

28 Days

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Of Growth ... 'What is God's Goal for me?'

"A Pharisee invited Jesus to have dinner with him. So Jesus went to the Pharisee's home and got ready to eat. When a sinful woman in that town found out that Jesus was there, she bought an expensive bottle of perfume. Then she came and stood behind Jesus. She cried and started washing His feet with her tears and drying them with her hair. The woman kissed His feet and poured the perfume on them.

The Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this and said to himself, "If this man really were a prophet, He would know what kind of woman is touching Him! He would know that she is a sinner."

Jesus said to the Pharisee, "Simon, I have something to say to you."

"Teacher, what is it?" Simon replied.

Jesus told him, "Two people were in debt to a moneylender. One of them owed him five hundred silver coins, and the other owed him fifty. Since neither of them could pay him back, the moneylender said that they didn't have to pay him anything. Which one of them will like him more?"

Simon answered, "I suppose it would be the one who had owed more and didn't have to pay it back."

"You are right," Jesus said.

He turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Have you noticed this woman? When I came into your home, you didn't give Me any water so I could wash My feet. But she has washed My feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You didn't greet Me with a kiss, but from the time I came in, she has not stopped kissing My feet. You didn't even pour olive oil on My head, but she has poured expensive perfume on My feet. So I tell you that all her sins are forgiven, and that is why she has shown great love. But anyone who has been forgiven for only a little will show only a little love." Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven."

Some other guests started saying to one another, "Who is this who dares to forgive sins?"

But Jesus told the woman, "Because of your faith, you are now saved. May God give you peace!"

~ Luke 7:36-50

The Greatest of all the Commands is **the Command to Love.**

The Greatest Sin is the **Refusal to Obey the Greatest Commandment.**

