

THE GOD WHO SEES ME

Bible Study of September 30, 2020

Jesus anointed by a sinful woman (Luke 7: 36-50)

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Read the Scripture. (That's the most important part!)

1. What is one touching gift you have received?
2. What parties do you enjoy attending? Or hate attending?

At a special dinner in Jesus' time, there would be invited guests, but also others would be nearby, to hear the Rabbi teach, or to enjoy the atmosphere (and maybe to hope for some of the leftovers!) So it's not that strange when a 'sinful' woman shows up at the home of Simon the Pharisee. But I imagine she felt unwelcome.

1. How do you feel about a woman weeping, letting her tears fall on Jesus' feet, wiping them with her hair and then anointing them with perfume?

Jesus accepts her gifts: her tears of thankfulness, her washing his feet, using her hair to dry them and then the perfume. He doesn't pull back in embarrassment. She isn't dignified. She isn't 'modest' and 'out of sight' as a woman SHOULD be (in those days). And Jesus doesn't care!

2. How does Simon feel about this display of emotion? (v. 30)
3. Jesus understands Simon's thoughts and responds with a story. (v. 40 – 43)
What does He ask Simon, and what is Simon's answer?
4. What does Jesus see in this woman that Simon does not?

After telling His short story, Jesus turns toward the woman and asks Simon, "Do you SEE this woman?"

Jesus SAW her. He knew that she had repented and showed her change of heart by anointing Him.

Simon did not SEE her. He saw someone disgraceful, someone to hold in contempt, someone who did not belong at his party. He did not see HER.

5. What is Jesus' gentle rebuke to Simon, the not-so-hospitable host of the dinner?

6. What are Jesus' words to the woman?

7. Have you experienced what the woman experienced? Forgiveness of sins?

Most of us are not too demonstrative in showing our love for Jesus. What is one way you can make Him welcome in your home this week?

Let me know what you think.

