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**Now is the Time: Now is the Time to Remember Who We Were**  
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The Now is the Time campaign is all about ministering to the needs of our congregation and reaching the hearts of our neighbors.

Goal #1: Create Inviting Spaces for Our Church and Neighbors That Serve as On-Ramps into Relationships with Christ and One Another.

- Building Maintenance
- Atrium Redesign & Refresh
- Indoor Playground
- Children's Ministry Refresh

Goal#2: Support Northwoods Families and Ministry Partners Through Life's Milestones and Challenges.

- Chapel Construction
- Guesthouse for Partners and Planters

The degree to which we forget or fail to recognize just how much we are in need of the love and forgiveness of Jesus will be the degree to which our relationships with God and others will suffer.

**Luke 7:36 (NIV):** When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.

**Luke 7:37 (NIV):** A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume.

**Luke 7:38 (NIV):** As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

**Luke 7:39 (NIV):** When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

## Reasons Why Our Relationships with God and Others Will Suffer When We Fail to Recognize What Jesus Has Done for Us

### Reason #1: Because We'll Live with a Spirit of Superiority

**Luke 7:40-43 (NIV):** Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

**Luke 7:44-47 (NIV):** Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown..."

### Reason #2: Because We'll Respond with an Attitude of Ingratitude

| Simon's Response         | The Woman's Response                          |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| No water for Jesus' feet | Washed Jesus' feet with her tears             |
| No kiss of greeting      | Kissed Jesus' feet repeatedly                 |
| No oil for Jesus' head   | Anointed Jesus' feet with costly perfumed oil |

**Luke 7:47 (NIV):** "...But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

### Reason #3: Because We'll Lack a Heart of Love

**Ephesians 2:1-3 (NIV):** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

**Ephesians 2:4-5 (NIV):** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.