

**Sermon: Lavish Grace Compels Lavish Love.**  
**Series: Luke the Gospel for Everyone**

**Scripture: Luke 7:36-50.**  
**Date: July 21, 2024**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about us?**

a) The woman could see her need for lavish grace but Simon the Pharisee could not. How easy or difficult is it for you to remain aware of your need for daily grace? One way to judge yourself in this is to ask "how difficult is it for me to give grace and love to others?"

b) The woman's act of worship was bold, daring, and even bordering on scandalous, but she didn't care what others thought about her or her faith. Do you tend to care too much about what others think of you? In Church? At home? In the workplace?

**2. What does this passage teach us about God?**

a) Read Hebrews 4:16. How does the story of the "Sinful Woman" illustrate this verse? Together, what do they teach us about the nature of God?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

a) How do we know that the woman's actions flowed from having already been forgiven and not as an attempt to gain forgiveness? Think about Jesus' parable too. How does it illustrate the gospel of grace?

b) In Christ we have a new heart. How did the woman demonstrate her new heart's desire? Where can you see yourself living from a new heart in Christ? What desires do you see changing?

**APPLICATION**

a) In your everyday Christian life do you act more like the woman (finding Jesus, planning worship, lavish worship even in your "mishaps") or the Pharisee (no water, no oil, no kiss for Jesus)? How does this passage convict you? Encourage you?

b) What is your alabaster jar that you need to pour out to Christ? (Your identity, your value, that thing you are still trying to hold on to and control) What form of self-righteousness do you need to confess and let go of?

c) Jesus SAW and honored the woman. Simon only saw a sinner. How do you tend to see others? Who do you need to be intentional about seeing them as Christ does?

**PRAYER**

- Thank God for his lavish grace that removes all sin and sets us free from the power of SIN.
- Confess ways that you have judge others or held on to your own self-righteousness.
- Thank Jesus for forgiveness through his blood (Eph. 1:7).
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you pour out your life to Christ in lavish love for others.