

Intro: One of my favorite pictures...thought I would share it with you:
The story behind it!

I love it because it captures the essence of what is taking place in the Scriptures:

Luke 7:36-59

1. Jesus Welcomes All Kinds Of People?

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| • Knew Pharisees: | Questioning | Went anyway |
| • Knew Disciples: | Following | Brought them along |
| • Knew Simon: | Judging | Still spoke to him, worked with him |
| • Knew Woman: | Seeking | Welcomed her w/o judgment |

Just like Jesus knew their hearts...so He knows yours

2. Jesus Knows The Intent Of Our Heart.

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| • Knows Simons Judgment: | vs 39-40: Simon said to self: Jesus KNEW it |
| • Knows Woman's repentance: | vs 37-38: Woman said nothing: Jesus KNEW it |

Jesus knows your heart as well

3. Jesus Sees What We Don't See!

“He turned to the woman and he said to Simon” vs 44

- Simon didn't see

Simon didn't see the woman: Do you SEE her?

Simon saw her physically, never saw her spiritually

Simon didn't see Jesus:

Simon saw him physically...didn't see the Messiah!

Simon didn't see his own self-righteousness

- Woman didn't see

She didn't see his judgment

She didn't see the crowd

She didn't see “inappropriateness” of her behavior

She saw herself and her sin

She saw her savior and his forgiveness

- Jesus saw it all

Saw Simon's judgment

Saw Woman's repentance

Saw the differences between the two

~Simon: Judgment

~Woman: Devotion

~Simon: No water

~Woman: Tears

~Simon: No (oil) Welcome

~Woman: Perfume on feet

Jesus sees us clearly...and all that is happening in our lives...even when we don't!

4. Jesus Saw The State Of Their Souls!

- Saw the woman was forgiven: vs 47, 48
- Saw Simon was NOT! Vs 47: Forgiven little

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Tonight there is GOOD NEWS!

- Jesus Welcomes you...wherever you are coming from! (Questions, Seeking, Following, Judging..help you change!)
- Jesus knows your heart: Sometimes we don't know our own heart...but He does!
- Jesus Sees What we don't see! In us...In Others...In our World...In our situation
- Jesus Forgives when we seek forgiveness...
- Jesus Offers it...if we are willing to humble ourselves and seek him