

Luke 7:36-50 (ESV)

36 One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. **37** And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, **38** 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. **39** Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, 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."



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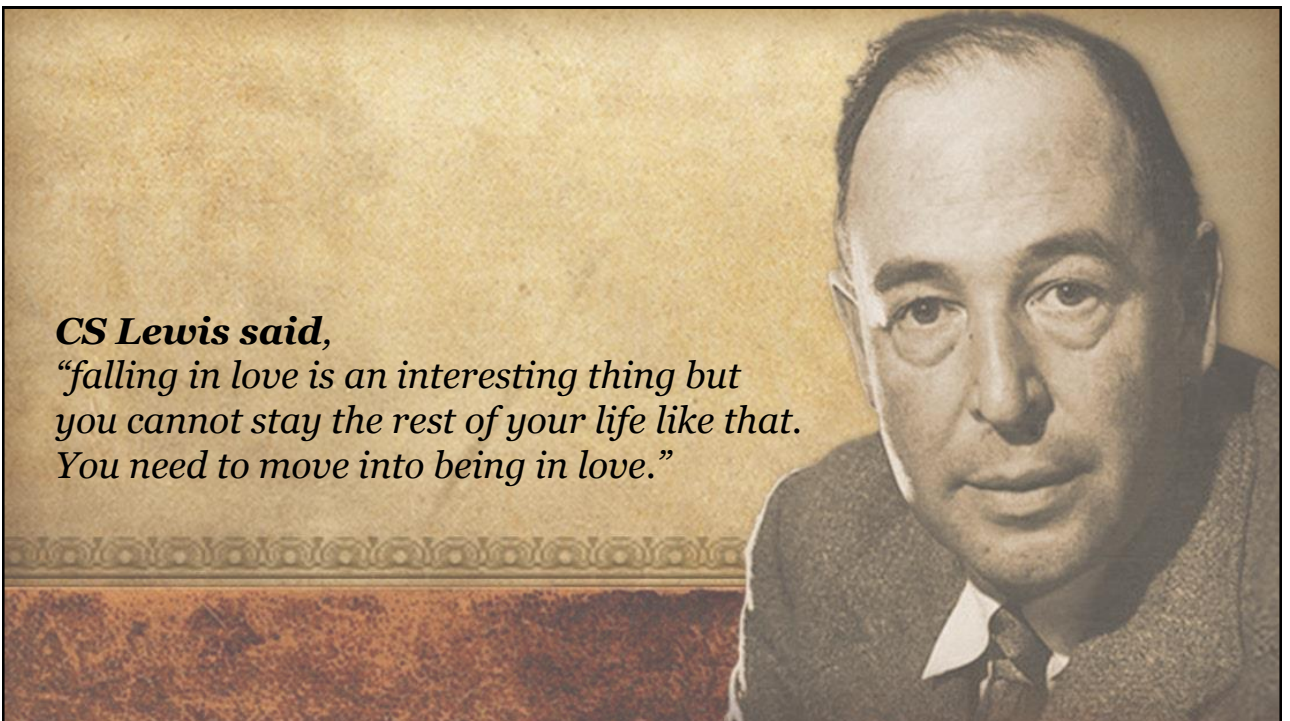
40 And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher." **41** "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. **42** When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" **43** Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." **44** 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.

