



# Grace and Tears: Lessons from the Unnamed Woman



Explore the powerful story of the unnamed woman who anointed Jesus with tears, uncovering lessons of grace, forgiveness, and faith.

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## Introduction

The story of the unnamed woman who anointed Jesus with her tears is a profound testament to the power of repentance, faith, and God's unending grace. Found in Luke 7:36–50, this narrative reveals how a woman—previously shunned and burdened by her past—approaches Jesus with humility and love, demonstrating a heart transformed by grace.

Many of us can relate to the sense of shame or brokenness the woman may have felt, yet Jesus' response shows us that no one is beyond forgiveness or love. This study will guide you through a deeper understanding of her actions, the cultural context, and the spiritual truths embedded within this powerful encounter.

*As we journey through these seven days, you'll discover how her story encourages us to embrace vulnerability, receive grace, offer worship, and live changed lives. Each day's reflection invites you to consider your own life and relationship with Jesus, reminding you that no matter your past, His love is available to restore and renew. Prepare to meet Jesus through the eyes of the woman who gave Him her tears and learn how that encounter can transform your faith journey today.*





## Day 1: 🔍 Encountering Jesus: The Beginning of Grace



## Your Verse

*Luke 7:37-38 - "A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 51:17 - "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."*
- *Isaiah 1:18 - "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."*



## Devotional: The Power of Humble Approach

**In the moment the unnamed woman enters the Pharisee's house, her heart shines through every drop of her tears and every act of anointing.** Despite her past and the judgment she likely expected, her approach to Jesus was marked by humility and desperation for grace. This act wasn't just a ritual; it was an expression of deep repentance and recognition of Jesus' authority to forgive.

Her story encourages us to examine how we approach Jesus—with pride, with hesitation, or with open hearts ready to receive mercy. It reminds us that grace is initiated when we come to Him honestly, acknowledging our need for healing and forgiveness.

*Today, consider your own posture toward Christ. What might keep you from approaching Him fully? Allow this woman's example to inspire you to come as you are, with humility and faith, trusting in His loving embrace.*



## Reflect and Apply

1. What personal barriers do I feel when approaching Jesus with my burdens?

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2. How does the woman's humility challenge my own attitude toward seeking forgiveness?

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3. In what ways can I express my reliance on God's grace more genuinely?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you felt unworthy but chose to come to Jesus anyway.

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2. Describe what humility means to you in your relationship with God.

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3. List ways you can cultivate a heart willing to approach God openly.

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Day 1: 🔍 Encountering Jesus: The Beginning of Grace

## Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus**, thank You for welcoming me just as I am. Help me to come to You without fear or shame, trusting in Your endless grace. Teach me to humble myself and receive Your love and forgiveness fully. Open my heart to the transformative power found in Your presence. *Amen.* 🙏❤️✨





## Day 2: 💧 Tears as Worship: Anointing in Repentance



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## Your Verse

*Luke 7:38 - "She wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 56:8 - "You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle."*
- *John 12:3 - "Then Mary took about a pint of expensive perfume, made of pure nard, and poured it on Jesus' feet."*



Day 2: 💧 Tears as Worship: Anointing in Repentance

## Devotional: Tears: A Language of the Heart

**The woman's tears were more than just sadness—they were an intimate form of worship.** In the culture of her time, washing someone's feet was an act of great humility and care, usually performed by servants. But to wet Jesus' feet with tears and wipe them with her hair was a deeply personal and vulnerable act, symbolizing repentance and heartfelt adoration.

Our tears can be a sincere expression of sorrow and praise when words fail. This story invites us to worship God not only through song and speech but through our authentic emotions, trusting that He sees and values the depths of our hearts.

*Reflect today on how you express your devotion to Jesus. Are there parts of your heart you have held back? Let the woman's tears inspire you to bring your authentic emotions before God in worship and repentance.*



Day 2: 💧 Tears as Worship: Anointing in Repentance

## Reflect and Apply

1. How comfortable am I expressing my emotions to God honestly?

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2. What does it mean to worship God through my vulnerabilities?

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3. In what ways can I let my repentance become a form of worship?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a moment when emotions led you closer to God.

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2. Describe what worship through tears might look like in your life.

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3. List emotions you find difficult to bring before God and why.

