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?
   - 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.
   - 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

CONCL
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