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# FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

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# Anointing Jesus' Feet

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What type of welcome  
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What does that tell you  
about his motive?

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How would you  
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and her actions?

How significant were  
her tears?

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Greek word *brecho* is also used to describe rain showers.

This is more than light whimpering.

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How would you describe the Pharisees attitude and response?

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# Parable of Two Debtors

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How are the  
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How are they  
the same?

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# Great Forgiveness, Great Love

Luke 7:44-48

What three things did the woman do that the Pharisee did not?

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What does this phrase tell you about Jesus?

Jesus knew all about her.

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Was the woman saved by her actions?

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# Saved by Faith

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How did Jesus answer that question?

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<sup>49</sup> Those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this man who even forgives sins?"

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The woman's actions were a natural outflow of sincere gratitude for having experienced God's grace.

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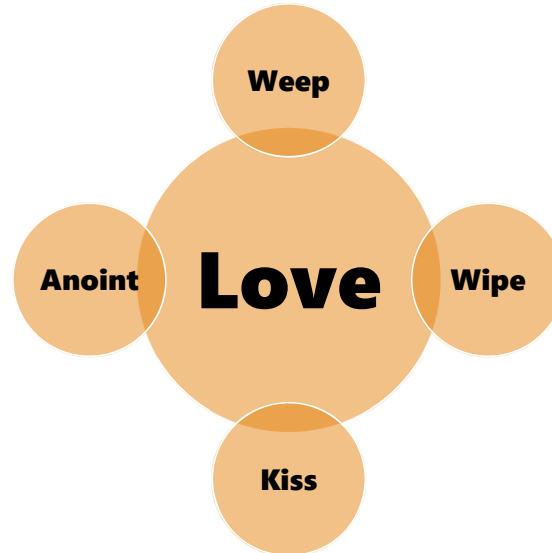
## Jesus Associates with Sinners

*"Because in forgiving sinners for a large debt of sin, God is able to transform them into people who display great love."*

Darrell Bock, BECNT

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**"The actions of a silent, sinful woman speak a thousand words."**



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## DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- Jesus paid a debt that He did not owe, because we have a debt we cannot not repay.
- The sinful woman pictures and exemplifies the honorable actions of a forgiven sinner.
  - ❖ Faith expresses itself in love, gratitude, and devotion,
  - ❖ Faith yields the fruit of forgiveness, and
  - ❖ Faith leads to the fruit of action.

May your faith fuel an expression of love for Jesus this week that will greatly impact and influence others!

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**Luke 8:1-18**