

Judged

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1 Cor. 10:13 NLT The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And **God is faithful**. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you **a way out** so that you can endure.

John 1:12-13 NLT But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

Micah 6:8 NLT No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

Luke 7:36-50 NLT

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. When **a certain immoral woman** from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he

would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner!"

Then Jesus answered his thoughts. "Simon," he said to the Pharisee, "I have something to say to you." "Go ahead, Teacher," Simon replied. Then Jesus told him this story: "A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other. But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt." "That's right," Jesus said.

Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn't offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

You didn't greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume. "I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love."

Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven." The men at the table said among themselves, "Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?" And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

The Pharisee judged the woman as sinful.

The Pharisee judged Jesus as untrustworthy.

The Pharisee judged himself as morally superior.

Four important words to consider:

- **Judgment** - forming an (accurate) opinion or coming to a (right, fair, just) conclusion
The issue is not that we judge, but that we judge rightly.
- **Jurisdiction** - one's scope of authority and responsibility
Not everything is yours to judge.
- **Justice** - righteousness, correctness, fairness, truth.
Ultimately, justice only comes from God.
- **Jesus** - Some say that Jesus doesn't judge. **Not true**.
Jesus is the supreme Judge, whose jurisdiction is all of creation throughout eternity, and whose judgments are entirely just
 - **Acts 10:42** ...Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead.
 - **Rom. 2:16** ...the day is coming when God, through Christ Jesus, will judge everyone's secret life.
 - **2 Tim. 4:1** I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom:

- **Matt. 16:27** For the Son of Man will come with his angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds.
- Jesus has the **final word**.

The Pharisee judged the woman to be a **sinner**.

The woman judged herself to be a **sinner**.

Jesus judged the woman to be **forgiven**.

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