

**“Jesus—Pure Love”
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Luke 7:36-50

(Everywhere the Gospel is preached—this story will be told. The powerful impact of My love on a deeply wounded heart)

PROP- Jesus’ pure love is the only antidote for a world polluted by a spirit of lust.

****What would cause a little girl to grow up to become a prostitute?****

- **Betrayal**- by “father-figures” who should guard, cherish, speak I.D., bring security—raise them in the “nurture and admonition (*attentive instructive & wise warnings*) of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4)
- **Brokenness**- Isolation; loss of I.D., purpose, worth/value.
- **Numbness; detachment**- Tough veneer; Isaiah 59:11- “We all growl like bears; we moan like doves.” (the song of the captives)

When this woman looked into Jesus’ eyes—she was confronted with the PURE LOVE of God (forgiving, receiving, restoring, healing, liberating)

Total opposite of the enemy’s SPIRIT OF LUST—a defiling exploitation of people for selfish, momentary pleasure (*“this woman”*- object, not a person)

****There is a battle raging for the souls and affections of the human heart****

- **One lion seeks “to devour” (1 Peter 5:8) the capacity to love and be loved—leaving in its wake the carnage of empty shells/hollow people.**
 - SEE STATISTICS
 - **Greatest issue in the world today:** the destruction of the human heart—keeping us from knowing, experiencing, and expressing the heart of God.
- **The “Lion of Judah” seeks to restore all that was lost, revive dead hearts, and fill them with His fierce, vibrant life, love, and strength!**
 - **NOW, more than ever, we need a generational encounter with the love of God!**

1. LOVE PROTECTS—lust exploits

- **LUST uses, manipulates, devours, demeans, continually suspicious.**
- **In a culture of lust, young women grow up learning to look at men—not as their defenders/protectors—but as potential predators (*avoid dark alleys, learn self-defense, carry pepper spray, etc.*)**
- **We’ve been conditioned to think this is “normal”**

- Revelation 18:13-14- The “merchants...of the bodies and souls of humanity” will be brought to an end by the Presence of Jesus in His Warrior Bride!
 - Isaiah 61/Luke 4- Anointed to release captives...Father of the fatherless; defender of the orphans. The One who fights for the vulnerable—who does not exploit them!
2. LOVE FEELS—lust numbs (*shuts our hearts down; lose the ability to love*)
- Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)- End of his life acknowledged he had never loved anyone. Merely used them. On his death bed- “Get me a minister. Only the Cross of Christ can heal my heart.”
 - Jesus’ heart: Isaiah 53:10-11
3. LOVE WAITS...IT HONORS...IT PERSEVERES—lust demands instant gratification
- Ephesians 4:19- “Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.”
 - His love is patient, kind

RESPONSE

Jesus can transform us at the core of our hearts.
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Numbers 31:16- Balam’s counsel—when his curses did not stop Israel from entering their destiny; send in women who’ve been groomed for seduction. Men fell; a lust-induced plague spread among them UNTIL Phineas interceded—stopping the plague.

Let the Phineas company arise—spreading the “fragrance” of Jesus’ presence & love—overcoming a culture of lust!

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