

# OUR NEED TO BE FORGIVEN

*Luke 7:36-50* When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, He went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup> A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. <sup>38</sup> As she stood behind Him at His feet weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. <sup>39</sup> When the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, "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." <sup>40</sup> Jesus answered him, Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. <sup>41</sup> "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. <sup>44</sup> Then He turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give Me any water for My feet, but she wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You did not give Me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing My feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not put oil on My head, but she has poured perfume on My feet. <sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven - as her great love has shown. But whoever has

*been forgiven little loves little.”<sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”<sup>49</sup> The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”*

## **The sinful woman passionately pursued Jesus.**

She was deeply aware of her need of Jesus that only He could forgive her of her sinful lifestyle.

She **PURSUED** Jesus until she found Him.

She **PAID** a price by giving her best to Jesus.

She **POSITIONED** herself with great humility at His feet.

She was **PERSECUTED** for publicly displaying her affection for Jesus.

## **People knew Jesus saw beyond their label.**

Jesus didn't allow people's sin, attitudes or status prevent Him from reaching out to them.

## **Jesus makes a mosaic out of each of us.**

Jesus sees beauty in our brokenness and calls us “good”.

Jesus transforms us into something completely new and different from the old version.

**Regardless of our sinful behaviour, our past or rejection of Him, Jesus still pursues us because He loves us.**

*”Jesus came to seek and save those who are lost.”  
Luke 19:10 (nlt)*

Are you passionately **pursuing** Jesus?

Do you need to ask Jesus to forgive your **sins**?

*John 3:16 (erv) God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him would not be lost but have eternal life.*

*Romans 5:8 (niv) God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*