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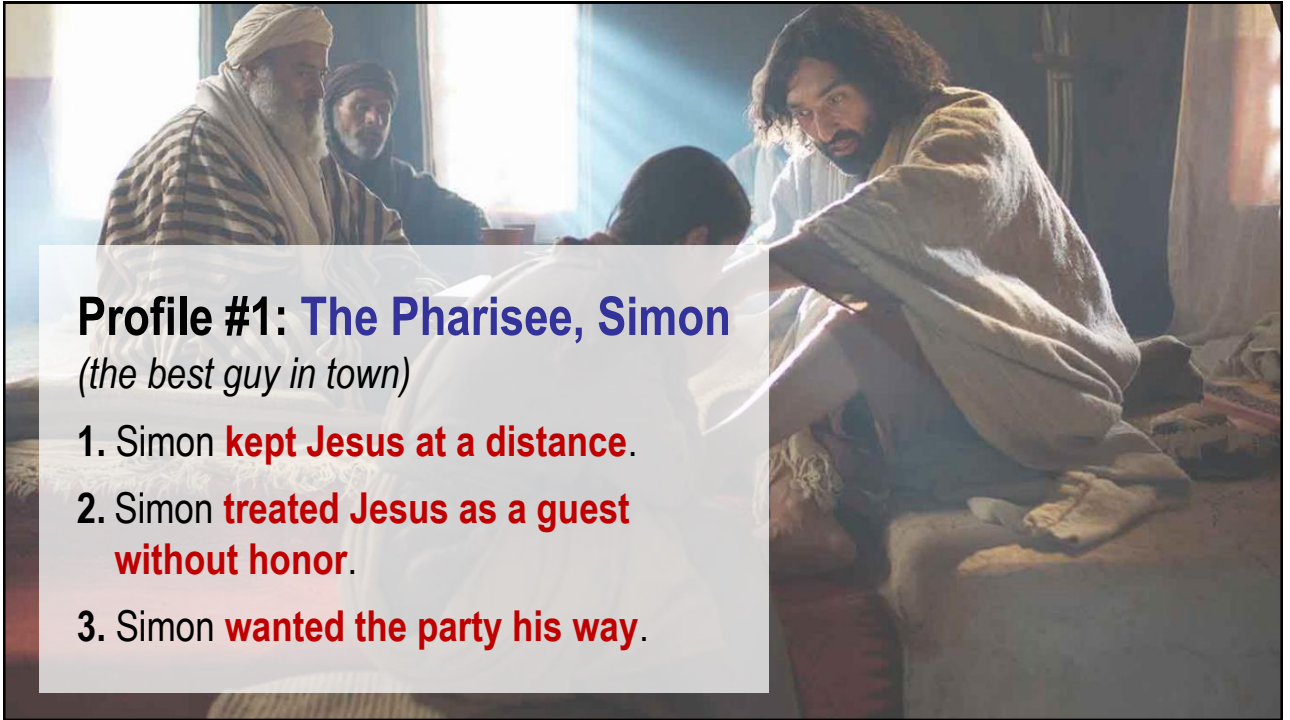
45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. **46** You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. **47** Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." **48** And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." **49** Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" **50** And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."



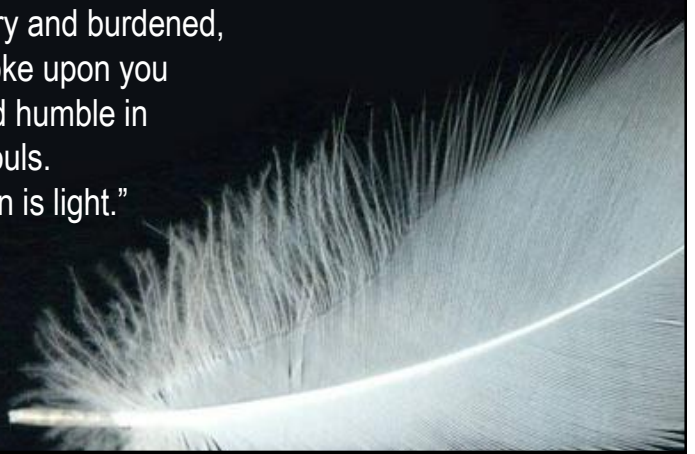
Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.



