

**The Story of a Nameless Woman**  
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*Main Passage: Luke 7:36-50, NIV*

**How Brokenness is Never Wasted**

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*Isaiah 53:6a, NLT – All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own.*

*Proverbs 14:12, NIV – There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.*

*Psalms 31:12, NCV – I am like a piece of a broken pot. I am forgotten as if I were dead.*

*Psalms 86:5, NLT – O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help.*

*Ephesians 1:5, NLT – God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.*

*Psalms 149:4, NIV – For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.*

2. Recognizing \_\_\_\_\_ reveals a need for \_\_\_\_\_

*Ecclesiastes 7:3, NLT – Sorrow is better than laughter, for sadness has a refining influence on us.*

To refine means...

*Psalms 66:10, NIV – For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver.*

*2 Corinthians 7:10, NLT – For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There’s no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.*

To repent means...

*James 4:8b-9, LB – Wash your hands, you sinners, and let your hearts be filled with God alone to make them pure and true to him. Let there be tears for the wrong things you have done. Let there be sorrow and sincere grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy.*

*Matthew 5:4, NIV – Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

When I don’t feel godly sorrow over what I know is sinful, I can pray:

*Acts 3:19, NIV – Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.*

*Luke 7:48,50b, NIV – Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven...go in peace.”*

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Isaiah 53:5, NIV – But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

*Psalms 51:17b, NIV – A broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.*

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**How Can I Know I’ve Been Truly Forgiven?** We can know because God’s Word tells us so.

*John 3:16-17, ESV – [Jesus said,] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”*

*Colossians 2:13-14, NLT – You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.*

*Romans 10:9,13, NLT – If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ...For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*