**Building Core Strength**

**by Loving Your Savior[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Luke 7:36-50**

3 Ways to Show Your Devotion for the One Who Died for You

**I. Love Your Savior in Ways that Sometimes Seems Reckless**

A. By where she was willing to go

**Luke 7:36** - *Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him, and He entered the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table.*

**Luke 7:37** - *And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner…*

**Ephesians 2:8-10** - *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

B. By how she was willing to sacrifice

**Luke 7:37** - *And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee’s house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume,*

**Luke 7:37** - *…she brought an alabaster vial of perfume,*

**Luke 7:38** - *standing behind him at His feet, weeping…*

Greek – “brecho” – raining

**Matthew 5:45** - *…He sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous…*

C. By what she was willing to risk

**Luke 7:38** - *…she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume.*

**II. Love Your Savior by Acknowledging the Depth of Your Need**

**Luke 7:47** - *For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little.*

A. Number yourself among the sinners

**Romans 3:23** - *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

**Luke 7:39** - *Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner.”*

B. Let your love for God’s Word lead you to a correct view of yourself

cf. Luke 7:31-35

C. Proceed from a proper analysis of yourself to corresponding acts of adoration for your Savior

**1 John 4:19** - *We love, because He first loved us.*

1. Lacking in Simon’s life

2. Overflowing in the “sinful woman’s” life

“Obsessed people are more concerned with obeying God than doing what is expected or fulfilling the status quo. A person who is obsessed with Jesus will do things that don’t always make sense in terms of success or wealth on this earth.” (Crazy Love, Francis Chan, pg. 136-137)

**III. Love Your Savior by Surrounding Yourself with Others Who Are in Love with Him Too**

**Luke 7:49** - *Those who were reclining at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this man who even forgives sins?”*

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