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TABLE TALK

Forgiven Much

Prepare:

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As one person lights a candle, the family reads together (adapted from Sinners Jesus Will Receive):

- C: Christ receiveth sinful men,
R: Even me with all my sin;
C: Purged from every spot and stain,
R: Glory I shall enter in.

Read: Luke 7:36-39,44-50 (ESV)

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. 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." ... 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." 48 And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 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."

Reflect:

The actions and attitudes of both the Pharisee and the woman are proportionate to their recognition of the forgiveness they received. Acknowledging the debt of sin forgiven by Jesus increases our gratefulness and impacts our actions and attitudes toward Jesus and others.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage means for you as a family. Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.

Praying:

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The head of the household prays:

Dear God, help us to appreciate the depth of sin forgiven by Jesus. Create in us grateful hearts that respond to you and our neighbor in gratitude and love. In Jesus's name, Amen.