



WHAT TO DO WHILE YOUR LIFE IS HAPPENING "Try Being Grateful" Luke 7:36-50

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Life happens at the rate of 365 days per annum for everybody. What we do while it is happening is very important. Jesus had a lot to say about this in His short stories—the parables.

I. Setting the Scene.

A. An Invitation. v. 36

1. Simon the Pharisee—"the separated one." See Mark 7:1-23
2. Confrontation? Concern? Conciliation?

B. An Intrusion. vv. 37-38

1. A woman of unsavory reputation.
2. A display of unrestrained affection.

II. Examining the Event.

A. In Intuition. v. 39

1. Simon's hidden thoughts—"he said to himself."
2. Jesus' intuitive understanding—"Jesus answered him!"

B. An Illustration. vv. 40-43

1. An impossible situation.
2. A gracious action.
3. A predictable reaction.

C. An Interpretation.

1. The Pharisee's cool reception.
2. The woman's uninhibited demonstration.
3. The Pharisee's lack of appreciation.
4. The woman's experience of forgiveness.

III. Learning the Lessons.

A. Sins of all kinds need to be forgiven.

B. "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" See Luke 5:21

C. Forgiveness is costly.

D. Forgiveness has to be accepted.

E. Forgiveness leads to peace.

F. Forgiveness produces gratitude.

Points to ponder: How do I view my sinfulness? Do I live in the good of forgiveness? Does my behavior express gratitude?