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## Do You See What I See?

(Luke 7:36-50)

### Introduction

1. [Series] Resonate: Tune into Jesus' frequency to amplify the gospel in your life & church, and to impact the culture.
2. Question: What do you see when you look at Jesus, yourself, and others?
  - a. Two different responses: One passionate, one indifferent.
  - b. If we see Jesus & experience His grace, how would we respond? How would that change us?

### Do you see Jesus? [Luke 7:36-38]

1. [7:36] Jesus previously ate dinner with notorious sinners [cf. Luke 7:34].
  - a. Jesus is now invited to dinner with the religious people.
  - b. Women are not allowed to participate in this kind of meal & theological discussion.
2. [7:37] "A sinner": A woman from a religious, conservative town, scorned because of her notorious sinful reputation.
  - a. Despite the fear & shame of being an uninvited guest & sinful woman, she wants to see Jesus.
  - b. Why bring a gift? She has seen Jesus as Savior/King/God who loves & forgives.
3. [7:38] She sees Jesus' feet are dirty.
  - a. This means the host has been inconsiderate/rude, not following the custom for honored guests.
  - b. Even though it is religiously (but not biblically) forbidden, she washes His feet.
4. She is overcome with a conscious awareness of Jesus compared to her own sinfulness & weeps.
  - a. The closer we get to Jesus, the more sinful we recognize ourselves to be.
  - b. Expressing her grief at her sinfulness before a holy God is an act of worship.
  - c. Application: Do you see Jesus? His holiness, grace, acceptance & love? Do you grieve over your sin?
    - i. We respond to Jesus with our repentance.
5. She worships & serves Jesus.
  - a. She lets down her hair to wipe Jesus' feet, & lavishes expensive perfume to anoint His feet.
  - b. Both actions are culturally (but not biblically) unacceptable.
  - c. She genuinely sees Jesus, moving her to worship & serve Him generously out of love.
6. Application: When you see this holy Jesus & experience His love, do you respond in repentance, worship & service?

### Do you see this woman? [Luke 7:39-44a]

1. [7:39] How does Simon see her?
  - a. He judges her as dirty; himself as better.
  - b. He judges Jesus as a false prophet; otherwise Jesus would know better.
2. [7:40-43] Jesus gives a simple lesson on sin as debt.
  - a. If two people's debts are forgiven, whose more grateful? The one who owed more.
    - i. Simon thinks he's only a little in debt to God, the woman very much in debt.
    - ii. If that were true, isn't it natural that she would be more grateful?
  - b. Application: What do you owe God?
    - i. Like Simon, we think we owe little debt as sinners.
    - ii. We would be wrong, & even a little is enough to separate us from God.

- c. Note: Jesus does not give an option in the parable for someone with no debt; all sin & are in debt to God.
    - i. Religion tries to pay God back, but we can't afford the price.
    - ii. Jesus is the means by which our debt is paid in full.
3. [7:44a] Do you see her brokenness?
- a. Jesus looks at her through the lens of God's love; Simon looks at her through the perspective of religion.
  - b. She is repentant of sin, turning to Jesus as Savior.
  - c. Application: When you see others who are different or trapped in sin, do you see them through Jesus' eyes?
    - i. Are you quick to judge, condemn, reject?
    - ii. We need to acknowledge there are times we are like Simon/religious people, & not like Jesus.

**Do you see yourself in this woman? [Luke 7:44-46]**

- 1. [7:44] Jesus' point: The issue isn't really about the woman, but by looking at her, how should you see yourself?
  - a. 2 categories of people: Sinner/unholy and sinless/holy.
  - b. Simon sees himself as holy, the woman as unholy.
  - c. Reality: Only Jesus is holy; everyone else in unholy. Simon has himself in the wrong category.
  - d. Do you see yourself in her? You are just like her.
- 2. [7:45-46] Also see how you are unlike her.
  - a. She repents, Simon doesn't. She worships, Simon doesn't. She serves, Simon won't.
  - b. The religious people are further from God than this repentant whore.
  - c. The distance between us & God is repentance.
- 3. Application: When you see her, do you see yourself?
  - a. Do you see your sinfulness/debt? Have you ever repented of who you are & what you've done?
  - b. Have you poured yourself out, worshiped, served, been generous to Jesus in response to what He has done?

**Conclusion: Faith in Jesus saves [Luke 7:47-50]**

- 1. [7:47] Jesus doesn't excuse or ignore her sin. His solution: Forgiveness.
  - a. [7:48] Jesus proclaims her debt/sin is wiped away; she didn't have to do anything.
  - b. [7:49] The religious people debate: How can Jesus forgive sin? Only God can do that.
    - i. Answer: Jesus must be God.
- 2. [7:50] Why is she forgiven? Faith.
  - a. We're still saved by faith in Jesus, receiving Him & His forgiveness.
  - b. Jesus as God has always loved her much, so she loves Him back much; that's where her life is going to change. The same goes for you.
- 3. Application: Jesus is asking, "Do you see what I see this morning?" When you look at Him, at others, at yourself?
  - a. If you are a sinner, you can go to Jesus, tell Him you're sorry & repent, and receive His forgiveness.
  - b. If you are a religious person, please repent of the way you are unloving/judgmental.
  - c. Repent of sin & religion, worship Jesus because He loves & accepts your faith, serve Him by loving on sinners today.