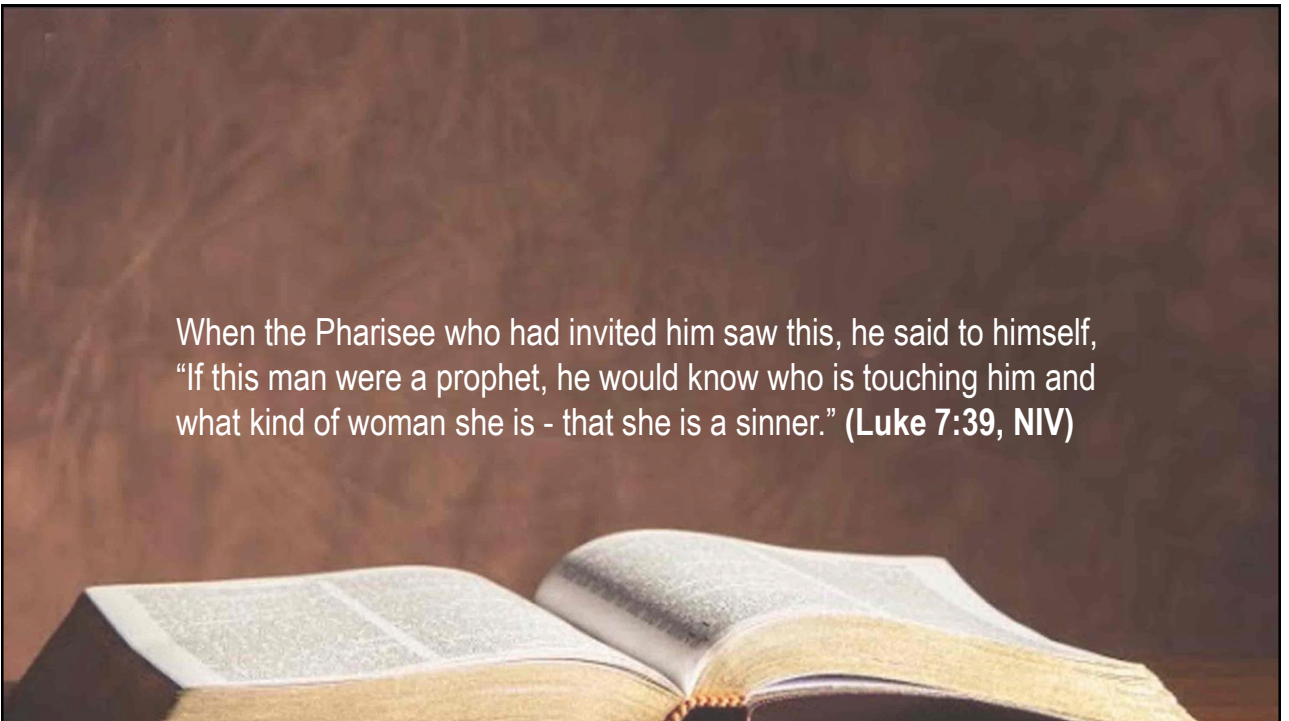
CS Lewis said,
*“falling in love is an interesting thing but
you cannot stay the rest of your life like that.
You need to move into being in love.”*



28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you
and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in
heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”
(Matthew 11:28-30; NIV)



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“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.” **(Luke 7:39, NIV)**

