

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024

- ▶ **The Overflow of God's Love**
- ▶ **Luke 7:36-50 NIV**
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- ▶ 36 When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.
- ▶ 37 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.

- ▶ 38 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.
- ▶ 39 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.”

▶ 40 Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said.

- ▶ 41 “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.
- ▶ 42 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?”

▶ 43 Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”  
“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

- ▶ God's desire for us is to live a life that overflows His love.
- ▶ A love that serves, honour, worships and seeks God more.

1. When you live in the overflow of God's Love, **Serving is not a favour.** *Verse 44,*  
“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.”



a) After washing the disciples' feet, Jesus said, "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." (John 13:14-15)

**b)** You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

(Gal. 5:13–14)

c) Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.  
(1 Peter 4:10)

**2. When you live in the overflow of God's Love, honour and worship become a lifestyle. *Verse 45.***

“You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.”

a) Three times every day, Daniel bowed down on his knees to pray and praise God. Even though he heard about the new law, he still went to his house to pray... (Daniel 6:10-12)

3. When you live in the overflow of God's love, **you seek Him daily.** *Verse 50*

a). This woman sought out Jesus so that she might do something for Him. Jesus said that by her faith and the actions she took because of it, her many sins were forgiven.

# Conclusion:

- ▶ How many times are we more like Simon than we are like this nameless woman?

- ▶ Do we invite Jesus into our homes and our lives because we just want to enjoy his presence like Simon;
- ▶ or we are like this woman, who sees Jesus as One who should be met with tears of our love and bringing gifts that we value higher than ourselves?



▶ This woman did not come asking for forgiveness, She came bringing gifts, She did not question who Jesus was like Simon did, She knew who He was.