

KK '23 DQT Devo: Day I  
"The One He Forgave More"

**Lesson Passage:**

Luke 7:36-50

**Lesson Focus:** The Pharisee and the woman approached Jesus differently. One saw her need of Jesus the other did not think he needed Jesus. She knew she was imperfect.

**Lesson Point:** We must approach Jesus in faith and love knowing that because we are sinners, imperfect, we have great need of Him.

**Lesson Intro:** What do you usually do when you see someone you know? Do you head nod for hello? Do you extend your fist for knuckles? A high five maybe? Perhaps an old-fashioned handshake? There are many ways we say hello to the people we see. Has anyone ever come up with a secret handshake with their best friends? Let's take a few minutes to pair up and come up with a secret handshake and then we will present it to the group. Best secret handshake wins a prize. In today's lesson we will encounter some interesting ways people in the Bible use to greet each other.

***Start with the story of Jesus, the Pharisee, and the Sinner***

**I. The Different Attitudes. Luke 7:36-39**

Simon, the Pharisee, invited Jesus to his house for a meal. In these verses we quickly see two different attitudes towards Jesus. A woman, known as a sinner by people, came to the feet of Jesus with a gift of perfume and began to clean the feet of Jesus with her hair, tears, and perfume. This showed she knew who she was, an imperfect sinner, and she knew who Jesus was, the perfect Savior. She came to Jesus because she knew she needed Him. She believed in Him.

Simon, the Pharisee, also showed his attitude toward Jesus. Although Simon had invited Jesus over for a meal, Simon doubted who Jesus was. He questioned who Jesus was because of the woman cleaning His feet and Simon did not see his need for Jesus.

**II. The Different Understandings. Luke 7:40-43**

Jesus knew what Simon was thinking, so Jesus wanted Simon to understand. Jesus illustrated with the story of someone who owed what would have been close to 2 years' worth of paychecks and compared it to someone who owed about 2 months' worth of paychecks. In the story both were forgiven so Jesus asked Simon, who loved more?

***Ask the kids: Who do you think loved more or was more thankful that they were forgiven what they owed?***

***How many people had been forgiven in the story Jesus told? Both, just different amounts.***

There was no other answer than the person who had owed way more and was forgiven. Simon also understood that. Although the story Jesus told spoke of 2 people that were forgiven, both needed the forgiveness because both owed money.

***Who do you think had shown more love out of being grateful to Jesus up to this point in the story Simon or the sinful woman?***

**III. The Different Actions. Luke 7:44-46**

***What do your parents or maybe you do when you have someone visit your house?***

***Do you offer them something to drink? Ask them to come in and take a seat? Offer them a snack?***

In the time of Jesus there were also some things guests were offered when they visited a home. Guests would be offered water to wash their feet since the travel and sandals would have caused their feet to get dirty. Simon did not offer Jesus any but the woman with her hair and tears cleaned the feet of Jesus. Guests would be greeted with a kiss. Simon had not greeted Jesus this way but the woman had not stopped kissing the feet of Jesus. Guests were offered a special oil to pour on their heads. Simon did not offer anything but the woman poured her perfume on the feet of Jesus.

***Through these actions who showed more love/gratefulness toward Jesus, the woman or Simon?***

***Whose actions showed that they knew and believed in who Jesus, the woman or Simon?***

The woman did all this because she knew who she was, an imperfect sinner, that needed Jesus, the perfect Savior. Simon did not seem to show he believed he needed Jesus or that Jesus was who He said He was.

#### **IV. The Different Love. Luke 7:47**

Jesus then put it all together for Simon. The sinful woman showed her love because she was grateful for being forgiven much. She knew she needed Jesus and she knew Jesus could forgive her many sins. She showed her faith through the love she displayed for Jesus in cleaning the feet of Jesus with tears, kisses, perfume, and her hair. Simon did not think he needed Jesus, so he displayed how much he believed in Jesus by showing very little love.

#### **V. The Different Faith. Luke 7:48-50**

Jesus then really noted the difference in how Simon and the woman had approached Him. The woman approached Jesus in faith knowing who she was, an imperfect sinner, and who Jesus was, the perfect Savior. Because of her faith Jesus told her that her sins had been forgiven. Simon's friends reflected perhaps the same thoughts Simon also had, how could Jesus forgive sin?

***Do you think Simon and his friends believed in Jesus as the Savior?***

But Jesus clearly stated to the sinful woman that because she had faith in Jesus her sin was forgiven, and her faith had saved her. The imperfect sinful woman was made perfect because of her faith in Jesus. She could now go in peace knowing Jesus had made her perfect.

**Conclusion:** From the start of the story Simon and the woman showed what they believed and thought of Jesus. Jesus also noticed what Simon and the woman thought and believed about Jesus. The woman showed she understood she was a sinner, imperfect, and needed Jesus, the perfect Savior. Simon did not think he needed Jesus. Simon did not believe in Jesus like the woman did. But the love the woman showed Jesus in her actions of cleaning His feet displayed that she had faith in who Jesus was. Her faith changed her life from a sinful imperfect woman to being made perfect through Jesus.

**Application:** How have we approached Jesus? Has there ever been a time where we like the woman approached Jesus knowing that we are imperfect sinners who need the perfect Savior? Or have we failed to believe in Jesus maybe because we do not believe in what He can do, save us? Or maybe because we do not think we need Him to save us because we are not that bad. Like Simon we think we only have a little bit of bad that needs forgiveness. Today may be the day we need to go to Jesus in faith and ask Him to be our Savior. We are all imperfect whether we think it is a little or a lot. Just like in the story Jesus told, we all need to be forgiven of our debt because of sin big or small. The debt of sin separates us from God and deserves a punishment that lasts forever. But Jesus came gave, His life on the cross, was laid in a tomb, and rose from the dead after the third day to save us from our sin. Only through Jesus can we be forgiven of all our sin and be made perfect. Have you put your faith in Him as your Savior?

