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I. _____ the Unlovable

Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "Your faith has healed you." **Matthew 9:22a**

II. _____ the Unforgivable

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." **John 8:11b**

III. Showed _____ to the Outcast

Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven" **Luke 7:48**

How to be Controversial:

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Ezekial 36:26-27 NLT

I. Invite the Holy Spirit to _____

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. **24** See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. **Psalms 139:23-24**

II. Invite the Holy Spirit to _____

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. **Psalms 51:10**

16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature... **25** Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. **Galatians 5:16, 25**

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