



DGM Message Title: Collision Damage Waiver

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Message Summary: Sometimes we think our sins are different depending on who we are, but sin is sin. We often judge others because we are doing the same sin. But if you believe and humble yourself, Jesus forgives every one of their sins no matter how big or small.

Scripture References (NKJV):

- [Luke 7:36-38](#)
- [Luke 7:40-42](#)
- [Luke 7:44](#)
- [Luke 7:47](#)

Key Points:

- Luke 7:36
 - One of Jesus Pharisees asked him to eat with him
 - A lot of people brag about not having any critics, but that means you're not a threat to anyone.
 - Great spirits always encounter violent oppositions from mediocre minds.
 - Jesus ate with all different types of people
 - If everyone in your life is just like you, you're probably leading a very boring life.
 - "Only those who risk going too far, ever find out how far they can go." –Adapted from T.S. Elliot
 - Jesus was willing to take that risk, he didn't play it safe
 - You can't influence people you avoid, but you also can't waste too much time and energy in people who are not interested in growing and changing
 - Progress usually begins at the end of our comfort zone.
 - In the New testament, Luke always placed special attention to women
 - There was a woman who had a bad sexual reputation and it was frowned upon
 - NO matter how much she changed, she will always be remembered by her past.
 - Never judge a person's whole story based on only one chapter.
 - When the woman heard that Jesus would be at the dinner, she was still willing to face whatever criticism to be in Jesus presence
 - Once you experience God's acceptance, everyone else's opinion loses its relevance
 - The reason we care so much is because we haven't spent enough time in his presence
- Luke 7:37
 - She comes in the door and Luke paid attention.
 - He goes in to detail about the items she has
 - A woman's scent is an indication of health and status
 - Beautiful prostitutes often became famous, and men knew the names of the special ones

- She poured the alabaster on Jesus feet
 - She began to cry when she was in Jesus presence
- Luke 7:38
 - She saw an opportunity to meet a need, and she took it
 - “You will never win, if you never begin.” –Helen Rowland
 - She began to wash his feet with her tears and hair
 - When she saw the opportunity and need, it was enough for her to step in.
 - She kissed his feet and anointed it with fragrance
 - She didn’t worship to be cute, she worshipped because he was worthy
 - You may have heard what someone has done, but don’t confuse that with knowing their story.
 - “Good people” are the hardest people to reach
 - we all fall short
- Luke 7:40
 - Jesus had something to say to Simon
 - It’s part of our culture to hate on people who are trying to live righteous
 - We feel that it is ok to judge them, because we feel they judged us
 - If judging people is wrong, how are you going to judge them?
 - God loves the church kid as much as the street kid, the prostitute as much as the wife, the pimp as much as the pastor.
 - We need to be mindful of that
 - He loves the self-righteous
 - We all have a little Pharisee
- Luke 7:41
 - You can’t judge a book by its cover because you don’t know their heart
 - Jesus understood sin slightly different than what we do today
 - Our life is on loan
- Luke 7:42
 - When push comes to shove none of us can repay God for the privilege of being
 - We are the product of His imagination, not our own
 - We will all stand defenseless to the Almighty
 - Jesus went to the cross to become that collision damage waver
 - Liability insurance
 - He knew there would be some dents and dings in our life, but God paid it on the cross
 - God wants your life to be totally covered
 - The more we realize our debt, the more we appreciate his mercy
- Luke 7:44
 - If you really love God, you will find ways to show it
 - the woman was willing to pour out her best, because she knew Jesus accepted her in her worst
 - Sin is still sin no matter what you call it
 - Cheese called by any other name still stinks!
- Luke 7:47
 - Jesus called her behaviors sin
 - We abuse our minds and body’s with sin and blame God for the crisis
 - We all sin
 - It’s not about being better than somebody, it’s about living a life of gratitude
 - We need to live a life of gratitude
 - To whom little is forgiven, the same loves little
 - If you don’t have God moments, you will never be grateful