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Day 2: 💧 Tears as Worship: Anointing in Repentance

## Prayer for Today

Jesus, thank You for understanding my deepest feelings. Help me not to be ashamed of my tears but to use them as a way to worship and draw near to You. Teach me to express my heart fully and to trust in Your tender care. *In Your name, amen.* 💧 🙏 ❤️





## Day 3: 🙄 Facing Judgment: Love vs. Condemnation





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## Your Verse

*Luke 7:39 - "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.'"*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 7:1 - "Do not judge, or you too will be judged."*
- *Romans 14:4 - "Who are you to judge someone else's servant?"*



Day 3: 😊 Facing Judgment: Love vs. Condemnation

## Devotional: Choosing Love Over Judgment

**The Pharisee's heart was hardened by judgment, blinded to the grace unfolding before him.** His critical attitude reveals how easy it is to judge others without love or understanding, missing God's work in their lives.

Contrast his reaction with Jesus' response, which is full of compassion and insight. Jesus sees the woman's love and repentance, highlighting that true judgment comes from the heart and recognizes grace rather than condemning.

*This challenges us to evaluate our own hearts. How often do we judge others instead of loving them? This day calls us to adopt Christ's perspective – one of grace, mercy, and love.*



Day 3: 😞 Facing Judgment: Love vs. Condemnation

## Reflect and Apply

1. How do I react when I see someone else's shortcomings or sins?

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2. In what ways can I cultivate a heart that prioritizes grace over condemnation?

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3. How does Jesus' example influence my view of others today?

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Day 3: 😊 Facing Judgment: Love vs. Condemnation

## Journaling Prompts

1. Think about a time you judged someone prematurely—what could you have done differently?

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2. Write about ways to respond with love when confronted with others' mistakes.

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3. List attitudes or biases you need to surrender to God for transformation.

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Day 3: 😞 Facing Judgment: Love vs. Condemnation

## Prayer for Today

**Father**, forgive me when I have been quick to judge others and slow to show love. Help me to see people through Your eyes, full of grace and compassion. Teach me to respond with kindness and mercy, reflecting Your heart in all I do. *Amen.* ❤️ 🙏 ✨





## Day 4: 👑 The Authority of Jesus: Mercy Triumphs



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## Your Verse

*Luke 7:47 - "Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Hebrews 4:16 - "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence."*
- *Ephesians 2:8 - "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith."*



Day 4: 📖 The Authority of Jesus: Mercy Triumphs

## Devotional: Embracing Forgiveness and Faith

**Jesus declares the woman's sins forgiven, linking forgiveness to her profound love and faith.** This truth emphasizes that forgiveness, while available to all, is met with greater love by those who recognize their need deeply.

Understanding Jesus' authority to forgive emboldens us to approach Him with confidence, knowing His mercy triumphs over our failures. Our faith grows as we experience His grace firsthand, transforming our hearts and lives.

*Today, reflect on how embracing forgiveness can fuel your love and faith. Consider stepping forward to receive God's mercy anew and let it shape your relationship with Him and others.*





## Reflect and Apply

1. How do I perceive my own need for forgiveness?

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2. In what ways does receiving grace increase my love for God?

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3. How can I confidently approach Jesus with my struggles today?

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Day 4: 👑 The Authority of Jesus: Mercy Triumphs

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when forgiveness changed your perspective.

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2. Describe how faith has deepened your love for God.

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3. List areas where you need to receive and extend grace.

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Day 4: 📖 The Authority of Jesus: Mercy Triumphs

## Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus**, thank You for the gift of forgiveness and the love that flows from it. Help me to fully embrace Your grace and let it transform my heart. Teach me to love You more deeply as I grow in faith and walk in Your mercy daily.

*Amen.* ❤️ 🙏 ✨





## Day 5: Transformation Through Grace



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## Your Verse

*Luke 7:50 - "Jesus said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'"*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *2 Corinthians 5:17 - "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come."*
- *Philippians 1:6 - "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion."*



## Day 5: 🌿 Transformation Through Grace

## Devotional: Faith That Leads to New Life

**The woman's encounter with Jesus culminates in peace and salvation, powerful indicators of transformation.** Her faith not only secures forgiveness but initiates a new beginning, marked by God's continuing work in her life.

