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Day 5—Thursday, January 11, 2018 Prayer Focus—Finance & Property Team Abundant Gratitude

Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Luke 7:44-50 (ESV)

Don't you like to have all the answers; for things to be clearly spelled out and explained? In this passage there is much we don't know. We are not told who the woman is or why she is in Simon's home. And those many sins, well, although we can speculate, we have no clue as to what they really are. In fact, we can only surmise that she knew Jesus, or at least had heard of him. Whether the woman chose to be at Simon's home or not, she was clearly present in this moment of time with Jesus, and not the least bit distracted by the others in the room. Through her lavish attention to Jesus, we see her abundant gratitude.

If you believe that the real gift of gratitude is the more grateful you are, the more present you become, you will understand the abundant gratitude this woman felt. But do we understand? Do we wake up in the morning with a grateful heart? Do we look for the simple miracles of nature? Are we so oblivious to our daily, even hourly circumstances, that we see nothing to be grateful for? Are we so blind to our own sinful nature that we never kneel at the feet of Jesus out of love and gratitude for his sacrifice for us? We need to be like that woman, focused on Jesus, hearing his words, accepting his grace. Maybe then, like the unnamed woman, we will truly feel that abundant gratitude!

Heavenly Father, It is so easy to lose sight of you in the busyness of our everyday lives, taking so much of what you have provided for granted. I pray for the power of your Holy Spirit to move in each of us to slow us down so we can look for the miracles you give us each day. Help us to choose to live a life of abundant gratitude from the time we open our eyes in the morning until we close them in rest at night.

Father, we pray for those that serve on the Finance and Property teams, for their dedication to oversee the physical and financial resources you, through your people, provide for us. We pray for your guidance for these teams that they will seek you in the decisions they make. Amen

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