



Prescription for Life

The Gospel of Luke



20:38 9:48 7:48 6:20-23 11:9 4:18 5:32 3:5-6 1:49-55

2014-2015

Announcements

- Nov 15th Shaped to Serve
- Nov 19th Lamplighters Fellowship Luncheon

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Luke 7

Faith, Forgiveness & Acts of Love

Lamplighters Women's Bible Study

October 29, 2014



Faith, Forgiveness & Acts of Love

- Healing the Centurion's Servant
- Raising the Widow's Son
- Transitioning from John to Jesus
- Forgiving the Woman's Sin



Things to Note about the Centurion:

- His incredible kindness and love.
- His incredible humility.
- His sense of sin.
- His incredible faith.



Things to Note about the Widow & Son:

- Jesus heals out of compassion.
- The faith of those involved is not revealed to us.
- Don't grumble when God blesses others you see as undeserving.



John's Disciples Examine Jesus

- John wants his followers to transition to Jesus.
- They need to believe on their own.
- They witness Jesus:
 - Curing diseases and sickness.
 - Exorcising evil spirits.
 - Giving sight to the blind.
 - Making the lame walk.
 - Cleansing those with leprosy.
 - Making the deaf hear.
 - Raising the dead.
 - Proclaiming the good news to the poor.
- Jesus tells them to report what they have witnessed.

When we share with others
what we've witnessed God doing,
our own faith grows.



A blessing on the man who isn't
shocked by me.

—N T. Wright



Things to Note about John

- He is not wavering like a reed in the wind.
- He is not a fickle courtier.
- He is more than a prophet because he is the subject of prophecy himself.
- He is the greatest Old Testament prophet, under the Old Covenant, prior to the cross and New Covenant.



True wisdom shows itself in the actions of John and Jesus, not in their outward appearance of austerity or conviviality.



Things to Note about Simon

- He's a reluctant host who provides:
 - No kiss of greeting.
 - No water.
 - No oil.



Things to Note about the Woman

- She was reputed to be “sinful.”
- She witnessed Jesus’ humiliation at the hands of Simon and the other Pharisees.
- She washed his feet with tears, kissed them and anointed them with perfume.
- She had faith that she was forgiven.
- Her gratitude for forgiveness was shown by her acts of extravagant love.

More Things to Note about Simon

- He's a reluctant host who provides:
 - No kiss of greeting.
 - No water.
 - No oil.
- He sees himself as upstanding, respectable, with few transgressions.
- He is cold, selfish and has little love.
- He has no sense of his debt of sin.



No matter how exemplary my life,
I am unable to repay my debt of sin
nor earn my way to heaven
with good works.



We don't need to live a life of sin to
have love.

We need to have a deep sense of our
own sin to awaken that love for God
and for others.



It is our faith that saves us, not our
acts of generosity.

We act in love and generosity in
gratitude for our great forgiveness.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFEwTZIjMzU>

