

“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)

Polar 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 attached (page 3)
 - **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, guard the internet, 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” By the “Father of the fatherless; defender of the orphans.” The One who fights for the vulnerable!
2. LOVE FEELS—lust numbs (*shuts our hearts down; lose the ability to love*)
- Oscar Wilde- Irish playwright (1854-1900)- End of his life acknowledged he had never loved anyone. Merely used them. Had said, “*I can resist everything except temptation.*” On his deathbed, he said- “*Get me a minister. Only the Cross of Christ can heal my heart.*”
 - (Isaiah 53:10)- Jesus was “crushed” in order to “heal the broken-hearted” by “binding up (ministering to) their wounds” and restoring them (Psalm 147:3)!
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.”
 - But His love is “large and incredibly patient. (His) love is gentle and consistently kind to all...(His) love joyfully celebrates honesty and finds no delight in what is wrong. (His) love is a safe place of shelter. It never stops believing the best for others. Love never takes failure as defeat, for it never gives up!” (1 Cor. 13:4,6-7 TPT)

RESPONSE

Jesus is our **ONLY HOPE!** Only He can transform us at the core of our hearts.

Numbers 31:16- Balaam’s counsel—when his curses did not stop Israel from entering their destiny; he sent in women who had been “groomed for seduction.” Both men & women were infected by this lust-induced plague spreading 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!

Current statistics RE: Human trafficking (Source: Polaris—a non-profit, non-government human trafficking prevention organization; 2017)

Here in the U.S. Traffickers use violence, threats, deception, debt bondage, and other manipulative tactics to force people to engage in commercial sex or to provide labor or services against their will. While more research is needed on the scope of human trafficking, below are a few key statistics:

- The International Labour Organization estimates that there are [40.3 million victims of human trafficking globally](#).
 - 81% of them are trapped in forced labor.
 - 25% of them are children.
 - 75% are women and girls.
- The International Labor Organization estimates that forced labor and human trafficking is a [\\$150 billion industry worldwide](#).
- In 2016, an estimated 1 out of 6 endangered runaways reported to the [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#) were likely child sex trafficking victims.
- In the U.S., Polaris estimates that the total number of victims nationally reaches into the hundreds of thousands when estimates of both adults and minors and sex trafficking and labor trafficking are combined.