

Peace after Forgiveness

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Luke 7:36-50

A story in Luke 7 is about a woman "of the town" who has not lived a very peaceful life. Her sins, which were many, caused the Pharisee in whose house Jesus was eating to turn up his nose at her and question why Jesus would allow such a person to wipe the dust off his feet.

At first glance, the woman seemed to be showing remorse for her sins, washing Jesus' feet and weeping as acts of penitence. Jesus' parable, however, paints a different picture. Jesus presented the woman as someone whose sins have already been forgiven, and her actions were those of love and thankfulness.

I wonder how this woman lived after this encounter with Jesus? We are told about her life before she met Jesus. The story shows her great love for the One who has forgiven her. I wonder what her life was like afterwards? I wonder what our lives are like after we meet Jesus? Are we at peace with God and others? May we hear the words of Jesus speak to us this day: "Your sins are forgiven. Now go in peace."

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