If you already trusted Jesus never forget the BIG amount He paid for our sin. May we too love Him a lot like the love the woman displayed in faith.

KK '23 DQT Devo: Day 2  
**"That Your Faith May Not Fail"**

**Lesson Passage:**

Matthew 26:31-35; 69-75; John 21:15-19; Luke 22:31-32

**Lesson Focus:** Jesus knew and foretold of the disciples and Peter's failure, but He prayed for Peter to continue and instructed Peter on what he still had to do for Jesus even after failing.

**Lesson Point:** God knows we are imperfect and although He does not want us to fall or fail, He knows in this life we will, but He still wants us to return and continue with Him and His perfect purpose.

**Lesson Intro:** Let's play a game. The challenge is for you to be able to say the eight words or phrases I will say. But I must warn you I do not think that any of you will be able to do it. Okay let's start:

-Hakuna Matata

-I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream (say it fast 3 times if needed)

-She sells seashells by the seashore (say it fast 3 times)

-Peter Piper Picked a peck of pickled peppers

- How many yaks could a yak pack pack

- supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

- Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear, Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair then Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't fuzzy, was he?

***As soon as the say the fuzzy wuzzy phrase say this last one without skipping a beat.***

- Oh no you lost the game

***(They in theory should react and say something different instead of repeating the phrase)***

The point is none of like to be told we will fail. Some of you tried extra hard not to fail. In the end there were some or all of you who did indeed failed to say all the things we tried to say.

Some of you were so sure you could not fail. That happens sometimes like in the story from the Bible e will study today.

***Start with the story of Jesus, the disciples, and Peter***

**I. They Weren't Going to be Perfect. Matt. 26:31-32**

Jesus the same night He would be arrested made an alarming announcement to the disciples. He knew that they would all be made to fall because of what would happen to Him that night. He knew that this would essentially mess them up a little in their following and belief in Jesus. Later in the story one can see they doubted that Jesus had risen from the dead even after being told by different witnesses multiple times.

***How do you think the disciples responded when Jesus told them they would fail?***

***How would you respond?***

**II. They Wanted to be Perfect. Matt. 26:33-35**

Peter assured Jesus that he would not fall away or fail. Then, Jesus told Peter something even more specific about Peter and his failure. Peter would deny Jesus. Peter reassured Jesus that even if it cost him his life, he would not deny Jesus. The rest of the disciples agreed and said the same thing as Peter. None of them wanted to fail or fall. None of them would admit that it could happen even when Jesus Himself was letting them know.

Jesus knows that we all want to do our best for Him. He knows that we may try our best for Him. But He also knows that at times we still may fail, we are not perfect.

***What would you tell Jesus if He told you He knew you would fail or sin at some point?***

***Would you be like the disciples and say, “no Lord I will never get grounded even if I have to die”?***

### **III. They Weren't Perfect. Matt. 26:69-75**

Jesus had been arrested and the disciples had scattered. Some followed all that was happening to Jesus from a distance. Peter was one who tried to follow it all secretly. But he was identified as a disciple (student) of Jesus not once but three times. And just as Jesus said, Peter denied Jesus. Each time Peter denied Jesus it got worse as he denied Jesus with oaths and a curse. Then, the rooster crowed. Peter had failed and he knew it. Luke points out that at this moment Jesus turned to look at Peter and that is when Peter remembered (Luke 22:61).

***How do you think Peter felt?***

***How would you have felt especially if Jesus turned to look at you?***

***Would you feel worthy of following Jesus? Or that He still had any plan for you?***

### **IV. The One Who Calls is Perfect. John 21:15-19 (Mark 1:17)**

Jesus had risen from the dead and had appeared to the disciples and others already. Then Jesus has this moment with some of the disciples, especially Peter. After all that had happened Jesus asked Peter if Peter loved Jesus. Three times Jesus told Peter something Jesus still wanted Peter to do. To add to it all Jesus used the same words Peter heard when Jesus first called Peter, “Follow me”. Peter’s failure did not change Jesus’ calling. Jesus still had a perfect plan for Peter even though Peter was imperfect. Jesus is the perfect One that calls us and plans to make us become something. Peter simply had to continue to follow Jesus. We too must continue to follow Jesus.

### **V. The One Who Calls Understands Perfectly. Luke 22:31-32**

Jesus from the beginning knew that Jesus would have this battle and lose. Jesus had prayed that Peter would return and continue. Jesus had even told Peter then that Peter would still have a job to do. Jesus knows we are not perfect and that there may be times we fail. But Jesus is perfect and has a perfect plan He want us to always continue in. He in His perfection works in us and on our behalf even though we are imperfect.

### **VI. The One Who Calls Has a Perfect Plan. Acts 3:11-16, 4:4,13**

Peter began to see the perfect plan Jesus had. The same man who denied Jesus, over 50 days later preached Jesus to thousands who believed. We can see the perfect plan God has if we return and do not quit when we fail.

**Conclusion:** Jesus knew the disciples would fail. Jesus knew Peter would deny Him. Jesus still encouraged Peter to continue in His perfect plan. Peter got to see the perfect plan even though he was imperfect.

**Application:** Jesus knows we can or have failed at some point. It may be a big failure or small. He knows we are imperfect. But Jesus still calls us to follow Him and let Him work in and on us. He has a perfect plan for our lives that He wants and can make happen in our life if after we fail, we return from failure and continue with Him. The perfect plan begins with us knowing we need Jesus as our Saviour. (Share the gospel with the kids)

