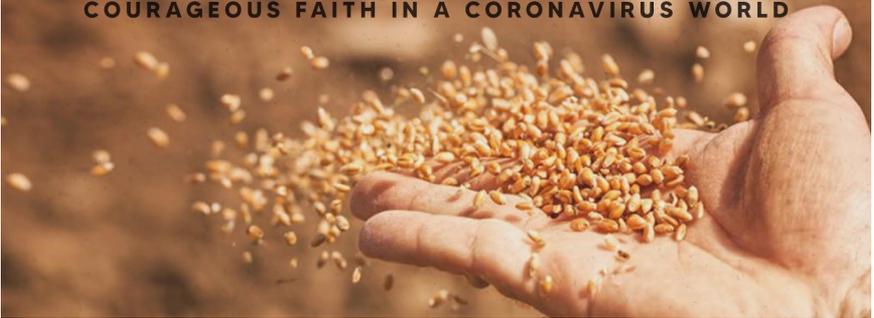


SCATTERED

COURAGEOUS FAITH IN A CORONAVIRUS WORLD



“The Cure for Fear”

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Scripture: Luke 7:36-50

Scattered: Part 5 of 5

Fear leads to....

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The only cure for fear is -----.

1 John 4:18, 1 Corinthians 13:13, John 15:12-14

Allow:

to ----- (surrender)/admit the truth of;

to give the necessary ----- and ----- for;

to ----- the permission to do something.

----- grows when you:

- 1. Allow Jesus to ----- your gospel ----- . (7:40)**

Jesus with Simon the Pharisee

2. Allow Jesus to _____ your _____. (7:47-48)

Jesus with the Sinful Woman

3. Allow Jesus to _____ you _____. (7:50)

Jesus with the Table Guests

Getting Started:

Share an example of fear you have seen recently, at work, on social media, or with friends or family.

What is something that you are afraid of right now in your life?

As we dig in, take a moment to pray to Jesus, "Say it, Teacher." (Luke 7:40). Allow Jesus to honestly speak into your life, that your words and actions would be characterized more and more by Love.

Digging Deeper:

Reread Luke 7:36-50.

What do verses 36 and verse 40 and verse 43 show us in terms of Simon's receptivity to Jesus' teaching?

What sin in Simon the Pharisee does verse 39 expose? Jesus responded with a lesson. Use the lesson Jesus taught Simon in verses 41-47 to help you answer this question.

What do you observe in the sinful woman's actions? Discuss, list your observations, and/or draw the scene.

This woman expresses great grief over her own sinfulness. We do not know what her sins were. What are some reasons that keep people from being sorry (contrition, sorrow, grieving) for their sins? Use this passage, and also other passages as well as your own experiences to answer this question.

What was it that saved this woman (v.50)?

What is Jesus teaching Simon as he shares this example of a moneylender forgiving two people's debt (v.41-42). What comes first, receiving the forgiveness of the debt or the expression of love? How does this help us receive more forgiveness and help us "love much"?

How might we grow in faith and experience greater peace these days?

Getting Real: During this COVID-19 Crisis, there is nothing Satan wants more than to see God's people scattered in fear. Hebrews 10:39, "But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls." Respond: "Father, I am not of those who shrink back in fear. I will not be destroyed in anyway by COVID-19. I have faith in Jesus. I will preserve my soul by seeking you. I will stay connected with other believers. And I will be a person of courage and compassion."

For Families and Homes: Take a prayer walk (or drive) together and ask the Lord to reveal something to you. Get to know your neighbors. Look up your neighbors' contact information. Fill in another block of the ["Who Is My Neighbor?" Grid](#). Consider ways of loving, serving, or blessing them this spring together such as a gift or a meal or an act of service.

Pray: Set a daily alarm for 7:14am or pm (or both) and take that moment to pray, "**Jesus, I praise your name, for you are the cure.**" See the full Unite714 Prayer Guide [here](#).