



JUNE MEDITATION

YOU HAVE THIS NEED

Two months ago, I shared a wonderful experience that took place in the cardiac section of a Norfolk, VA hospital. It gave me a glimpse of heaven. Today I want to talk about a woman whose life was dramatically changed by Jesus.

I think of her as a woman in her 30s, but I don't really know, and the Bible doesn't tell us. I do know from John's Gospel (8:4-5, NLT) that she was caught in the act of adultery. She was brought to Jesus by angry Jewish leaders. They said, *"This woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?"*

"All right, but let the one who has never sinned, throw the first stone!" They were speechless! The crowd around Jesus disbursed quickly. Jesus turned to the woman and asked, *"Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you. (she answered) No Lord. Neither do I. Go and sin no more"* (John 8:10-11 NLT).

In that moment, she believed. Jesus could see it happening before His eyes! That day she came to faith! What should we think about this? *"There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus."* Romans 8:1 NLT

The Bible further tells us, *"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"* 2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

So what does this familiar story from John 8 have to do with STEWARDSHIP? Everything!

Many scholars think that this woman was Mary Magdalene. If so, she had a unique role among the first believers. She was wealthy. That meant she could bank-roll Jesus and the disciples, which she likely did, as they set foot all over Israel teaching, preaching, and healing.

I will close with a question. What about your resources? You may or may not be very well-off like Mary Magdalene. Whatever your resources, you can give thanks and delight in the fact that your sins are forgiven and understand that a thankful heart needs just one more thing...A WAY TO EXPRESS IT. Have you found your way to express YOUR love for Jesus?

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