

Theme: **Faith**

Text: **Luke 7:36-50**

Title: **The love and grace of Jesus**

INTRODUCTION

1. We can find faith by learning about Jesus
 - a. His love for us
 - b. His grace towards us
2. Story of an unnamed woman (Luke 7:36-50)
 - a. How Jesus showed her
 - i. His love
 - ii. His grace
 - b. How she responded in faith and love to Jesus

THE ENCOUNTER WITH AN UNNAMED WOMAN

1. An unnamed woman
 - a. Described as a “sinner” Luke 7:37
 - b. Known among the people for the sinful lifestyle she kept
2. What the sinful woman did
 - a. She entered Simon the Pharisee’s house unannounced Luke 7:37
 - b. She came to Jesus weeping Luke 7:37-38
 - c. She performed a special deed for Jesus Luke 7:38
 - i. Washed His feet with her tears
 - ii. Wiped His feet with her hair
 - iii. Kissed His feet and anointed them with fragrant oil

THE CONDEMNATION OF SIMON THE PHARISEE

1. Disdain for the woman Luke 7:39
 - a. That she was a sinner
 - b. That she was unclean
 - c. That she was unworthy to touch anyone
2. Despised Jesus too Luke 7:39
 - a. Looked down on Jesus for letting the woman touch Him in this manner
 - b. Did not think Jesus is a prophet because He had allowed her to touch Him

THE LOVE AND GRACE OF JESUS TO THE WOMAN

1. He accepted her
 - a. He did not condemn her for being a sinner
 - b. He did not reject her special deed for Him
 - c. His silence was an expression of His acceptance of her!
2. He understood her
 - a. He recognised her actions as acts of love in front of all Luke 7:43-46
 - b. He explained her love was a response to being forgiven of many sins
Luke 7:47
3. He assured her
 - a. That her sins are forgiven Luke 7:48
 - b. That her faith has saved her Luke 7:50
 - c. That she can go in peace Luke 7:50

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR US ALL

1. Believe that Jesus loves us and is gracious to us
 - a. He offers us forgiveness of sins
 - b. He will accept us if we confess and repent of our sins
 - c. He understands the acts that we do for Him
 - d. He assures us that we are saved and we can live in peace

2. Come to Jesus in faith
 - a. We need not be afraid that He will reject us
 - b. We can turn to Him for the forgiveness of sin
 - c. We can trust that He will lovingly and graciously receive us
3. Love Him in response to His love and grace through our actions