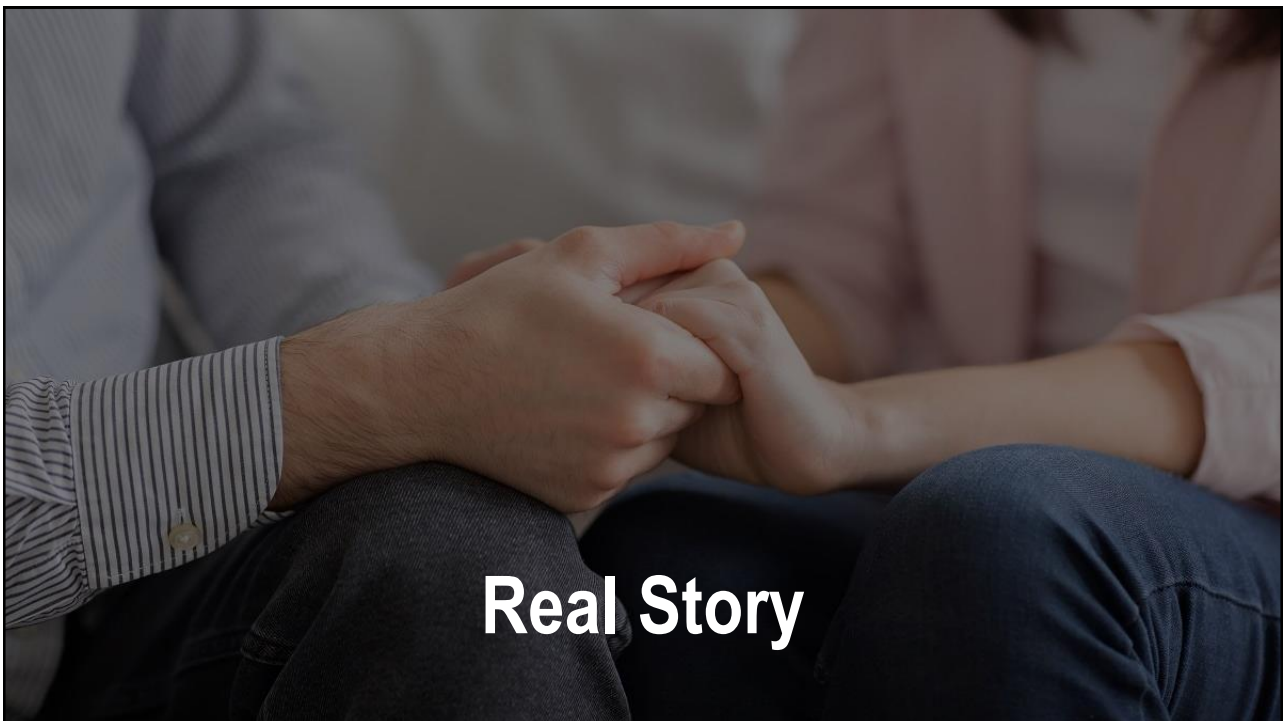
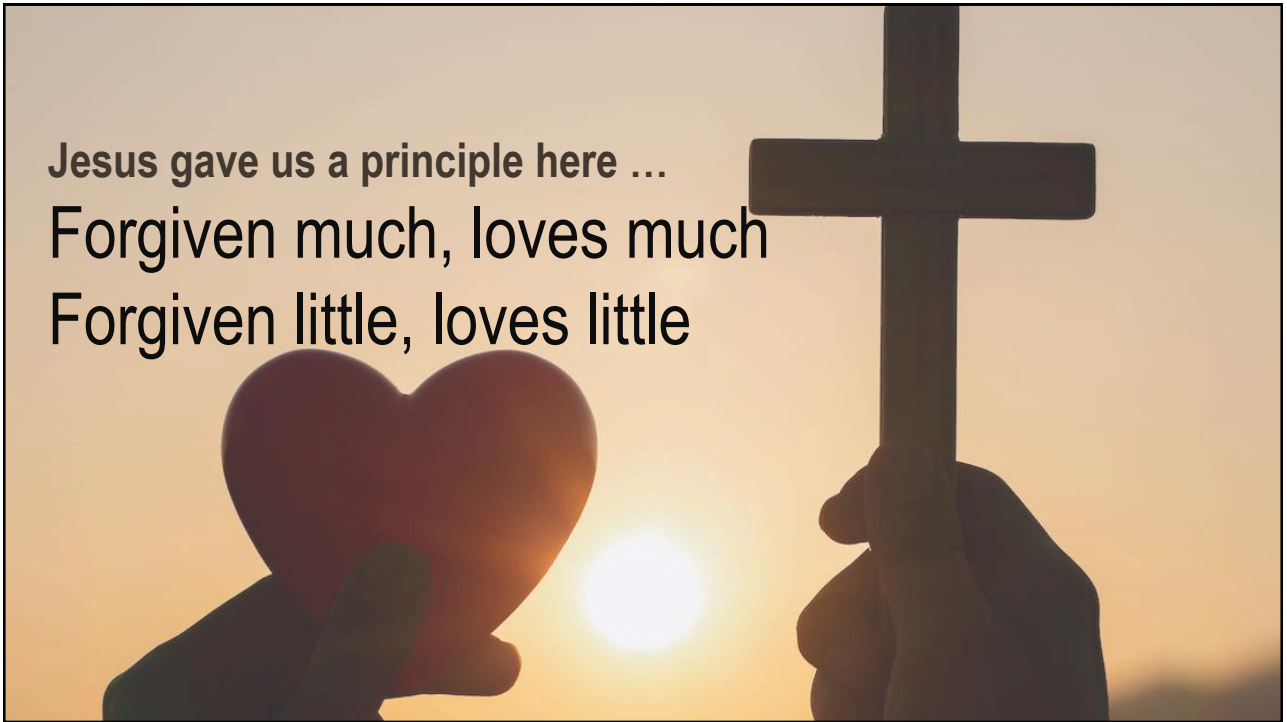


