

## Devotion, Fifth Week of Lent, April 6, 2025

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“Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven.” Luke 7:47

“Oh, be careful, little ears, what you hear.” You’ve probably sung these words before. They come from a children’s song inviting us to consider how we use our eyes, ears, mouth, hands and feet in good and godly ways.

While Jesus reclined at the table of a Pharisee’s house, he inclined his ears toward someone nobody else noticed, at first. Jesus took care not only in what he heard but also whom he heard. Over the din of the dinner table conversation, Jesus heard the soft weeping of a women in distress: “...standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears...” (Luke 7:38). Others were amazed that Jesus would listen to her over all the important people at the table.

Jesus is known by whom he hears. While the world may listen only to the strong and mighty, Jesus lends an ear to those plagued by sin and shame. When nobody else listens, Jesus hears your weeping and worrying, your fears and failures.

*Jesus, you hear me even when others do not. Amen.*

*Jeanne*