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15 Significant Women

Week 4: Justification vs. Legalism

Scripture: Luke 7:36–50

Focus: The Sinful Woman and the "Debt of Love."

1. Contrast Simon the Pharisee's view of "holiness" with Jesus' view. Where does the conflict lie?
2. What was the specific cultural "hospitality debt" Simon owed Jesus, and why did he withhold it?
3. How does the woman's "extravagant" worship serve as a prophetic critique of Simon's legalism?
4. Define the Greek concept of *aphesis*. How does "dismissal" of sin change our posture toward God?
5. Why does Jesus link "loving much" with "forgiving much"? Does the love cause the forgiveness, or vice versa?
6. How can religious "correctness" (like Simon's) actually become a barrier to encountering the Living Word?
7. What does the "Alabaster Jar" represent in the context of a person's identity and past?
8. In what ways do we still project "legalistic labels" onto people today, hindering their path to repentance?
9. How does Jesus' defense of the woman validate her dignity in a room full of her detractors?
10. If justification is a free gift, why is the response often so "costly" (tears, perfume, reputation)?

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