

# Great Women of the Faith

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## Our Lives Poured Out

Luke 7:36-50

### FOR CHILDREN:

Carefully open your jar of ointment (*you can make your own with unscented lotion and any essential oil*). Don't use any for yourself, just take a sniff of it for now. Read Luke 7:36-50. To anoint someone's feet was a humbling task. It was usually done by the lowest servant. But the forgiveness this woman received from Jesus just made her love Him more! She was so grateful for the chance at a new life that she gladly washed, dried, and anointed Jesus' feet. Others may have thought what she did was embarrassing (*Simon did*), but Jesus honored her in front of the crowd for doing it. And Jesus will honor us too when we lower ourselves to serve Him!

### Weekly Affirmation:

*I Will Gladly Pour  
Out My Life for Jesus!*

Now, attach your card to your jar of ointment and consider giving it to someone the next time you need to ask their forgiveness.

### Weekly Memory Verse:

"And then a voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!'"

Luke 9:35

### FOR BOTH THE GROWING & MATURE CHRISTIAN:

Luke is in the process of leading his readers to an understanding of who Jesus is. Read Luke 9:1-9. Herod (who had John the Baptist beheaded) is hearing about the miracles of Jesus and His disciples. The purpose of miracles is to authenticate the claims made by those performing the them. This ought to lead the careful seeker to the truth that Jesus is the Messiah. But Herod instead of listening to God, listens to the people saying that Jesus is John the Baptist or Elijah, risen from the dead.

Read Luke 9:12-17 and John 6:35. Jesus continues to reveal His identity in the miraculous feeding of the five thousand. Read Luke 9:18-20. Jesus asks His disciples to put together all they have heard and witnessed. The "you" in "Who do you say that I am?" is plural. Jesus asks each of disciples to answer the question for themselves. But, will they follow the popular opinion - John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the prophets of old? Or will they by personal experience and careful listening answer the question for themselves?

The answer to the question of who Jesus is reaches it's climax in the Transfiguration. Read Luke 9:28-35. God gives the answer Himself: Jesus is God's Son, God's Chosen King and Savior. God has chosen to reveal Himself most fully in Jesus: God's heart, God's truth, God's wisdom... But we must listen closely and carefully to Jesus and follow Him!

Still the answer to the question Jesus asks, "Who do you say I am?", must be answered individually by each of Jesus' disciples. Spend some time in prayerful reflection on what the witness of scripture says about Jesus, and on what your personal experience with Jesus has taught you. Answer for yourself in prayer who it is you say that Jesus is. Are you ready to grow closer to Him? To listen carefully to Him? To fully obey Him?

## July 2025 Growth Goals

- 🕯 Read the Book of Luke.
- 🕯 Watch the Bible Project video on the Book of Luke (*available on the website*).
- 🕯 Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- 🕯 In prayer consider those individuals to whom you need to offer or ask forgiveness. Then let God guide you in whether it would be helpful & honoring to express that forgiveness.