

**Day 1 — DRAW NEAR**

Luke 7:36–39 “Drawing Near When You Don’t Feel Worthy”

**Luke 7:38 (ESV)** “And standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears...”

This woman steps into a room where she is not wanted. She walks into a space where people already have opinions about her. And yet she comes anyway—because something in her knows Jesus is worth the risk. That’s one of the first surprises of worship: it often begins not when we feel strong, but when we feel exposed. She doesn’t arrive with a résumé. She arrives with tears. She doesn’t come to impress anyone in the room. She comes to get close to Jesus.

Many of us hesitate to worship because we think we need to “clean up” first. We assume we need to feel more spiritual, more consistent, more put together. But this story shows the opposite. The woman’s nearness is not the reward for her improvement—it’s the beginning of her healing.

Real worship draws near even when shame says, “Stay back.” It’s the decision to bring your real self into the presence of a real Savior.

**Checkpoint: Draw Near** Don’t wait until you feel worthy. Come to Jesus as you are.

**Prayer** Jesus, shame tells me to hide and withdraw. But today I choose to draw near to You. Meet me in my weakness. Help me believe You welcome me. Amen.

**Live It Out** Take two minutes today to sit quietly and say, “Jesus, I’m here.” No performance. No pretending. Just nearness.

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**Day 2 — POUR OUT**

Luke 7:44–46 “Worship Isn’t Polished—It’s Poured Out”

**Luke 7:44 (ESV)** “Do you see this woman? ... She has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.”

Jesus points out what everyone else missed: her worship is sincere. The room might call it awkward, excessive, or emotional. Jesus calls it love.

Her tears are not manipulation. They’re overflow. There are moments when words can’t carry what your heart is holding—gratitude, grief, regret, relief. Worship is what happens when we stop editing ourselves and bring the whole weight of our hearts to Jesus.

This woman pours out what she has. Not the “right” kind of offering. Not a convenient one. A costly one. Her worship is embodied, tangible, and personal. She doesn’t keep her affection at a safe distance.

Some of us have learned to keep worship controlled. We keep it intellectual, measured, and tidy. But sometimes the most honest worship is a heart that finally stops holding it all together.

**Checkpoint: Pour Out** Bring Jesus what’s real, not what’s impressive.

**Prayer** Lord, teach me to worship with honesty. I don’t want to hold back parts of my heart from You. Help me pour it out in trust. Amen.

**Live It Out** Write one sentence that begins, “Jesus, I’m bringing You...” and finish it honestly. Then pray that sentence out loud.

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**Day 3 — REMEMBER**

Luke 7:41–43 “When You Remember Grace, Love Grows”

**Luke 7:42 (ESV)** “And when they could not pay, he canceled the debt of both.”

Jesus tells a simple story: two people owe a debt they cannot repay. Both are forgiven. The question isn't who was "better." The question is who realized what mercy actually cost.

Worship tends to shrink when grace becomes vague. When forgiveness becomes assumed. When mercy becomes background noise. But love grows when you remember you were not just helped—you were rescued.

This woman's worship makes sense when you understand her gratitude. She isn't performing. She's responding. Her tears are not dramatic; they're logical. She knows what it means to be forgiven.

If worship feels dull, it may not be because God is distant. It may be because we've stopped remembering how near He came.

**Checkpoint: Remember** Worship deepens when grace becomes personal again.

**Prayer** Father, forgive me for treating Your mercy like something common. Help me remember what You've saved me from and what You've brought me into. Amen.

**Live It Out** List three specific mercies God has shown you. Thank Him for each one by name.

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#### Day 4 — RECEIVE

Luke 7:48–50 "Let Forgiveness Lead You Into Peace"

**Luke 7:50 (ESV)** "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Notice what Jesus does: He speaks forgiveness before she has a chance to prove anything. He gives peace without requiring her to earn it. He names her faith, not her past.

Some of us live like forgiveness is something we believe in... but peace is something we have to achieve. We say, "God forgives me," while still carrying punishment in our minds. We keep reliving what Jesus has already released.

But Jesus doesn't forgive halfway. When He forgives, He sends you forward—not back into shame. Peace is not denial. Peace is knowing the verdict has been settled.

Real worship learns to receive what Jesus gives. It stops bargaining. It stops rehearsing guilt. It says, "If You say I'm forgiven, I will live like it's true."

**Checkpoint: Receive** Don't just confess sin—receive forgiveness.

**Prayer** Jesus, You have spoken forgiveness over me. Teach me to live in the peace You give, not the shame I replay. Amen.

**Live It Out** When guilt resurfaces today, respond with truth: "Jesus has forgiven me. I will go in peace."

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#### Day 5 — RESPOND

Luke 7:47 — "Worship Is Love in Action"

**Luke 7:47 (ESV)** "Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much."

Worship is not merely a feeling. It is love expressed. This woman's love is visible—tears, perfume, humility, courage. She doesn't keep her devotion theoretical.

Simon's problem wasn't that he had less money or less morality. His problem was that he had less awareness. He hosted Jesus but kept Him at arm's length. The woman didn't have the right reputation, but she had the right posture.

This is what worship does: it moves toward Jesus with affection, humility, and courage. It responds to grace with action. It makes love tangible.

And here's the invitation for us: real worship is not just what happens in a room with music. It's love that shows up—at home, at work, in repentance, in generosity, in humility. It's a life that says, "Jesus, You are worth my best."

**Checkpoint: Respond** Worship isn't just admiration—it's devotion.

**Prayer** Lord, I don't want to keep You at a distance. I want my love for You to be visible in how I live. Stir my heart and shape my habits. Amen.

**Live It Out** Choose one concrete act of worship today: apologize quickly, give generously, serve quietly, or spend ten unhurried minutes with Jesus.