

# UNDER AUTHORITY: Raging, Outrageous Love

LUKE 7:36-50

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## ***Loving Jesus is Not a PART of Christianity, it's the Heart of Christianity.***

1. Love Jesus, Because He **Welcomes** the Unworthy (36-39, 49).

2. Love Jesus, Because He **Pardons** the Unbelievable (39-47).

3. Love Jesus, Because He **Assures** the Unstable (48-50).

*Luke 7:36-50*

*<sup>36</sup>One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. <sup>37</sup>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, <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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."*

*<sup>40</sup>And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher." <sup>41</sup>"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup>Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly."*

*<sup>44</sup>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. <sup>45</sup>You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup>Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."*

*<sup>48</sup>And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup>Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup>And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (ESV)*

### APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Ephesians 2:1-5.** Why do we need to understand the seriousness of our sin before a holy God before we can be saved? What evidence is there that this sinful woman had previously encountered the gospel message?
2. **Read Luke 18:9-14.** This passage provides us with another comparison parable. What are some reasons the Pharisee was not justified, and the tax collector was?
3. **Read 1 John 4:19-21 and Romans 12:1-2.** How can God's mercy motivate us to serve him daily? What would your outrageous love look like?

### Quote for the Week. . .

by Jerry Bridges



*"Have you ever thought about what it means to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind? I don't think any of us fully plumb the depths of that commandment, but here are some obvious aspects:*

1. *Your love for God transcends all other desires (see Exodus 20:3).*
2. *Like David, you long to gaze upon His beauty and seek fellowship with Him (see Psalm 27:4).*
3. *You rejoice in meditating on His Word, and, like Jesus, you rise early to pray (Psalm 119:97, Mark 1:35).*
4. *You always delight to do His will, regardless of how difficult it may be (see Psalm 40:8, NASB).*
5. *A regard for His glory governs and motivates everything you do – your eating and drinking, your working and playing, your buying and selling, your reading and speaking – and, dare I mention it, even your driving (see 1 Corinthians 10:31).*
6. *You are never discouraged or frustrated by adverse circumstances because you are confident God is working all things together for your good (see Romans 8:28).*
7. *You recognize His sovereignty in every event of your life and consequently receive both success and failure from His hand (see 1 Samuel 2:7; Psalm 75:6-7).*
8. *You are always content because you know He will never leave you or forsake you (see Hebrews 13:5).*
9. *The first petition in the Lord's Prayer, "Hallowed be your name," is the most important prayer you pray (see Matthew 6:9)."*

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