

# Space for God Indebted

## PREPARATION

**Though we are overwhelmed by our sins you forgive them all.** Psalm 65:3

## CONFESSION

The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit.

**You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.** Psalm 51:17

## WORSHIP

Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven,  
whose sin is put out of sight!

**Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt,  
whose lives are lived in complete honesty!** Psalm 32:1-2

## MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION — Luke 7:36-50\*

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.

### IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God's healing and renewal.

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."

"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."

## ANCHORING PRAYER

*"My sins are forgiven."*

## REVIEW OF THE HEART (previous 24 hours)

*What sacrifice have I made for God?*

*When should I have been more loving and forgiving?*

## WISDOM

This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all.  
1 Timothy 1:15

Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends. Proverbs 17:9

## TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

## INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

## BENEDICTION

**Lord, if you kept a record of our sins,  
who, O Lord, could ever survive?**

**But you offer forgiveness,  
that we might learn to fear  
you. (Amen)**

Psalm 130:3-4

## SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.