Jesus Forgives a Woman
Parable of the Two Debtors (Lk. 7:40-50)

Intro:
- Lk. 7:40-50 Jesus forgives a woman
- tell the story of the two debtors, Simon and the woman (Lk. 7:40-50)
  - What can we learn from the parable of the two debtors?

Jesus has something to tell you. (vs. 40)
- Lk. 7:40 Jesus has said it today, our choice is whether to listen and obey
- Heb. 5:9 (saved) And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,
- Are you listening to Jesus in your life? — it will save your life, physically and spiritually
  - illus.: California Firestorm Makes Hesitation Fatal (from USA today)
  - illus.: Lot’s sons-in-law, not take serious, not urgent, thought he was joking, died, could have been saved

People forgiven of more sin, naturally love God more. (vs. 41-42, 47)
- Lk. 7:41-43, 47 forgiven of more, love more in return — sinned more, need forgiveness more badly, live more
- illus.: parable of the prodigal son, which one loved his father more at the point of prodigal son repented
  - Lk. 15:20-21 what he said to his father — loved much, forgiven of much
  - Lk. 15:22-24 what his father did
  - Lk. 15:28 brother’s reaction, anger — loved little at that moment, forgiven of little
- We must realize that we’ve all been forgiven of much — price, Jesus on the cross!
  - love God as much as the worst sinner to ever live
  - have same attitude of the woman who washed Jesus feet with tears and wiped with hair
  - illus.: Paul — 1 Tim. 1:15b I am chief of sinners

Their attitude toward Jesus was seen through their actions. (vs. 44-47)
- Lk. 7:44-47 Simon didn’t / the woman did
  - picture: man doing nothing / woman crying and weeping, tears, wiping feet with hair
- Matt. 7:15-20 tree known by its fruit — know ourselves by our fruit, others know us by our fruit
- result: others glorify God
  - Matt. 5:16 light shine, men see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven
- characteristics displayed by the woman
  - humility - wash Jesus feet
    - toward God: heaven will have the people who know they’re there because of God’s grace (gift - Rom. 3:23; 6:23), not because they deserve it
    - toward people: put others first (love)
    - Lk. 18:9-14 humility, story of 2 men praying, Jew and Gentile - different attitudes

  - gratefulness and thankfulness - tears
    - attitude
    - our response: prayer, affect it has upon us with everything we say and do
    - Lk. 17:11-19 relate incident where Jesus healed several guys, but only one came back and thanked him

- worshipful servitude toward God - wash and kiss and anoint His feet
  - attitude
  - result: we want to serve and worship God and do everything we can for His cause
    - Rom. 12:1-2 sacrifice self for the good of God’s kingdom
    - illus.: woman, washed Jesus feet with her tears, wiped with her hair, kiss and anoint feet

- faith - confidently trust and obey
  - attitude
  - go to Jesus for salvation, explicitly trust and obey

➤ Summary / Inv.
  - what was the difference between Simon and the forgiven woman
    - faith: we must have faith like the woman, not like Simon
  - key for us:
    - live like we have been forgiven of much, not compare ourselves with others
    - Heb. 10:26, 28-29 understand the severity of your sin, even if it is a “little” sin
  - What is your view of yourself?
    - like Simon, or like the woman who washed Jesus feet with tears and hair
  - inv.
    - Jesus forgave the woman because of her faith - He’ll forgive you because of your faith - obey