**Great Sin, Great Forgiveness, Great Love**

Luke 7:36-50

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**Luke 7:37 (ESV)**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,

**Luke 7:38 (ESV)**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.

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**Luke 7:47 (ESV)**Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”

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**for•give•ness** \fər-ˈgiv-nəs\ *noun*: The wiping out of an offense, so that the offense no longer affects the relationship between the offender and the one affronted, and harmony is restored between the two.

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**1 John 4:10 (ESV)**In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**1 John 4:19 (ESV)**We love because He first loved us.

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**Numbers 14:19 (ESV)**Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of Your steadfast love, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now.

**Psalm 86:5 (ESV)**For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.

**Psalm 103:12 (ESV)**As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

**Isaiah 43:25 (ESV)**I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

***[Build list] The promise to forgive means saying …***

***“I will not bring this matter up to you again.”***

***“I will not bring this matter up to others again.”***

***“I will not bring this matter up to myself again.”***

***[Build list] Instead of forgiving …***

***Minimizing***

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