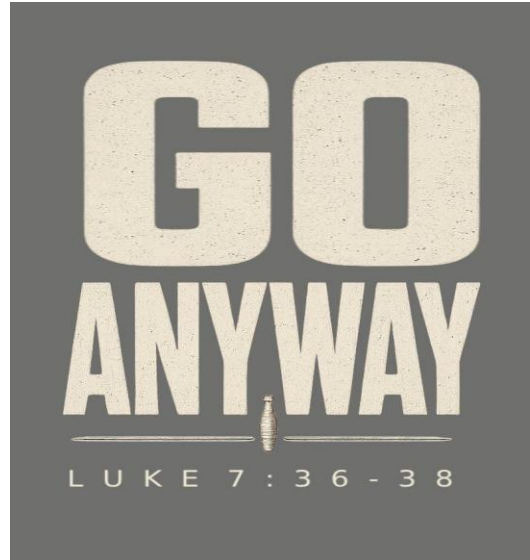


“Go Anyway”

OPEN IT

- Tell about a time you walked into a situation where you felt like you didn't belong. What emotions did you experience?
- What usually keeps people from taking a step of faith—fear of failure, fear of rejection, pride, shame, or something else?



READ IT:

- Luke 7:36-50

Related passages:

- Ruth 1:16-17 – Ruth’s courageous commitment to Naomi
- Ruth 3:1-11 – Ruth’s courageous approach to Boaz on threshing floor

EXPLORE IT

- Read **Luke 7:36-38**. What risks did the woman take by entering Simon's house and approaching Jesus? What does her willingness to "go anyway" reveal about her faith?
- The woman never says a single word in the story. What do her tears, perfume, and actions communicate that words could not?
- Read **Luke 7:39-43**. Why was Simon so offended by the woman's actions? What assumptions was he making about both Jesus and the woman?
- Jesus' parable compares two debtors with different-sized debts. What is the main point of the parable? Why is it significant that neither person could repay the debt?
- Read **Luke 7:44-47**. Jesus asks Simon, "Do you see this woman?" What is the difference between merely noticing someone and truly seeing them the way Jesus does?

- Simon invited Jesus into his home but kept Him at arm's length. What are some ways people today can be close enough to Jesus to observe Him but not close enough to be transformed by Him?
- Read **Luke 7:48-50**. Jesus tells the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." What role did faith play in her forgiveness? What role did her acts of love play?
- The message said, "Her love didn't earn forgiveness. It was the fruit of it." Why is that distinction so important to the gospel?
- The message contrasts Simon and the woman by saying the difference wasn't the size of their sin but the direction of their surrender. What does that mean? How do you see that truth in the passage?
- Read **Ruth 1:16-17** and **Ruth 3:1-11**. How do Ruth and the woman in Luke 7 demonstrate similar courage, humility, and trust? What can we learn from their willingness to cross difficult thresholds?

DO IT:

- **Identify your threshold.** Prayerfully ask God what step of surrender you've been avoiding, and take one practical step toward obedience this week.
- **Stop managing your reputation.** Choose obedience over appearances by following Jesus even if it feels uncomfortable or costs you the approval of others.
- **Practice wholehearted worship.** Spend intentional time this week expressing your gratitude to Jesus—not because you're trying to earn His love, but because you've already received it.
- **See people the way Jesus does.** Look for someone who is overlooked, judged, or marginalized, and intentionally extend kindness, dignity, and welcome to them.
- **Walk into peace daily.** Begin each morning by surrendering one specific area of your life to Christ, remembering that peace is not merely something you possess but a direction you continue to walk as you trust Him.