This reminds us that meeting Jesus is the start of a journey—not the end. Our faith invites ongoing change, healing, and purpose as God molds us into His image, carrying the work to completion.

*Consider today what transformation God wants to complete in your life. Trust in His process and rest in the peace that comes from faith in Christ.*



Day 5: 🌿 Transformation Through Grace

## Reflect and Apply

1. What areas of my life is God shaping through His grace?

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2. How can I cooperate with God's transforming work daily?

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3. In what ways do I experience peace from my faith in Jesus?

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Day 5: 🌿 Transformation Through Grace

# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a life change that happened because of your faith.

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2. Describe what peace means in the context of your relationship with God.

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3. List steps you can take to welcome more transformation in your life.

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## Day 5: 🌿 Transformation Through Grace

## Prayer for Today

**Gracious God**, thank You for the new life You offer through faith. Help me to embrace Your transforming work and walk confidently in Your peace. Continue to renew me every day, shaping me into the person You created me to be. *In Jesus' name, amen.* 🌿 🙏 ✨





## Day 6: 🎁 Offering Our Whole Selves



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## Your Verse

*Luke 7:44-46 - "You did not give me water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears... you did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Romans 12:1 - "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."*
- *Colossians 3:23 - "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."*



Day 6: 📁 Offering Our Whole Selves

## Devotional: Wholehearted Devotion to Christ

**The unnamed woman's actions reflected a whole-life devotion, pouring out her love extravagantly.** Unlike the Pharisee, who withheld even simple acts of hospitality, she gave her entire self in worship, symbolizing surrender beyond duty to heartfelt love.

God desires us to offer our whole selves—our time, resources, emotions, and actions—as worship, living fully for Him. This means stepping beyond obligation into passionate, genuine commitment that touches every area of life.

*Reflect today on how you can surrender more completely to Jesus, following the example of the woman whose humble offering became an unforgettable act of love.*



Day 6: 📁 Offering Our Whole Selves

## Reflect and Apply

1. How fully have I offered myself in devotion to God?

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2. What areas of my life might I be holding back from God's purposes?

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3. How can I daily express worship through my actions and attitude?

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Day 6: 📁 Offering Our Whole Selves

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about what it means to give God your whole self.

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2. List practical ways you can deepen your devotion this week.

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3. Describe moments when wholehearted worship impacted your faith.

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Day 6: 📁 Offering Our Whole Selves

## Prayer for Today

Jesus, I want to give You my whole heart, just as the woman did. Help me to surrender fully, loving You more with every part of my life. Teach me to worship You in spirit and truth, living daily to honor Your name. *Amen.* 📁 🙏





## Day 7: ✨ Living the Legacy: Faith in Action





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## Your Verse

*James 2:17 - "Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 5:16 - "Let your light shine before others."*
- *Galatians 5:6 - "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."*



Day 7: ✨ Living the Legacy: Faith in Action

## Devotional: Faith That Shapes Our World

**The unnamed woman's story doesn't end with forgiveness but calls us into active faith.** Her love and actions spoke volumes about her transformation, demonstrating that true faith moves beyond belief into tangible expressions of love and service.

As followers of Christ, we are called to let our faith be alive and visible, impacting those around us through compassion, kindness, and courageous love. Our legacy is the reflection of God's grace shining through our daily lives.

*Today, consider how your faith can be made visible to others. How can your actions tell the story of God's transforming love? Let the woman's example inspire active, vibrant faith in every area of your life.*



Day 7: ✨ Living the Legacy: Faith in Action

## Reflect and Apply

1. What actions demonstrate my faith in Jesus today?

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2. How can I better reflect God's love in my community?

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3. What legacy of faith do I want to leave for others?

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Day 7: ✨ Living the Legacy: Faith in Action

# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about ways you have seen faith in action change lives.

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2. List specific actions you can take to show God's love.

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3. Describe how your story might inspire others toward faith.

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Day 7: ✨ Living the Legacy: Faith in Action

## Prayer for Today

**Lord**, empower me to live out my faith boldly and lovingly. May my life be a reflection of Your grace, and may my actions draw others closer to You. Help me to be a light in the darkness, carrying Your love into the world daily. *In Jesus' name, amen.* ✨ 🙏 ❤️





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