40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. **41** "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. **42** Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" **43** Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "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—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." (Luke 7:40-47, NIV)



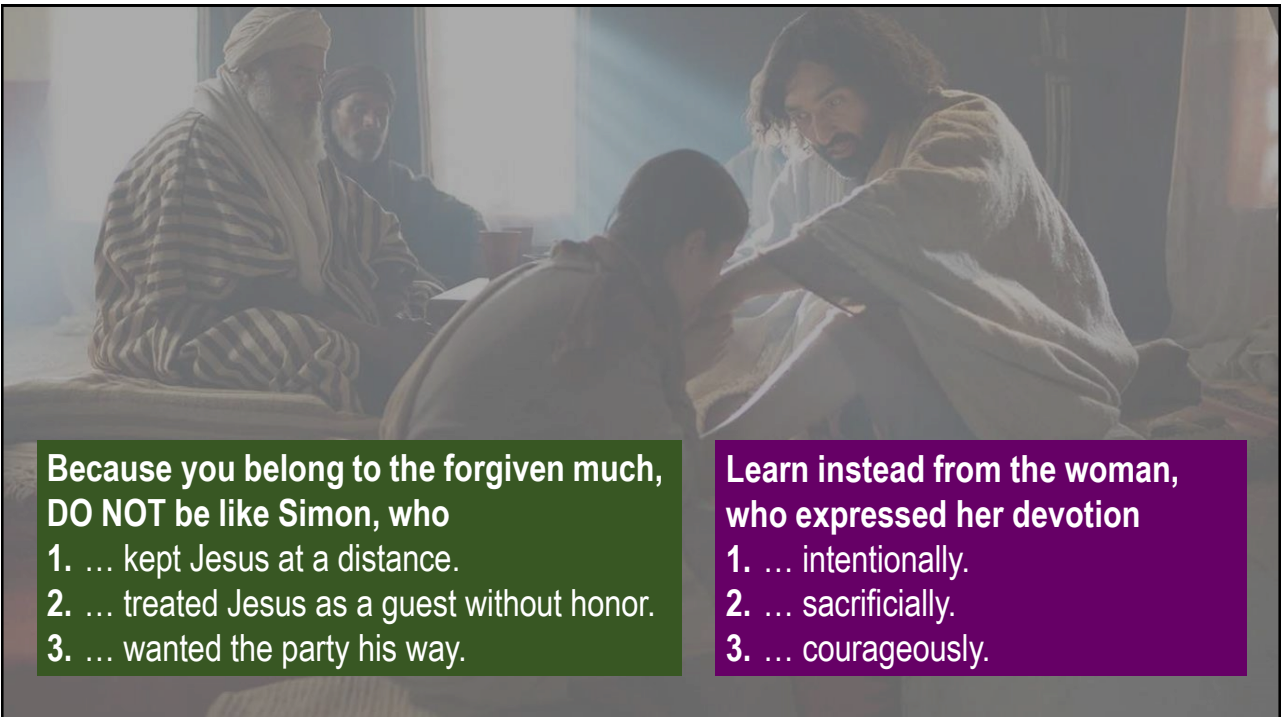




We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love.

— *Martin Luther King* —

AZ QUOTES



Because you belong to the forgiven much, DO NOT be like Simon, who

1. ... kept Jesus at a distance.
2. ... treated Jesus as a guest without honor.
3. ... wanted the party his way.

Learn instead from the woman, who expressed her devotion

1. ... intentionally.
2. ... sacrificially.
3. ... courageously.

*The secret of a
passion for God:
The greater the debt,
the greater
the devotion.*

—Paul Thigpen, “Where’s the Fire?” Issue 66



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