



**NO LIMITS**

WITH PASTOR DELMAN



S E R M O N G U I D E

## It's Paid In Full

Luke 7:36-50

### INTRODUCTION

Every child of God needs to know and needs to hear that they are forgiven, for when you come into fellowship and communion with Jesus, and begin cultivating and nurturing your relationship with Him, the Lord's forgiveness means that no matter what you have done, no matter how horrible your past, and regardless of your moral transcript and profile, the good news today is that "you are forgiven." You are officially pardoned from your past, and the devil and no one else can hold you hostage to what you've done. From today's text, we're going to see Mary Magdalene show us what it looks like to walk in that assurance.

### KEY POINTS

#### 1. Don't Let Others Shame You

Because your sins have been paid for in full and you have been forgiven, you don't ever have to let what anyone says or thinks about you get in your way. You can tell when you've been set free from shame because you don't keep repeating and rehearsing what other people say about you. It doesn't matter what they think or what they say or what they try or what they do. You just keep showing up anyhow to get your breakthrough, because your identity is rooted in what Jesus did for you, not what you've done in the past.

#### 2. Don't Be Afraid To Show Your Gratitude

After deciding that she wasn't going to allow others to limit her, Mary Magdalene feels free enough to show Jesus her gratitude. She stands behind Him weeping, bathing His feet with her tears, drying them with her hair, kissing and anointing His feet with oil contained in an alabaster jar.

It was a sacred, sacrificial gesture of surrender and celebration from a sister who is thankful for what Jesus has done for her. Being forgiven meant that the burden of guilt and shame had been lifted from her. Being forgiven meant that the yoke of public ridicule had been taken from her. And the only thing left for her to do was to show some sign of gratitude. She models for us that forgiven people don't mind thanking God for what He has done.

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**3. Forgiven People Remember Where They've Come From**

You can tell when people have developed spiritual amnesia because they are quick to highlight someone else's imperfections because it distracts attention from what they used to be. The true irony of the text is that Simon missed his opportunity to be thankful because he's caught up trying to give the impression that he's always been where he is right now.

But the woman in the text has not forgotten. She hasn't lost her memory. Forgiven saints don't have spiritual amnesia. They remember where they have come from; they know where they used to be; they can't forget what they used to do, and what God has done for them. We should never forget what the Lord has done for us!

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### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. What specific areas of your life has God redeemed?
2. What keeps you from showing gratitude to God for what He's done in your life?
3. What is one practical way you can walk confidently in your God-given identity rather than succumbing to shame?

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