

Searching - Part 1

"Searching for Forgiveness & Hope from our Troubled Past..."

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Luke 7:36-37 "When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 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.

v. 38-39 "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. 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."

v. 40-42 "Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 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?"

v. 43-44 "Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. 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.

v. 45-47 "You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

4 Thoughts from this Story:

1. Sin sucks the life out of us!

Romans 8:1 "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus..."

2. Sin we Can't See makes us Smug.

(Let's make this a list that builds on itself.)

Pride Compares.

Pride Always makes Excuses.

Pride Lives in Denial.

Proverbs 21:4 "Haughty eyes and a proud heart— the unplowed field of the wicked—produce sin."

Psalm 10:4 "In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God."

3. Self-Awareness is a Great Gift.

4. Humility & Repentance please the Heart of God.

James 4:10 "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."

Luke 7:50 "Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."