

MESSAGE NOTES

My52: IDENTITY CRISIS: Finding Who I Am Through the Eyes of Jesus
Chapter 11: Does My Past Determine My Future?

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Give _____ a year and he will change your _____.

Luke 7:36-50

_____ life - sinned for a living (v.37)

_____ - a translucent stone soft enough to carve into a jar (v.37)

_____ could be translated rain (v.38)

500 denarii = 2 _____ salary (v.41)

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"Who is _____?" (v.49)

Who would you rather _____ in this story?

HERE'S THE TRUTH - We're _____.

- Broken by _____
- Broken by _____ - _____

1) Both shame and self-righteousness are attempts to _____ pain.

2) Your past _____ you – It does not _____ you.

3) Extravagant _____ is the same response for _____.

_____ love is our response to _____.

Matthew 11:28-30

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of March 15, 2026

OPENING DISCUSSION | Let's Get the Discussion Started

- 1) How do you respond when you are invited to have dinner or go to a party at someone's home whom you do not know well?
- 2) On a scale of 1-10 (1 being never and 10 being every day), how often do you think about things in your past?

Have you ever known someone who was unable to move on from something in their past? How did it affect their daily life?

BIBLICAL REFLECTION | What Does God Say About This?

- 1) Read Luke 7:36-50. In the middle of this dinner, Jesus tells a parable to Simon about the two debtors. Which one do you relate to more and why?

What are the two things Jesus says to the woman at the end of the passage?

- 2) How do you think these words from Jesus impacted the woman in this story?

Read 1 John 1:9 How does it feel to know that He offers the same thing to you?

- 3) Without sharing details that are too personal, can you relate to holding onto shame too long? What are the consequences of this?
- 4) Read Romans 8:1-4. How would you explain this passage to someone who is a new Christian?
- 5) Have you ever been able to truly let go of a specific shame from your past and move forward with your life? If you're willing, tell us about the experience and what helped you get over your past.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION | Walking It Out

- 1) Is there something you want to pursue in your future but feel like shame has been holding you back? What could you do this week to take a step towards that dream?
- 2) Take the Challenge: Schedule a date with God this week. Write on a piece of paper any sin you are still holding against yourself. Practice 1 John 1:9. Claim Romans 8:1. Release or destroy the paper.