

12 June 2016 – 4 Pentecost/Queens birthday-Long weekend.

Readings: 2 Sam. 11:26–12:10,13–15; Gal. 2:15–21; Luke 7:36 – 8:3.

INTRO: “Do you see this woman?” – Luke 7:44, “Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman?”

Many in the world DO NOT. World’s Worst Place to be a Woman. Violence against women is so common in Honduras that it has a special name – femicide. A woman is murdered every 13 hours here, and Stacey discovers that very little is being done to address it. Addressing men and women.



I. GOD SEES ALL.

Simon DID NOT see this woman. At least not in the way he should.

M. Scott Peck, “narcissists may not ‘see’ others at all.” (*People of the Lie*, p.137). **Note:** Simon also did not see Jesus.

What Simon failed to do, she abundantly exceeded.

1. A woman who is deeply humble and contrite.

Luke 7:44, “You did not give me any water for my feet, but **she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair**. No holding back of emotion and devotion. The hair is woman’s crown and glory.

2. A woman who is personal and affectionate.

Luke 7:45, “You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, **from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet.**”

Romans 16:16, “Greet one another with a **holy kiss.**”

3. A woman who is extravagant and “wasteful” in her giving.

Luke 7:46, “You did not put oil on my head, but **she has poured perfume on my feet.**”

Matthew 26:7, “an alabaster jar of **very expensive perfume.**”

Mark 14:6, 8, “She has done a **beautiful thing** to me... **She did what she could.**”

Misty Edwards, “I will waste my life I’ll be tested and tried, with no regrets inside of me, just to find I’m at Your feet.”



II. GOD FORGIVES ALL.

2 Samuel 12:7, 13, “You are the man!” ... Then David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the LORD.’ Nathan replied, ‘**The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.**’”

Luke 7:41-42, “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so **he forgave the debts of both.**” The Gospel: Jesus died for the sins of the whole world!

Luke 7:47-48, “Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

Cf. Luke 7:39, “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.”

Cf. 1 Corinthians 14:3, “But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.”

Lenski: It is significant that Jesus accepted Simon’s invitation.

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III. GOD INCLUDES ALL.

Luke 8:1-3, “After this, Jesus travelled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, **and also some women** who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: **Mary** (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; **Joanna** the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod’s household; Susanna; **and many others.** These **women** were helping to support them out of their own means.”

Galatians 3:26-28, “In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” **CONCLUSION**: How much have you been forgiven? How do you show it?