

# Forgiveness and Gratitude

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## Comparative righteousness gives us a deficient view of God's forgiveness.

▶ *"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly.""* (Luke 7:41-43, ESV)

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## We experience forgiveness when we place our trust in the One Who provides forgiveness.

▶ *"And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace.""* (Luke 7:50, ESV)

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**Forgiveness draws us to worship Jesus, the source of our forgiveness.**

▶ *"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. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven.""* (Luke 7:44-48, ESV)

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**Forgiveness is the foundational element of peace.**

- ▶ *"And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace.""* (Luke 7:50, ESV)
- ▶ *"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."* (Romans 5:1, ESV)

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