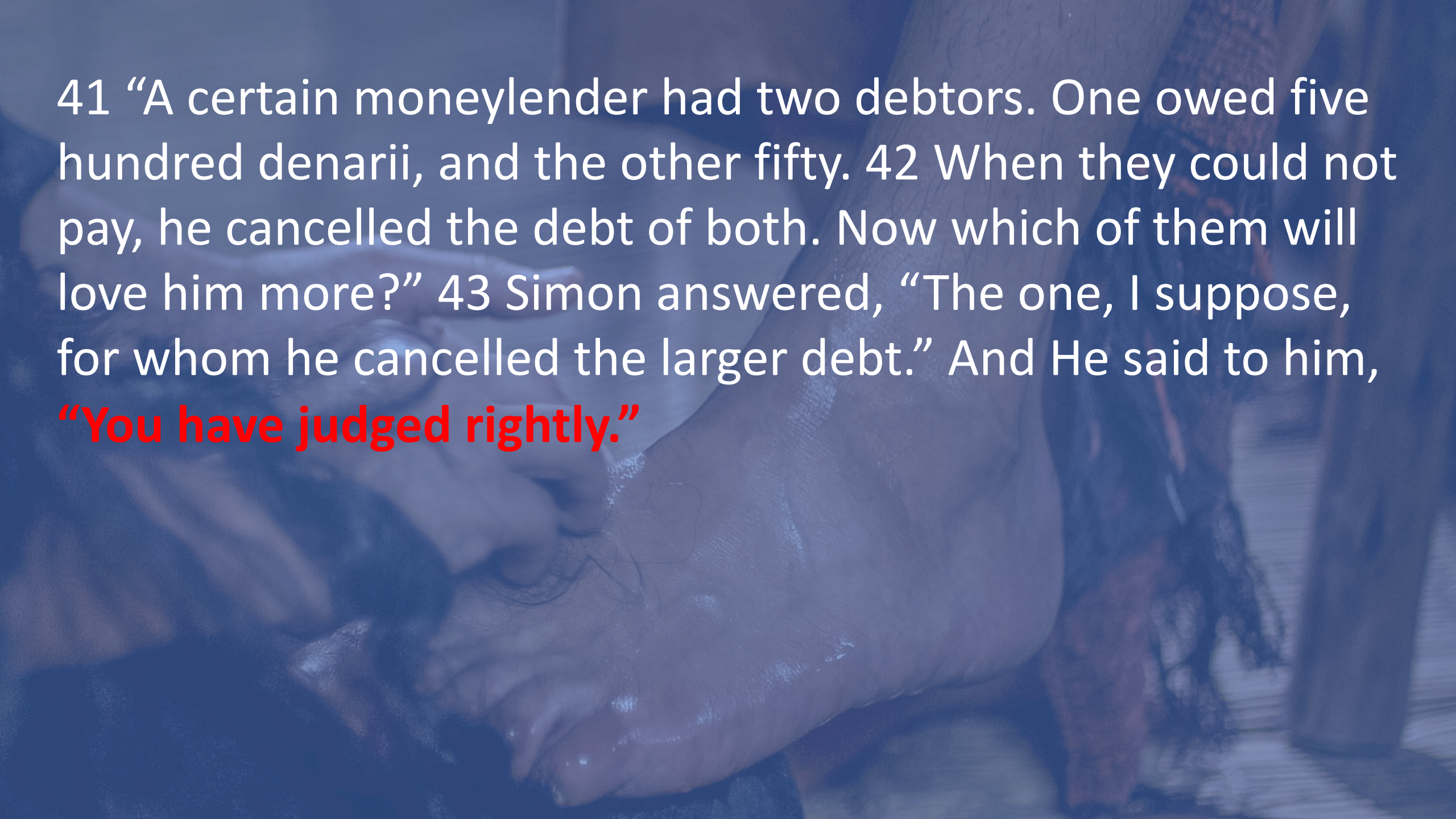
Observation 1 – When a great sinner really gets to Jesus, the sinner no longer cares about how people view excessive love.

