The Love Factor

Luke 7:36-50
He loves us not because we are loveable but because He is love – C. S. Lewis
1 John 4:19

We love because He first loved us
How Does Love Factor Into Life?

Jesus infuses our lives with love
Love influences our actions
Jesus increases our ability to love
Love invades our personality
36 Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, 38 and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. 39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is--that she is a sinner."
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40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. 41 "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.
Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.
Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven--for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." 48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" 50 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."
The Uninvited Guest Arrives

The woman was drawn to Jesus
The woman shows devotion to Jesus
The woman is the target of disrespect
The Unkind Treatment of Jesus

Jesus sees the problem
Jesus seizes the opportunity to teach
Jesus shows the disrespect
The Unexpected Result

Jesus connects love with forgiveness
Jesus communicates forgiveness
Jesus tells of conversion
How Do We Gain More Love?

Repent of sinful behavior
Receive love of Christ
Reveal Christ’s love through your life