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“There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both.” Jesus then asked Simon (get this!), “Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?”

Jesus indicates that this woman’s sins had already been forgiven her (in some earlier encounter), based upon the Greek perfect tense in verse 48, “Your sins have been forgiven in the past and they remain forgiven at this moment.” So, this woman was not doing all of this because she was seeking forgiveness. She was expressing her immense love for Jesus for having forgiven her of her sins.

This is the tale of two sinners: one who looked at everyone else as sinners, and one who could not contain her excitement for having been forgiven. Friend, which are you? When was the last time you profusely thanked the Lord for forgiving you of your sins? Never take that for granted!

Lift Up in Prayer

Leaders of the United States, Russia, Ukraine, Israel, and Iran as they navigate complex challenges. Archie, as he embarks on his recovery journey. Yu Bedwell’s uncle, as he undergoes cancer treatment. Peace in the United States. Isra’s friend Rosales, who faces significant medical challenges and a possible two-organ transplant. We come before you with humble hearts, asking for your loving care and healing power for Patrick Johnson. Surround his family with your protection and peace, granting them resilience and hope through each day. Please grant Brother Ganett balance in all aspects of his life—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Scott Roeske was recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Pray for strength, healing, and comfort for Scott and his loved ones during this difficult time. Please lead David’s four children to salvation, granting them a heart of faith and a spirit of obedience. We also pray for David’s wife, that she may be assigned to a smaller school and carry out her responsibilities as vice principal with wisdom and faithfulness. Lord, we lift up Alondra and her pregnancy; grant her health and success throughout this journey. Finally, we ask for Your blessing on Jacinth’s recovery from her previous operation. Please grant her strength, comfort, and full healing as she moves forward. Surround her with Your peace and loving presence each day. In Jesus Name, Amen.

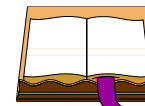
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Bible Study 10:00

Sunday Worship 11:00

Camp Humphreys Pacific

Victors Chapel (Sanctuary)



Wednesday Bible Study 18:30

Camp Humphreys Pacific

Victors Chapel

Rooms: 143 (Adults)

164 (Children)

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“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31)

A Tale of Two Sinners

By David Sproule

When we think about all of the various sins there are in the world, we might think there are hundreds or thousands of different kinds of sinners.

However, if we narrow it down, we may come up with a number much smaller, representing the types of sinners on earth. In Luke 7:36-50, Jesus was in a house with two sinners. However, these two sinners were very different from each other.

The first sinner was the owner of the house. He was a Pharisee named Simon. He had invited Jesus into his home to eat, but we do not know his motives for doing so. **(Continue page 2)**

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We would like to assign genuine and positive motives, but in reading the text, it is difficult to do that. While he had invited Jesus to be his guest, he did not provide any of the “welcome amenities” that were customary in that day.

The second sinner was “a woman in the city” (believed to be an immoral woman “of the streets”) who crashed the party, coming into the home and dinner uninvited. She heard that Jesus was there, and she wanted to be where He was. She stood at His feet, wept, washed His feet with her tears, wiped them with her hair, kissed His feet and anointed them with fragrant oil. She provided the “welcome amenities” that Simon did not.

Simon was a sinner, but he didn’t believe it. He was suspicious of Jesus, questioning His divine knowledge. He was judgmental of “what manner of woman this is” who was touching Jesus. The woman was a sinner, but she knew it. She came “behind” Jesus. She did the most menial of all tasks to express her heart to her Savior. What a contrast!

Jesus told a short parable to awaken Simon to the contrast between him and this woman.

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