



Jesus And Your Image

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Lesson 4, Devotion 1

Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. — Luke 7:40-43

We are motivated by who we think is most important: ourselves, or Jesus. When we love ourselves more than Jesus, we project a me-centered image that puffs us up and covers over our brokenness. It's not the real you.

When we love Jesus more, we are willing to give up the me-centered image and pursue an image that is all about identifying with Christ. When we do this, we are about His ways, not ours. We realize how great God is, and how unworthy we are for His love and grace. Jesus knows this. In the passage you just read, Jesus cuts right to the heart of the matter: when we realize how much debt (our sins) God has forgiven, we will love Him more.

Something To Think About . . .

- Do you ever consider how much sin God has forgiven in your life?
- Does your love for Him reflect that volume of forgiveness?
- Take a few minutes to thank God for how much He has forgiven you.

Lesson 4, Devotion 2

Using the acronym **FEARLESS**, write out a word or sentence of what can help you live a fearless life (For example, F - Faith, Following Jesus, etc.)

F -

E -

A -

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S -

S -

Take a few minutes and look at the list, and then commit to doing those things this week to live a fearless life for Christ.

Lesson 4, Devotion 3

"I am part of the 'Fellowship of the Unashamed.' The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of Christ Jesus. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future secure . . . I am a disciple of Christ Jesus. I must give until I drop and preach until all know. And when my time is up, He will have no problem recognizing me. My colors will be clear." — Dr. Bob Moorehead

Something To Think About . . .

- What jumps out at you in this quote?
- How does knowing Jesus give us boldness to express our faith in spite of what others might think?
- Why is Jesus worth a faith that is bold?