

<p>Bible Text New International Version</p>	<p>Who are the people involved and what is the situation?</p>	<p>What traits of God are displayed in this story? What are the traits of the people?</p>	<p>In what ways do you see yourself in this story? How is God inviting you to respond?</p>
<p>Luke 7:36-50 Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman</p> <p>³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.</p> <p>³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.”</p> <p>⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said.</p> <p>⁴¹ “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii,^a and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”</p> <p>⁴³ Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.” “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said. <i>(continued)</i></p> <p>a. Luke 7:41 - A denarius was the usual daily wage of a day laborer (see Matt. 20:2)</p>			

<p>Bible Text New International Version</p>	<p>Who are the people involved and what is the situation?</p>	<p>What traits of God are displayed in this story? What are the traits of the people?</p>	<p>In what ways do you see yourself in this story? How is God inviting you to respond?</p>
<p>Luke 7:36-50 – continued</p> <p>⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”</p> <p>⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”</p> <p>⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”</p> <p>⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”</p> <p>Luke 8:40-56 Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman</p> <p>⁴⁰ Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. ⁴¹ Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus’ feet, pleading with him to come to his house ⁴² because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.</p> <p>As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. ⁴³ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.</p> <p><i>(continued)</i></p> <p>b. Luke 8:43 - Many manuscripts <i>years, and she had spent all she had on doctors</i></p>			

<p>Bible Text New International Version</p>	<p>Who are the people involved and what is the situation?</p>	<p>What traits of God are displayed in this story? What are the traits of the people?</p>	<p>In what ways do you see yourself in this story? How is God inviting you to respond?</p>
<p>Luke 8:40-56 – <i>continued</i> ⁴⁵ “Who touched me?” Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you.” ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.” ⁴⁷ Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.” ⁴⁹ While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” he said. “Don’t bother the teacher anymore.” ⁵⁰ Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.” ⁵¹ When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child’s father and mother. ⁵² Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. “Stop wailing,” Jesus said. “She is not dead but asleep.” ⁵³ They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But he took her by the hand and said, “My child, get up!” ⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.</p>			

Bible Text New International Version	Who are the people involved and what is the situation?	What traits of God are displayed in this story? What are the traits of the people?	In what ways do you see yourself in this story? How is God inviting you to respond?
<p>John 8:2-11</p> <p>² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.</p> <p>But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.</p> <p>⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”</p> <p>¹¹ “No one, sir,” she said.</p> <p>“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”</p>			

Reflections

Jesus showed respect and compassion to the unclean woman. How do we respond to those whom we see as unclean or different?

We are often quick to pass judgment on others. How can we reserve judgment and establish relationships instead?

