

Encounters with Jesus

Grace Has a Name

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Luke 7:36-50 ESV

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

I. Grace is not something you get. Grace is a person you encounter.

John 1:14 ESV

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

II. Grace brings forgiveness we can't earn and don't deserve.

- The law in the Old Testament contains 613 laws. By the time of Jesus the Pharisees and Sadducees had created volumes and volumes of rules to ensure the people kept the 613 laws.
- And they felt like they were righteous before God because they kept many of those rules.
- Grace is Jesus paying it all – giving me forgiveness I cannot earn and do not deserve.

Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

III. Grace changes us and empowers us to live differently.

- People who flaunt their sin in the name of grace have never really encountered grace.

John 1:16 ESV

¹⁶ For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

- We are completely new – born again - the moment we truly encounter grace by faith. But we have to grow into all it means to be like Jesus. And that growth is by...grace.