

GIVE YOURSELF AWAY

Part 9: Give Yourself Away
To Jesus

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Who or what gets the best of you?

Luke 7:36-39

³⁶ Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, ³⁸ and 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.

³⁹ 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."

The sinful woman didn't allow...

- Her reputation to get the best of her (vs. 37)
- A social stigma to get the best of her (vs. 38)
- An inappropriate gift to get the best of her (vs. 38b)
- The judgement of others to get the best of her (vs. 39)

Luke 7:40-43

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

⁴¹ "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

Jesus didn't allow...

- Righteous anger to get the best of him (verses 40-43)

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Luke 7:44-50

⁴⁴Then 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 ⁴⁵You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."

⁴⁸Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴⁹The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Jesus allowed...

- The woman's extravagant love to get the best of His grace
- The woman's sin to get the best of His mercy

Will you allow the forgiveness of Jesus to get the best of you?

Next Steps

Allow Jesus' forgiveness to get the best of you. Accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior today.

Baptism: Don't let condemnation or fear get the best of you. Baptism is not a sign of how good or spiritual you are, but a declaration of who you belong to. If you've accepted Jesus as your Savior, plan now to be baptized on the weekend of April 10 & 11. Watch the Weekly Program for details later in March.

Women: Plan now to attend Beth Moore's "So Long, Insecurities" simulcast on Saturday, April 24. Full info in today's program.

Men: Come any Tuesday at 6:00 PM to Band of Brothers. You'll find a group of guys who are learning together how to give themselves away to the right things and turn their lives over completely to God. More info at www.oasisim.org/Band-of-Brothers.html.

Small Group Discussion Questions



- 1) Did you watch or attend any of the Olympics? What was your favorite moment?
- 2) What is the most awkward situation you have ever walked into? Why did you feel the way you did?
- 3) Let's have an honest moment. Have you ever been discriminated against? What was the basis upon which you were judged? What did you do?
- 4) Jesus reaches beyond the social taboo to touch the heart of the woman. What social taboos can you reach across to touch the heart of someone that you know?
- 5) What is the most powerful application of the story for you personally?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?