



AT THE TABLE

THE HOSPITALITY OF JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

How to Use This Daily Reflection:

Each day we will very simply pray (P.R.A.Y.) ‘P’: PAUSING to be still. ‘R’: REJOICING with a Psalm and REFLECTING on a Scripture. ‘A’: ASKING God to help us. ‘Y’: YEILDING to His will in our lives, come what may. Allow this rhythm to deepen your awareness of God’s presence and guide you to live out His mission in your daily life.

Pause

Rejoice/Reflect

Ask

Yeild

Week 03: The Table of the Marginalized

Monday: The Heart Behind the Hospitality (Luke 7:36)

Pause: Take a moment to slow down. Breathe deeply and become aware of God’s presence with you.

Rejoice: *Let’s praise the One who invites us to His table with open arms.*

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O taste and see that the Lord is good;
How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! — Psalm 34:8

Reflect: Jesus accepted the invitation of someone who didn’t yet understand Him. What does that say about the way we receive others?

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Ask: Lord, is my heart more like the Pharisee's or like Yours? Help me welcome others without judgment.

Reflect: Re-read Luke 7:36 slowly. Notice what stands out this time. How does Jesus' willingness to enter the Pharisee's home challenge your assumptions about where grace belongs?



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Yield: Lord, I open my home and heart to whomever You would bring. Help me love beyond appearances.

Tuesday: The Boldness of a Broken Heart (Luke 7:37, 38)

Pause: Quiet your heart before God. Let your mind settle into His presence.

Rejoice: Give thanks for the God who welcomes us even in our mess.



The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. — Psalm 34:18

Reflect: This woman didn't care what others thought—she just came to Jesus in brokenness and love.



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, and standing behind *Him* at His feet, weeping, 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. — Luke 7:37, 38

Ask: Lord, where am I holding back because of shame or fear of judgment?

Reflect: Read the verses again slowly. What emotions rise as you see her vulnerability? How might God be calling you to approach Him, or someone else, with similar honesty?



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Yield: I bring my whole self to You, Lord—past, pain, and all. Let my love for You flow freely.

Wednesday: A Revealing Reaction (Luke 7:39, 40)

Pause: Be still. Listen for the Spirit's gentle whisper.

Rejoice: Let's thank God for His deep understanding and mercy.

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'O Lord, You have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You understand my thought from afar. — Psalm 139:1, 2

Reflect: Simon judges the woman, and Jesus, for this act of love. But Jesus knows what Simon is thinking and responds with a story.

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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.” And Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he replied, “Say it, Teacher.” — Luke 7:39, 40

Ask: Lord, do I ever put limits on Your grace? Am I more focused on appearances than transformation?

Reflect: As you reread these verses, consider Jesus' calm and knowing response. What does this teach you about His patience and mercy?

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Yield: Jesus, help me see others through Your eyes—not with suspicion, but with compassion.

Thursday: Who Loves More? (Luke 7:41–47)

Pause: Take a deep breath. Let your mind quiet before the Lord.

Rejoice: Praise the God who forgives abundantly and teaches us to love in return.

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The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. — Psalm 103:8

Reflect: The parable Jesus shares cuts to the heart of Simon's pride and the woman's gratitude.

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“A moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. So which of them will love him more?” Simon answered and said, “I suppose the one whom he forgave more.” And He said to him, “You have judged correctly.” 44 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. You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet. You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume. 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.” — Luke 7:41-47

Ask: Jesus, how aware am I of the grace I’ve received? Does it overflow in love for you and others?

Reflect: Read this passage slowly. Which person do you identify with—the one forgiven little or much?

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Yield: I yield my pride and performance, Lord. Let me love You deeply because I know how deeply I’ve been forgiven.

Friday: Your Faith Has Saved You (Luke 7:48–50)

Pause: Still yourself before the Lord. Savor this quiet moment of connection.

Rejoice: Celebrate the peace and salvation that only Jesus can offer.

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Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. — Psalm 23:6

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Then He said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.” Those who were reclining *at the table* with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this *man* who even forgives sins?” And He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” — Luke 7:48-50

Ask: Where do I need to receive Jesus’ peace today? Who around me needs to hear those same words?

Reflect: Slowly reread verses 48–50. What do you notice about how Jesus sees and affirms this woman?

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Yield: Lord, I receive Your peace. Help me carry it into every relationship and every table I sit at this week.