



The Motive for Mission

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Luke 7:36-50

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36 One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. 37 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, 38 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. 39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." 40 And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

41 "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." 44 Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. 46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. 47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."

Application Questions

1 What opportunities do you currently have for taking the gospel to others?

2 How did this passage affect your own personal motivation for missions?

3 Spend time praying specifically for our missionaries?

Sermon Outline

When you are engaged in mission and it feels like it's a duty or obligation, remember

- The motivation for mission is God's forgiveness and redemption.
- We too—like both Simon and the woman—are big sinners, who are loved extravagantly by an amazing God.
- We are never going to be very good at taking the gospel to others, if secretly we think they need it more than we do.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

»**Church Property Workday:** Join us next Saturday, October 18th from 8:00 AM-noon for a morning of work projects which will include yard clean up and building maintenance. Contact Chip Prins (prins.chip@gmail.com) with questions