

Luke 7:36-50 (ESV)

“A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?” Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.” 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. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

Jesus explains to the Pharisee two great truths in this historical account. First, He reveals the fact that sin is not measured on a scale of severity. Sin is sin and is in need of forgiveness. Second, Jesus explains that the devotion of our worship is proportionate to our knowledge of the depth of our sin. In other words, the more that we are aware of our sin, the more thankful we are to Him who forgives it just like in the parable of the moneylender.

The truth is that we tend to see sin in the same way that we see the laws in the land that we live in rather than the same way that the kingdom of God sees it. Certain things are more serious and egregious than others. Telling a lie is a much smaller offense in the eyes of our worldly laws than grand theft auto. Have you ever seen yourself as “better” than other people simply because your rap sheet is cleaner? The reality that the gospel reveals is that our sins are evidence (fruit) of our sin nature. What is the depth of our sin? Scripture reveals that the arrest, torture, and death of our Lord was the price of our debt of sin. The great news of the gospel is that Jesus freely offered Himself as a sacrifice so that our debt was paid in full. The resurrection shows the power of God to raise Jesus from the dead and proves the promise of God to raise us to be with Him forever. How deep is your worship and how great is your thankfulness for what God has done?

FAMILY TABLE TALK QUESTION

How does the cost of something reveal the value of what you are buying?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal the depth of your sin and the depth of His love.