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MEMORY VERSE:

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

"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..."

THANKS = GIVING

...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." **Luke 7:36–50 (NLT)**

True gratitude always gives. It moves beyond words into sacrificial, humble, and loving action that reflects how deeply we've been forgiven.

1. TRUE GRATITUDE GIVES _____.

"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."

Luke 7:36–37 (NLT)

A. THE WOMAN CAME _____ – SIMON CAME _____ (V. 37–38a)

The Woman	Simon the Pharisee
She brought her most expensive perfume to honor Jesus.	He offered no water, no oil, no gesture of hospitality.
Her giving was intentional and costly .	His hosting was casual and cold .

Gratitude plans ahead to bless; pride waits to be impressed.

Action step:

_____ service decide what you will bring to God—time, treasure, or service.

B. The Woman Bowed Low – Simon Stood Tall (V. 38)

The Woman	Simon
She knelt behind Him at His feet.	He remained seated in judgment.
Her tears cleansed His feet.	His criticism dirtied the atmosphere.

Action step:

_____ in prayer this week. Gratitude grows where pride bows.

C. THE WOMAN RELEASED HER _____ – SIMON PROTECTED HIS REPUTATION (V. 38)

The Woman	Simon
Used her hair—her glory—to wipe His feet.	Protected his image in front of guests.
Risked ridicule to honor Jesus.	Risked nothing to please Jesus.

When grace grips your heart, you stop guarding your reputation and start giving your devotion.

2. TRUE GRATITUDE GIVES _____.

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Luke 7:38, 44–46 (NLT)

A. THE WOMAN _____ HERSELF – SIMON _____ HIMSELF (V. 38, 44)

The Woman	Simon
Took the lowest place—at Jesus’ feet.	Took the highest seat—at his own table.
Wept in repentance.	Whispered in self-righteousness.

B. THE WOMAN FOCUSED ON _____ – SIMON FOCUSED ON THE _____ (V. 39, 44)

The Woman	Simon
Her eyes were on the Savior.	His eyes were on her sin.
She came for mercy.	He came for analysis.

C. THE WOMAN SERVED _____ – SIMON WITHHELD COURTESY (V. 44–46)

The Woman	Simon
<i>"She has washed My feet with her tears."</i>	<i>"You didn't offer Me water to wash My feet."</i>
<i>"She has not stopped kissing My feet."</i>	<i>"You didn't greet Me with a kiss."</i>
<i>"She has anointed My feet with perfume."</i>	<i>"You didn't anoint My head with oil."</i>

Action step:

_____ this week for small acts of service others overlook and quietly do them.

D. THE WOMAN _____ JESUS; SIMON TESTED JESUS

The Woman	Simon
Approached with worship.	Approached with suspicion.
Wanted to bless Him.	Wanted to evaluate Him.

3. TRUE GRATITUDE GIVES _____.

"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." (V. 47)

A. THE WOMAN LOVED _____ – SIMON LOVED _____ (V. 47)

The Woman	Simon
<i>"She has shown Me much love."</i>	<i>"A person who is forgiven little shows only little love."</i>
Her love flowed from forgiveness.	His lovelessness flowed from self-righteousness.

Action Step:

_____ on how much Jesus has forgiven you—
then love out of that awareness.

B. THE WOMAN'S _____ PRODUCED PEACE – SIMON'S _____ PRODUCED TURMOIL (V.48- 50)

The Woman	Simon
<i>"Your sins are forgiven."</i> — She believed in His mercy.	<i>"Who is this man who goes around forgiving sins?"</i> — He doubted His authority.
Her faith produced peace.	His skepticism produced offense.
<i>"Your faith has saved you; go in peace."</i>	He left the moment unchanged and unsettled.
Her love resulted in peace.	His pride resulted in distance.

CONTRAST SUMMARY TABLE

SIMON THE PHARISEE	THE GRATEFUL WOMAN	VERSE REFERENCES
Invited Jesus casually.	Pursued Jesus passionately.	v. 36–37
Offered no water, kiss, or oil.	Gave tears, kisses, and perfume.	v. 44–46
Judged her sin.	Acknowledged her Savior.	v. 39–40
Loved little.	Loved much.	v. 47
Left unchanged.	Left forgiven and at peace.	v. 49–50

**“PRIDE _____ JESUS TO DINNER;
GRATITUDE _____ AT HIS FEET.
WHICH ONE WILL YOU BE THIS WEEK?”**

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- ✓ I will memorize **1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)**
- ✓ I will join the New Life church family
- ✓ I will accept Christ for the first time today
- ✓ I will sign up for the next baptism
- ✓ **Pour Out Something Valuable** (v. 37–38) – Give time, talent, or treasure that costs you
- ✓ **Practice Humility in Prayer** (v. 38, 44) – Bow before the Lord daily
- ✓ **Show Love in Action** (v. 47) – Forgive someone or serve someone without recognition
- ✓ **Share Your Story** (v. 48–49) – Use your testimony to point others to Jesus
- ✓ **Live in Peace** (v. 50) – Let forgiveness fuel your joy

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