



WOMAN, WHERE ARE YOUR ACCUSERS?

Luke 7:36-50, Matthew.26, Mark 14:3, John 12:1-8

Rejection comes in many forms, ranging from mild rejection when the waitress says “no” to an exchange on the menu, to the extreme of hearing a spouse say, “I no longer love you, I am leaving you for someone else.”

Several women in the Bible dealt with rejection, particularly Mary with the Alabaster box, the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11) and the woman of Samaria (John 4:1-42). Women from all walks of life still suffer different forms of rejection today, on a daily basis; but our response to that rejection differs.

The woman in Luke 7:37 was a notorious sinner in the city. She was in such a mess that Matthew, Mark and Luke did not even mention her name, showing how insignificant she was. Luke actually identified her by her sin! How have you been identified?

Although she was a sinful woman, she displayed some important qualities which made Jesus rebuke her accuser. May God rebuke your accusers.

Humility

Unlike Simon, Mary recognised her indebtedness as a sinner. She admitted her unworthiness and recognised Christ’s worthiness. Like the woman caught in adultery in John 8, she

assumed the position of humility and refused to defend herself. She did not cover her mess. Her position physically was determined by the positioning of her heart.

Faith

She must have been tired of being used by men, as she was likely a prostitute. She believed what she had heard about Jesus and she had faith that Jesus could do something about her case.

Courage and fearlessness

Mary took a risk by courageously and fearlessly adding actions to her faith. She could have been stoned or insulted, yet she gate-crashed, ignoring the stares and what the men thought of her. She loved and she gave. Love was her motivation for giving. She did what Simon or his servant should have done, after Jesus had travelled the long, dusty road in Bethany. She attended to Jesus where Simon took Him for granted.

There is a level of giving of yourself and your possession, that makes God speak up for you. Luke 7:37 says Mary gave oil worth a year’s wage! Can you spend and be spent because of God? Are you a taker or a giver?

She was a worshipper

You cannot defeat a worshipper, especially when it’s wordless worship. God is about to answer your enemies. In Matt 26:10-13 Jesus answered the enemies of this sinful woman and promised to make her a memorial. “In the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”

So be humble, have faith, be courageous, be a lover, be a giver, be an addictive worshipper; and watch God silence your accusers and turn your accusation around!

