

“Thy faith has saved thee; go in peace.”



**Class 1 - Forgiveness:  
The Two Debtors**

# Luke 7 is a unique account

Detail	Matthew 26 & Mark 14	John 12	Luke 7
Host	Simon the Leper	Martha served	Simon “the Pharisee”
Woman	A woman	Mary	A woman (a sinner)
Location	Bethany (near Jerusalem)	Bethany (near Jerusalem)	near Nain (Galilee)
Time	2 days before his death	6 days before his death	Earlier in Ministry (before his transfiguration)
Misc	Oil on Jesus’ head Disciples murmur Alabaster Box  No parable told	Wiped with hair  Oil on Jesus’ feet Judas complains  Lazarus there No parable told	Tears wash feet Dried feet with hair Kissed his feet Oil on Jesus’ feet  Alabaster Box used  Parable told

# Simon “the Pharisee”

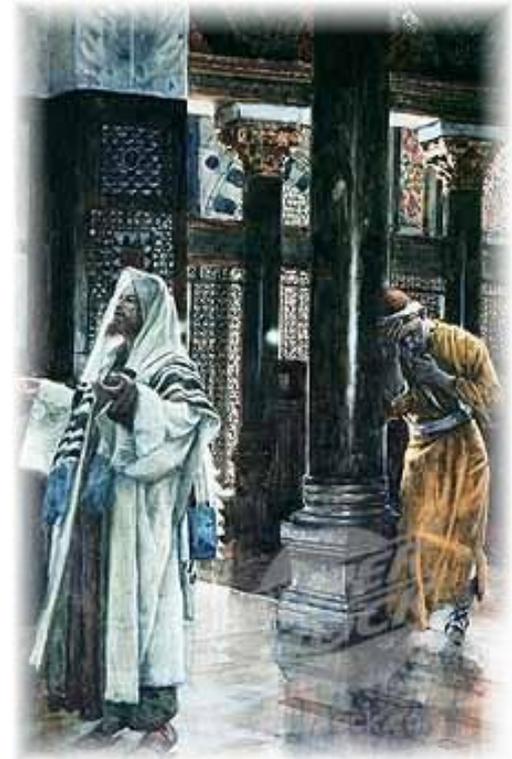


Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou.

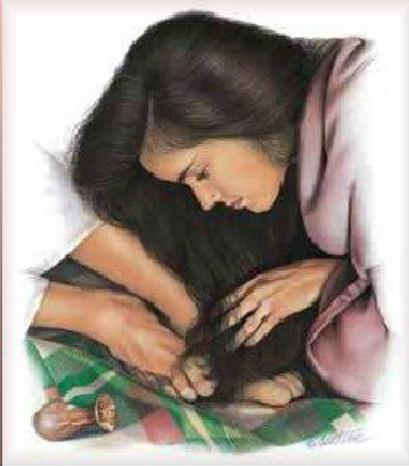
These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

Isaiah 65:5

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. 2 Corinthians 10:12



# A Woman – “a sinner”



This term (‘sinner’) is used in the New Testament to describe Gentiles, or Jews who acted as Gentiles (e.g. Matthew 26:45; Galatians 2:15). It is likely therefore that Simon’s prejudice against this woman was not just her past behaviour, but also her nationality.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

1 Timothy 1:15





# Keys to the Parable

1. The relative 'size' of the debt was significant
2. BOTH debtors were unable to pay!
3. BOTH debtors were freely forgiven all.
4. The relative 'size' of the response was significant!

"Which of them will love him most?"

"Seest thou this woman?"

"Who is this that forgiveth sins also?"



Her actions of devotion were the  
**RESULT** of the forgiveness offered,  
not the **CAUSE** of it!



