



# **Christian Faith Fellowship**

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- We are not a perfect church**
- We are not a perfect people**
- We are here because we know we need God's help and He has provided this help through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

## Accountability Questions

- **Did you spend at least 5 minutes a day – at least 5 days last week reading/hearing the Bible?**
- **Did you share a God story with someone this week?**
- **Did you spend time alone with God this week?**
- **What is the Holy Spirit is saying to you?**
- **Are you giving as God has asked you give?**



**CFF is called to:**

**Radiate the love of Christ**

**Reach the Lost and the Saved in order to**

**Restore them into fully mature followers of Christ**

- To be a Christian is to be a Christ Follower
- We begin the life of being a Christ Follower thru confessing our sin – believing Christ died on the cross for our sin and by FAITH receiving His forgiveness for our sin.
- We are now “A Christian – A Christ Follower – Born Again – A Believer – People of the Way” – etc.

**Luke 7** 36 When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 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. 38 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.

- Do you have a reputation?
- This lady was known in her town for the sinful life she lived!
- She knew she needed help and didn't care what was going on around her - didn't care if she wasn't invited - she went to Jesus because she needed healing in her life!
- God wants every person here today to understand this one truth- It doesn't matter what kind of life you have lived – what kind of reputation you have had – how people view you – YOU can be MADE NEW Today!

- Aren't you glad you don't have to worry about what other people think or how you are viewed?
- The other person in this story is the Pharisee
- First – let's understand something here that points to the heart of the issue: This Pharisee knew this lady was a sinner.
- He knew who she was and watching her come in humbleness to Jesus not only had judgment in his heart about her – he then took is condemning thoughts of her and transferred them onto Jesus as well:

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.”

- He was not ok with her being there – he was not ok with her touching Jesus and he was not ok with Jesus letting this happen!
- Let me ask you church – have you been guilty of casting a condemning eye on others?
- It’s so easy to see how wrong and messed up people are around us & then remove ourselves from them

- As we read the Gospel accounts what we find happening over and over again is how the “religious leaders” continuously condemned the actions of Jesus

**Mark 7** 5 So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

**Matthew 9** 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

**Matthew 12** 2 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, “Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath.”

**Luke 20** 1 One day as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple courts and proclaiming the good news, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, together with the elders, came up to him. 2 “Tell us by what authority you are doing these things,” they said. “Who gave you this authority?”

- As we view these people and condemn them for their actions let's begin to view ourselves in the mirror

40 Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said. 41 “Two people 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 forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?” 43 Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.” “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said. 44 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. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 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.”

- As we look at this teaching moment of Jesus what we find is the actions of both reveal the heart of both!

- One – actions of remorse, sorrow, & serving (true repentance and for it she receives forgiveness)
- The other – viewing the actions of others toward Jesus in a judging and condemning way (received a rebuke for lack of service (no water or anointing) AND correction for the condemning view)
- Jesus modeled what it means to be a Christ follower and taught it over and over

**John 13** 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal,

took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him...

12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that

you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

- Even with His own Disciples Jesus had to remind them that the heart of a Christ follower is a servant!
- His challenge was and is – that we would see the needs of those around us and take action to meet those needs.

## Action Steps

- Do you have a reputation that needs to be changed?
- Have you been condemning the action of others service while seeing yourself as righteous?
- How are you serving like Jesus taught?