

Let's Go

INTIMACY WITH GOD

Luke 7:36-48

36 "One of the Pharisees asked him 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. 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." 41 "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they could not pay, he canceled 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." 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."

1. WE LISTEN

Luke 7:36

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

The Pharisee knew OF God, but when Jesus walked in his home.... He didn't recognize Jesus as the Son of God

It's one thing to know OF God.... IT'S NECESSARY

How do we learn about God?

- Read
- Pray
- Spend time with

My parents exemplified to me a life that pointed to intimacy with God

When you have people around you that are striving for that relationship with God and actively encouraging you in that, it makes the journey easier.

THAT'S ONE REASON WHY WE HAVE THE CHURCH.

James 1:22-25 ESV

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”

Remember the Pharisee in Luke 7:36

WE NEED TO LISTEN

BUT INTIMACY INVITES US... CHALLENGES US TO GO FURTHER

And here's the contrast between these two hearts!!!

Verse 37 & 38

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2. WE TRUST

This knowledge that we put in our heads, must translate from our heads to our hearts.

TRUST IS BUILT THROUGH EXPERIENCE

The heart in scripture is a big deal

Proverbs 4:23 ESV

“Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.”

Luke 6:45 ESV

“The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”

“The heart” in culture is considered the center of a person’s emotions, love, their being

A few fun facts about the heart

Article by Unity Point Health Listed 16 fun fact, here are 6 of them

- Your heart pumps 2,000 gallons of blood a day.
- Heart attacks happen most often on Monday mornings.
- There are 60,000 miles of blood vessels in your body.
- laughing is good for your heart
- Sneezing does not stop your heart
- No one knows why the heart is associated with love

When we trust Jesus, we are opening our hearts to Him

Luke 7:37-38

This woman had translated this knowledge, from being just a head knowledge OF Jesus, to a trust IN Jesus with her heart

David

Acts 13:22 ESV

“And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’”

Shepherd to king

David would play music in the fields

Neither David, nor the woman in Luke were perfect.

David messed up, but when he was confronted with his sin, he turned back to the Lord!

PSALM 51:1-12

The sinful woman: Jesus said “her sins are many” in Luke 7:47

3. WE OBEY

Luke 7:44-48

I wonder what that must have been like for that woman?!

To not just hear Jesus was in the area, but to go and bring her treasure, and pour this fragrance out on Jesus feet