

**The GRACE OF GOD – PART III**  
**“JESUS WINS ANOTHER GOLD MEDAL IN GRACE”**

**Luke 7:36-50**

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In this episode, two people take the initiative to spend some time with Jesus, but each with entirely different motives. One, a leading Pharisee in the community invites Jesus over to his house for dinner. The other, a woman who made her living as the local prostitute encounters Jesus in the Pharisee’s house. By examining Jesus’ interaction with these two people we discover many things about attitudes that enhance grace and attitudes that destroy grace. Jesus wins gold in extending grace!

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**ACT 1. A PHARISEE NAMED SIMON HAS JESUS OVER FOR DINNER, v. 36**

- A. What was Simon’s motive for inviting Jesus to his house?
- B. What was Jesus’ motive for accepting his invitation?
- C. What would the conversation focus on?

**ACT 2. A SINFUL WOMAN ENTERS THE HOUSE TO SHOW HER LOVE TO JESUS, vv. 37-38**

- A. She is the polar opposite of Simon, vv. 37-38
- B. She was totally out of place there, v. 37
- C. She had skeletons in her closet, v. 37
- D. She lived with shame – a prostitute, v. 37
- E. She poured perfume on Jesus’ feet, v. 38
- F. She was overwhelmed with emotion, v. 38

**ACT 3. THE PHARISEE IS DEEPLY OFFENDED BY JESUS AND DISGUSTED WITH THE WOMAN, v. 39**

- A. Simon saw the woman as someone to avoid (unclean)
- B. Simon saw Jesus’ acceptance of her as unacceptable
- C. Simon didn’t see Jesus as the Messiah
- D. Simon’s offense portrays his ignorance of God’s grace and his own sinfulness

**ACT 4. JESUS OFFERS SIMON INSTRUCTION ON GRACE TO POINT OUT HIS NEED FOR FORGIVENESS, vv. 40-43**

- A. The illustration – 2 people owed money, vv. 40-41
- B. The debts of 500 & 50 denarii were forgiven by the moneylender, vv. 41-42
- C. Simon answered correctly: the one with the bigger debt loved more, but didn’t see how that related to him, v. 43

**ACT 5. JESUS’ APPLICATION REVEALS SIMON’S SPIRITUAL IGNORANCE, vv. 44-50**

- A. The Pharisee didn’t treat Jesus with honor, vv.44-47
- B. The woman showed Jesus her love, vv. 44-47
- C. The woman received Jesus’ forgiveness / grace, v. 48
- D. The woman loved Jesus because she had been forgiven of her many sins, v. 47
- E. The guests were amazed, v. 49
- F. The woman was saved by her faith, v. 50 (Eph 2:8-9)

**ACT 6. CONCLUSIONS ABOUT GOD’S GRACE, v. 47**

- A. Her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much.
- B. Simon has been forgiven little & loves little."

**GRACE FORMULA**

The degree of grace we receive should produce a proportionate amount of love we give to God.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Make a contrast between the sinful woman and the Pharisee
- #2. How would you respond to a sinful woman coming to Hillcrest on Sunday morning?
- #3. Describe the woman's actions and feelings. (vv. 37-38)
- #4. What do the Pharisee's thoughts reveal about him? (v. 39)
- #5. How does the parable Jesus presents refer to our salvation? (vv. 40-42)
- #6. Describe how Jesus applies the parable to Simon.
- #7. What did Jesus mean when he said to Simon, "he who has been forgiven little loves little?" (v. 47)
- #8. Some people live very sinful lives before coming to know Jesus, and some people live wholesome lives before they become a Christian. How is their experience in receiving forgiveness / grace different?
- #9. Discuss the following:
  - A. In order to live in grace, we must be aware of how much we have sinned against God.
  - B. In order to live in grace, we must be aware of how much we are forgiven.
  - C. In order to live in grace, we must be aware of our inability to atone for our own sins.
- #10. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

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***Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much.***

*Luke 7:47*

***August 1, 2021***


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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE EAST INDIAN DINNER IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 at HILLCREST CHURCH**

Everyone is invited to join the Hillcrest family for a time of great fellowship, food and mission's awareness. Feel free to invite a friend. We will be raising money for the Great Commission Fund (GCF) and the school in Uganda. In the next few weeks we will be giving you more information about the school and the GCF. August is mission's awareness month!

### **JOIN US ONLINE FOR**

Tuesday Bible study at 6:30, Wednesday study & Prayer at 6:30.  Click the "online meeting room" link on the home page of the website [Hillcrestroseville.com](http://Hillcrestroseville.com)

### **LAST CHANCE TO UPDATE THE HILLCREST DIRECTORY**

Please leave your contact information with us so we can include you in the church directory. Check your information at the table by the entrance of the sanctuary.

### **VISION MEETING AUGUST 15 AFTER THE SERVICE**

Everyone is invited to stay for our brief vision meeting out our plans, goals and objectives in bringing renewal to Hillcrest Church. The next vision meetings will be August 15 after church.

### **FACILITY**

We are grateful to God for our facility, which is paid for! This week we are having the chairs cleaned and the storage room will be painted and organized. Thanks to DJ for putting in a lot of work in moving the sound board to the back of the sanctuary. Now that the covid crisis is passing we want to have a more presentable and normal vibe as we worship.