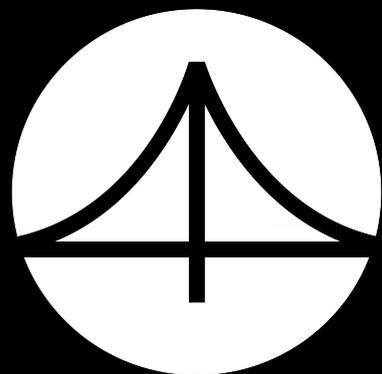


Luke: An Interrupted Dinner

Luke 7:36-50



**Forgiveness Leads to
Love**

**A Question: Do you see this
woman?**

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“For a woman to let her hair down in public was usually considered a shameful and seductive act, something no respectable woman would do. To anoint Jesus’ feet, kiss them repeatedly, and dry them with her hair would all have been viewed as erotic and shameful acts, if it were not for her tears, and clearly the woman did not intend the acts to be erotic.”

– Kyle Snodgrass

A Question: Do you see this woman?

- Simon isn't a terrible person, he's responding like most of us would to the situation
- Simon sees her, but he doesn't see *her*
- When he looks at her, he sees a category defined by sins and failures, not a person
- Jesus is calling Simon to see her as a person who is worthy of love

“When we are self-righteous, rigidity such as Simon’s not only protects us, it also keeps our world from getting murky. When everything is clearly defined and everyone put in their place, with us as the righteous, we can relax. Sinners remind Pharisees that they are okay.”

– Paul Miller

A Question: Do you see this woman?

- Who are the people you're unable to see?
- Something that keeps us from seeing others: our phones

“We instinctively know that love leads to commitment, so we look away when we see a beggar. We might have to pay if we look too closely and care too deeply. Loving means losing control of our schedule, our money, and our time. When we love we cease to be the master and become a servant.”

– Paul Miller

A Question: Do you see this woman?

- A group the church (worldwide) doesn't love well: The LGBTQ community
 - Error 1: Believing their sins are the most foundational and fundamental part of their identity
 - Error 2: Refusing to recognize that sin is sin
- Jesus sees the woman's sin, and yet He still loves and accepts her as a person

“The implications of this parable for issues of separation from sin and “the world” are large. Clearly separation cannot entail separation from people. Christians do not have the right to reject “outcasts.” Even when rejecting specific actions, Christians must be willing to embrace sinners without affirming actions or events that are clearly wrong. Holiness, at least true holiness, is stronger and more contagious than sin.”

– Kyle Snodgrass

A Question: Do you see this woman?

- A group the church (worldwide) doesn't love well: The LGBTQ community
- A way to start loving: learn to listen

A Case Study: A Man Had Two Debtors

- Forgiveness leads to love, and more forgiveness leads to more love
- Do you understand how much you've been forgiven?

“[The Pharisee’s] pride is as ugly as prostitution.”

– *Paul Miller*

“We are debtors, and potentially, if we are willing to respond, forgiven debtors, and we are all in that category. None of us actually fits in a “lesser debtor” category. This means that disdain for others and attitudes of superiority have no place with Christians.

– Kyle Snodgrass

A Test: More Love Equals More Forgiveness

- The Pharisee wasn't necessarily being rude in his hospitality, but the woman was being extravagant
- The amount of love we show and the forgiveness we receive are connected
 - How much are we loving those around us?
 - What does that tell us about how much we've been forgiven?
 - What opportunities is God giving you this week to show more love to those around you?

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