

SERIES: waiting for the *Word*

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, November 18-19, 2023

SERMON: A Picture of the Goodness of God

SCRIPTURE: Luke 7:36-50 NIV

[7:36] When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.

[37] A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume.

[38] 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.

[39] 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."

[40] Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said.

[41] "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

[42] 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?"

[43] Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

[44] 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.

[45] You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet.

[46] You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.

[47] Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

[48] Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

[49] The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

[50] Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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1. A picture of _____.

- We all have _____ lives.
 - In this picture who had the _____ need?
 - "I have all I need."
- We live in _____ and _____.
- We live in _____ with God.
- We need what _____ can give.

2. A picture of _____.

Psalm 103:3-5 *Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

Psalm 103:13 *As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.*

3. A picture of _____.

Luke 17:19 *Then He (Jesus) said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."*

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Thanks to all of you who joined us this past Wednesday night for our fourth **Congregational Meeting** of 2023. I want to give you a brief report of the meeting.

Most congregational meetings contain information that pertains to the health and vitality of the congregation. Therefore,

- **We received** reports about new members, attendance for Connect Groups, and attendance for worship. Both Connect Group attendance and worship attendance are at all-time highs, even higher than before the pandemic. We also continue to have large numbers of people for baptism and profession of faith, with a desire to become members of the church.

We are grateful for all of this.

- **We received** the budget presentation for 2024. As you probably know, we discussed the budget at this business meeting – with no vote. We will vote on the budget (without discussion) during each of the worship services the first weekend in December. If adopted, the budget will go into effect January 1 for the 2024 calendar year.

The church budget gives a ministry guide for the work of the church.

- **We heard** a recommendation from the Trustees and Deacons about a mediation process concerning issues/incomplete areas in the Worship Center related to heat and airflow. The church gave the Trustees responsibility to make a final determination about mediation and any further actions necessary.
- **We elected** individuals to serve on administrative ministry teams for the church. These individuals were nominated by the Nominating Ministry Team and elected by the vote of the church.

Would you join with me in praying for the ministry that God has given us for the coming year?

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