

Two Sinners, One Savior

Luke 7:36-50

Getting Started

- ❖ In our culture what sorts of behavior are considered shocking at a social gathering?

Key Ideas for Discussion

1. The Woman: The Love of a Forgiven Sinner (v.37-38, 47)
2. Simon: The Contempt of Judgmental Religion (v.39-47)
3. Jesus: The Source of Eternal Restoration & Transformation (v.48-50)

Takeaway Truth: Jesus never shuns humble and repentant sinners.

Exploring the Text

- ❖ What are some contextual aspects of this passage that deepen your understanding of it?
- ❖ Why did Simon invite Jesus to a dinner party?
- ❖ Based on what you read in Luke's passage, how would you describe Simon? The woman?
- ❖ How would you describe Jesus' response to Simon? The woman?
- ❖ Why would the crowd be shocked by Jesus' statement to the woman about her sins?

Digging Deeper

- ❖ With which character in the story do you most identify?
- ❖ Which of the woman's actions do you find most compelling?
- ❖ How would you describe Jesus' compassion? What limits, if any, do you see?
- ❖ If you were the woman in this story, how would the words and touch of Jesus make you feel?

Apply It

- ❖ In what ways are we like Simon the Pharisee in terms of how we view others?
- ❖ Is your love for the Lord more like the sinful woman's or Simons? Why?

Think About It

"John Newton is famous for writing "Amazing Grace," which is a hymn of gratitude for sins forgiven. But Newton did not find it easy to love Jesus, any more than most of us do. "So much forgiven, so little, little love," he wrote just a few weeks before composing his famous hymn. "So many mercies, so few returns. Such great privileges, and a life so sadly below them." (Philip Ryken)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

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GOD SO LOVED

Words and Music by Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash and Andrew Bergthold, 2019

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty. Come to the well that never runs dry. Drink of the water, come and thirst no more. Come all you sinners, come find His mercy. Come to the table; He will satisfy. Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us. Whoever believes in Him will live forever. The power of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom. For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions. Come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love.

HOLY FOREVER

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson, Jenn Johnson, and Jason Ingram, 2022

A thousand generations falling down in worship to sing the song of ages to the Lamb, and all who've gone before us and all who will believe will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all. All thrones and dominions,
all powers and positions, Your name stands above them all.

*And the angels cry, "Holy." All creation cries, "Holy."
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.*

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed,
sing the song of ages to the Lamb. If you walk in freedom
and if you bear His name, sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

And the angels cry, "Holy." All creation cries, "Holy." You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever. Hear Your people sing, "Holy," to the King of kings, "Holy." You will always be Holy, Holy forever.

A THOUSAND GENERATIONS

Words and Music by Brenton Brown, 2014

You have been faithful to a thousand generations, slow to anger,
swift to bless. Your hand has guided us through every situation.
Your lovingkindness hasn't failed us yet.

God, you are my God; I will live to sing your praises. God, joy of my heart; you are my rock. You are faithful through the ages.

The day will come when every eye on earth will see you, when every heart and every voice will say that you are perfect in your wisdom and your justice. Oh, how we long to see that glorious day!

You're God of heaven's armies, you're God of galaxies; valleys rise up to meet you, the mountains bow their knees. Creation stands in wonder at all that you've achieved and you have set your love on me.

JESUS, WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

Words by J. Chapman, 1910 / Music by Rowland Pritchard, 1855

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.
Jesus, what a strength in weakness! Let me hid myself in Him. Tempt-ed, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my victory wins.*

Jesus, what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll.
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus, I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 150; Genesis 41:14-45; Romans 6:3-14; John 5:19-24

MONDAY | Ps. 121; Genesis 41:46-57; 1 Cor. 4:8-21; Mark 3:7-19

TUESDAY | Ps. 34; Genesis 42:1-17; 1 Cor. 5:1-8; Mark 3:19-35

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 27; Genesis 42:18-28; 1 Cor. 5:9-6:11; Mark 4:1-20

THURSDAY | Ps. 126; Genesis 42:29-38; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Mark 4:21-34

FRIDAY | Ps. 148; Genesis 43:1-15; 1 Cor. 7:1-9; Mark 4:35-41

SATURDAY | Ps. 143; Genesis 43:16-34; 1 Cor. 7:10-24; Mark 5:1-20

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Sovereign God, the covenants with your people stand forever. We praise you for your faithfulness and for keeping your promises to Abraham and all of his descendants, our spiritual family. We confess that our faith is often weak. Help us, O Lord, to hope against hope and give glory to you, even in desperate circumstances. We confess that we often seek our own agendas. Help us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow you. For we know that those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for your sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



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