

WHAT WAS HE THINKING?
Luke 7:36-50

I. HAVE YOU SEEN THESE PEOPLE?

- A. *"One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at table."* (Luke 7:36)
- B. Let's Take a Look at the Guest List.
1. He was an angry man.
 - * Angry toward his children, the people he worked with, the people in the church.
 - * He was regarded as a spiritual giant, but he could not love.
 2. She was the most feared person in the church.
 - * At home she called the shots. Her husband was boss because she said he was.
 3. He is a Christian leader.
 - * He delights in ripping apart other Christians who disagree with his doctrinal positions.
 4. She lived to complain.
 - * She complained about her church, her neighbors, money, change, and life in general.
 5. He is a Pharisee.
 - * He is good at being good, religious and upright.

II. HAVE YOU LOOKED IN A MIRROR?

- A. *"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."*
- B. The Most Troubling Part.
1. The most troubling part is that they are not thought of as weaker Brothers and sisters who need help.
 2. Spirituality wrongly understood produces cold hearts, sad faces, inauthentic lives and shriveled souls.
- C. Learning to Delight in Imperfect Gifts.
1. Jesus does not deny the sin of the woman or the Pharisee.
 2. Jesus eats with both types of sinners.

III. HAVE YOU HEARD THIS SONG?

- A. *"Simon, I have something to say to you ..."* (Luke 7:40)
- B. God's Disconnected People.
1. Being caught in the complaining syndrome.
 2. W.H. Auden said that we all know that we were put here to serve others but what the others were put here for only God knows.
- C. God's Ultimate Dream.
1. The new community. The Kingdom of God on earth.
 2. The one rule of LOGOS:
 - * **Everyone is to treat everyone else as a Child of God. No one has the right to treat anyone else as if they do not matter.**

Prayer Concerns: Members – Margaret Baker, Burney Biesel, Jeanette Boatright, Gordon Freeman, Ron Gathright, Ruth Dale Hurt, Maleia Lee, Fay McDowell, Mary Jo Moore ... **Friends** – Shirley Adkins, Pat Bryan, Doris Cursey, Bill Dean, Tina Gatlin, Nancy Godsey, Kathy Greer, Arvil Jones, Lucy Jones, Jeff Joyner, Ellen Kaplan, Lesli Kaplan, Dillon LaRue, Connie Overton, Peggy Shipman, Mike Thompson, Jayne Sorrell, Shirley Waldron ...

Christian Sympathy is extended to **Robyn Burns and family** in the death of her grandfather, **Joe Dudley**, on Wednesday, June 13...

PASTORAL PRAYER

O Loving God, on this Father's Day we thank you for being our Heavenly Father. You are a loving parent who continually cares for us. You are always with us, walking before us to guide us, behind us to encourage us, and carrying us whenever the load is too great for us to bear alone.

Our prayer is one of gratitude for our parents who loved us, for sacrifices they made that are beyond our knowing. Our prayer is one of petition for the gifts we need as we seek to be good parents, for patience, for cheerfulness, for the ability to know what is important, and what, really, is not. Our prayer is one of intercession for little children who do not get a parent's love, for homes weakened and about to fall. Give us the privilege of drawing from our homes the love that is surely there, if we will let it be.

Our prayer is one of confession as we come praying for an ability to live in love and understanding with our brothers and sisters. We live in a world with others, and conflicts come, and we confess that something ugly inside us too often gains control, and we say words that wound and hurt. We confess that sometimes we are too sensitive, and we find offense when none was intended.

O God, forgive our brittleness. Let Christ so live in our hearts and homes that the love he died to display takes root, and blooms into peace. Hear us now as we pray the prayer he taught us to pray ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

LUKE 7:36-50

One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house, and took his place at table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, 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. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, 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." And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "What is it, Teacher?" "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he forgave them both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, to whom he forgave more." 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." Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

SERMON SCHEDULE

In the Sanctuary:

June 24	<i>Building Bridges</i>	Galatians 3:23-29
July 1	<i>Look Carefully at His Face</i>	Luke 9:51-62

On the Radio (1450 AM):

June 24	<i>Taming the Tongue</i>	James 3:1-12
July 1	<i>Christ-minded Christianity</i>	James 3:13-18