



## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

*A Place of Pardon ... By Gareth*

READ LUKE 7:38

- **1 . A Place of Pardon**
  - V37: Was a sinner. Come just as we are, no need for pretence, God already knows everything about us.
  - When Jesus walked the face of the earth some 2000 years ago He had no problem reaching out to sinners, praise God He still has no problem reaching out to sinners in 2019. Thank God for His mercy and grace today.
  - *Luke 7v48*: Sins forgiven
  - Generally the pharisees (religious people) didn't like Jesus talking with or being with people that they considered of lesser importance in their culture/society. Jesus wasn't put off but always had time for those who came to Him.
  - What ever age or culture we live in, there will always be those who disagree/disregard/disrespect the things of God
- **2. A place of healing - Matthew 15:30**
  - *Is 53:5*: "by His stripes we are healed" Absolutely no sickness that He cannot heal if He so desires to bring His name glory The purpose of every miracle that God does is that He alone is glorified
  - His healing power was not just for the time He walked upon the earth but is still available today. *Heb 13:8*: "the same yesterday, today and forever"
- **3. A place of learning - Luke 10:39**
  - God's desire is that each one of his children know and obey His will. *V40*: Martha was worried and upset. Had she knelt at His feet things would have been completely different. Is that you or me today? To busy to come to His feet. Like Martha to busy with stuff.
  - *V42*: Mary has chosen the better place. You must stay often or come often to His feet. *John 14:26/ Luke 12:12* "Holy Spirit will teach you"
- **4. A place of prayer - Mark 5:22-23**
  - Jairus prayer for his daughter *Mark 5:22-23*. Lay your burdens at His feet. There is no hopeless prayer at the feet of Jesus. Hopeless cases at the feet of Bankers/Lawyers/Doctors This girl was dead, but Christ raised her from the dead.
- **5. A place of thanksgiving- Luke 17:16**
  - Jesus had healed 10 leper's only 1 returned . Are you and I amongst the 10% that returned to give thanks? He's a merciful Saviour. How He loves to hear our thanksgiving for what He's done.

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## **6. A place of rest - *Luke 8:35***

This man had many struggles . Lonely, rejected by family/friends/society. Stop struggling and just