

A Love Story – Part Three of Love Uprising

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Sermon Notes

- Each week our goal in worship is to focus on God completely, making that deep connection with Him.
- During our time with Him, as we journey into God's Word, we also want to grow in our faith. To enhance what we study during worship, work on the questions below so that you might begin to apply the key lessons you learn each week. Take time to reflect and then write some answers in the space provided. All of that will help you as you keep striving to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ!

1. Read Luke 7:36-50.

- What most stands out to you in general in this passage? Why? What do you need to learn from that?
- What do you take away from the story Jesus tells? Zero in on some key lessons and write about them here.

2. Notice the woman in today's story. If love stories tend to have within them memorable moments, conflict to be overcome, and personal transformation, then ask these questions related to this story:

- For the woman in the story, what do you think she would say was the most memorable moment in this encounter? What would you say it is? Look deep within and consider what it might have been like for you had you been in her shoes. Write your thoughts here:
- What obstacle(s) does she face when it comes to experiencing and receiving the love that Jesus longs to offer her? Coming from her life? Coming from the Pharisee?
- In your own words, write about how you think she was transformed in this moment. What do you think her life moving forward now looked like? Why?

3. Now that you've reflected a bit on this woman's experience, I want you to now place yourself in the story and think about how these elements of a love story apply to you.

- What are some of your most memorable moments with Jesus? How are they connected to Jesus' love and forgiveness for you? How did these moments change the direction of your life, if even slightly?
- How might those past moments inspire you to want more moments like that in the future?
- What obstacles are in your life today that sometime keep you from having moments like that with Jesus? With God's help, how can you best overcome them (i.e. having a consistent devotional time with God each day so that you can be more aware of the obstacles)?
- How has your character been transformed by the love and forgiveness of Jesus? Be specific. How are you giving thanks for that each day?