



**Sermon Outline
February 18, 2024
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**Ugly Past
Authentic Worship**

Luke 7:36-50

*** Encounter Challenge:** Read the four accounts of Jesus' life in **Matthew, Mark, Luke & John** by the end of March.

Encounter #7

Luke 7:36-50 - When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. 38 As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. 39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." 40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. 41 "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. 44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." 48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" 50 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Encounter Observations:

1. Jesus was comfortable with both _____ and irreligious people.

Luke 7:34 - The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners."

** With Jesus, acceptance did not equate to _____.*

2. Simon felt _____ for what Jesus offered the woman.

Vs. 47b — ...her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown.

3. The woman's devotion to Jesus was rooted in her recognition of _____.

** Shame was no match for the unconditional love of Christ.*

Encounter Applications:

1. Pride leads us to _____ ourselves & others.

Luke 18:11 - The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get."

*** Pride replaces God with _____.**

** Jesus welcomes _____ sinners because _____ are sinners.*

*** The ground is _____ at the foot of the cross.**

** When was the last time you _____ because of your sins?*

2. How do I see _____ in relationship to Jesus?

** When we fail to understand God's _____ in our lives, it results in two things. 1) A self-righteous attitude that leads to contempt of others who are "lower" than us. 2) And a love for God that is so shallow as to be non-existent.*

*** Are you seeking Jesus out of _____ or devotion?**