But God commendeth his love toward  
us, in that, while **we were yet sinners**,  
Christ died for us. Romans 5:8



We love him, because he **first** loved us.  
1 John 4:19

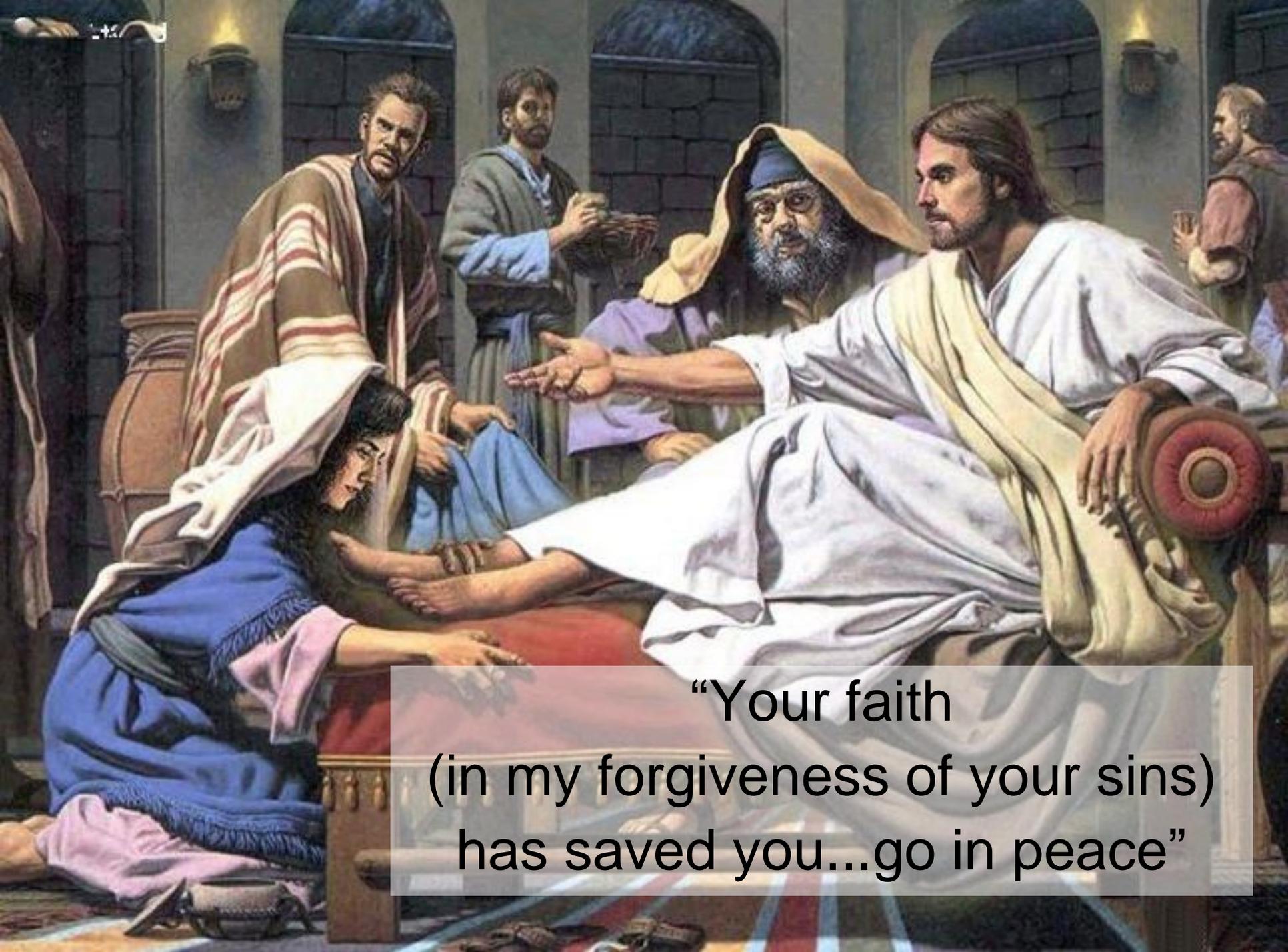
Luke 17:1 Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!

2 It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.



“Your faith  
(in my forgiveness of your sins)  
has saved you...go in peace”