**Parables Part 2- The Two Debtors**

***36 One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, 38 and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. Luke 7:36-38***

***39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.” Luke 7:39***

***40 And Jesus answering said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he answered, “Say it, Teacher.” 41 “A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Luke 7:40-42***

**Whether our debt is large or small, our inability to pay it puts us on equal ground before the money lender.**

***Now which of them will love him more?” Luke 7:42***

**A truly forgiven person will naturally love their forgiver.**

***“The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” Luke 7:43***

***And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.” Luke 7:43***

***44 Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. 46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. 47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” Luke 7:44-47***

**We all need a Savior to cancel our debt whether that debt is a little or a lot.**

**48 And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” 50 And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” Luke 7:48-50**

**Forgiveness comes through faith in Jesus and has nothing to do with our abilities or behaviors.**

***8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*** **Ephesians 2:8-19**

**The more we depend on our own morality the less likely we will feel the need to ask for forgiveness.**

**You don’t have to go prove yourself to the world and to God to be forgiven.**