A woman with her eyes closed, resting her head on her hand, with a blue overlay.

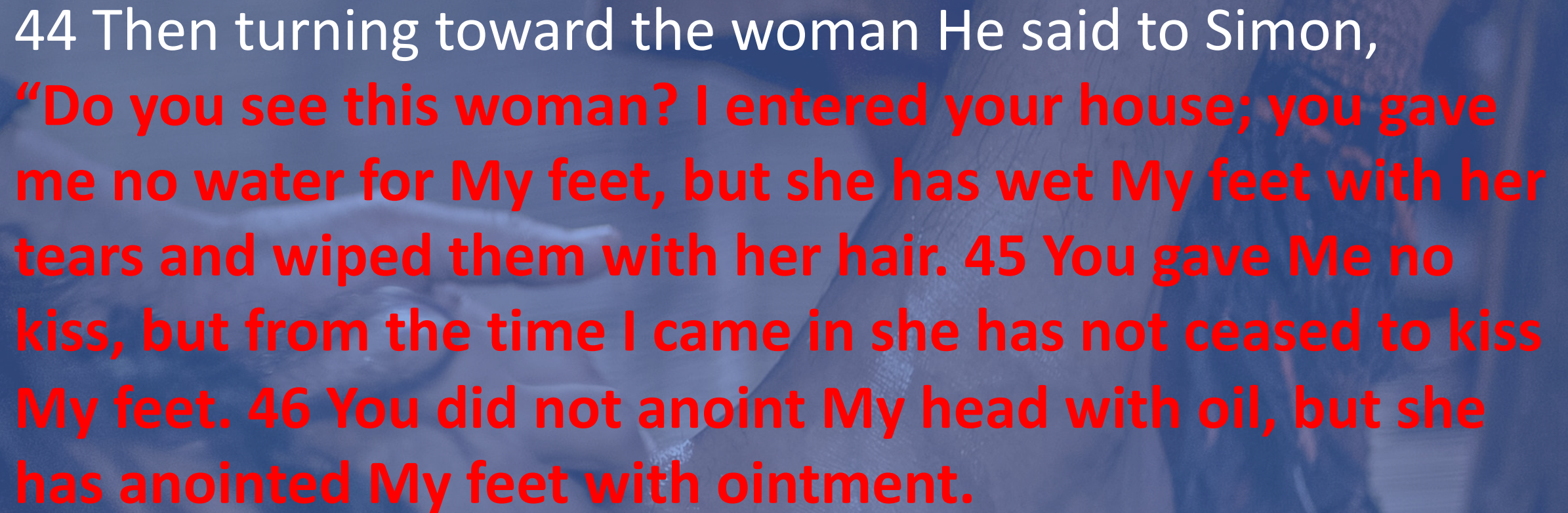
39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, He would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.”

40 And Jesus answering said to him,
“Simon, I have something to say to you.”
And he answered, “Say it, Teacher.”

Observation 2 – Private judgements are open thoughts to God.



41 “A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?” 43 Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And He said to him, **“You have judged rightly.”**

A close-up photograph of a woman's hands washing a man's feet. The woman's hair is draped over the man's feet, and her hands are gently cupping them. The scene is dimly lit, with a soft blue tint. The text is overlaid on the image in white and red.

44 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. 45 You gave Me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss My feet. 46 You did not anoint My head with oil, but she has anointed My feet with ointment.

47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”

48 And He said to her, **“Your sins are forgiven.”**

49 Then those who were at table with Him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?”

50 And He said to the woman,

“Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Observation 3 – Sinful pasts are not beyond God’s forgiveness.

Application Questions

1. How am I caught up in comparing my “small” sin to others “big” sin.
2. Am I seeing my own sin clearly enough to reveal my excessive love for Jesus, my forgiver?