



ENCOUNTERS WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
Lesson Nine
MOTHERS DAY 2017
"QUIET WOMEN WHO SPOKE LOUDLY"
(Luke 7:11-8:3)

We often hear the phrase, “actions speak louder than words.” Ideally, our words and actions should be in perfect harmony, just as our Lord demonstrated His love, and verbally communicates His love for all of us. Our passage today is another example of how important it is to communicate love with actions and words that touch the heart.

I. JESUS KNOWS THE NEEDS OF EVERY WOMAN WHO HAS BEEN LEFT ALONE WITHOUT HOPE. HE CAN CHANGE YOUR SITUATION IF YOU TRUST HIM. (Luke 7:11-17)

A. In an ideal situation, a wife and mother would have men to stand with her as she fulfills her God-given assignments. Most women today have little hope of “an ideal situation.” Do you have hope in Jesus Christ? (*Luke 7:11-12*)

1. Statistics show that nearly 75% of African-American children being born recently will not have the privilege of living with both birth parents. This creates an immediate disadvantage for all concerned.

B. The Lord sees your pain, can answer prayers you think impossible, and His resurrection power can speak life into any situation. The best gift any mother (or anyone!) can receive is the gift of life! (*Luke 7:13-17*)

II. JESUS IS LOOKING FOR THOSE WHO WILL RESPOND TO LAVISH GRACE WITH LAVISH LOVE. WHERE IS THE EVIDENCE OF YOUR GRATEFULNESS? (Luke 7:36-50)
(Mark 14:3-9)

A. Jesus gave (and continues to give) his best for us. When will you give your “alabaster box” and show your appreciation for Him? (*Luke 7:36-38*)

B. If you have never been criticized for your level of sacrifice, perhaps you have not sacrificed enough! (*Mark 14:3-9*)

C. Jesus knows everyone who has sinned greatly, just as he knows everyone who thinks they are not as sinful as others. Which category are you in? (*Luke 7:39*)

D. The Lord welcomes anyone who knows they need His forgiveness. The question is, do you make Him feel welcome in your heart and home? (*Luke 7:40-47*)

III. ONLY GOD CAN FORGIVE SINS. WITHOUT FORGIVENESS, YOU WILL NEVER EXPERIENCE SUPERNATURAL PEACE IN A WORLD FULL OF BROKEN LIVES AND BROKEN DREAMS. (Luke 7:48-8:3)

A. We often talk about a mother’s love, which is beautiful when it is shown as God intended. It is constantly sacrificial, and a reminder of God’s love for all of us.

B. If you are unable to demonstrate and verbalize your love for the Lord, where is the evidence of your salvation? Information alone does not save anyone, but a “birth” relationship with the Lord that loves you will bring salvation. (John 3:1-8)

C. If you are a true believer, you should have evidence of being a supporter of the mission of the Lord Jesus Christ through His Church. (*Luke 8:1-3*)

ARE YOU READY TO SHOW THE LORD JESUS HOW MUCH YOU APPRECIATE BEING FORGIVEN OF YOUR SINS? IF NOT, ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN?

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