

# Go Back to the Well.

Then Jesus told him this story: "A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other.

But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt."

"That's right," Jesus said.

Luke 7:41-43 (NLT)

Every feel the passion emanating from a former addict's testimony? Always makes me think of mine... not an addict... honestly, it barely moves the needle. Who loves the Lord more? Who's been forgiven

more?

Made me ask myself (and now you), "What really happened when I was saved?"

"But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it." (James 1:25)

I asked the Lord to lead me to take a fresh look into his perfect law, the one that set me free... I discovered a deep well... had I never heard of its depths? Had I just forgotten? As I explored, weighing my life honestly, I realized I'd been padding on the surface. Forgiven? Yes! As both in Jesus's story were. Yet, the deeper the Lord took me, the more my story resembled an addict's... one forgiven a debt of 500 pieces of silver.

A shiver shot through me as the extent of God's mercy and grace poured out...

Reflect: What really happened when I was saved?

Though far from rich, like the young ruler, I felt myself good overall.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I'll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to

enter the Kingdom of God!" (Matthew 19:23-24)

Rationalizing, "I'm more good than bad and my 'bads' are relatively benign," my acceptance of Christ reeked of "it's the right thing to do" and I considered my debt comparatively small. No wonder my testimony lacked passion!

My fresh dive into the deep well of salvation opened my eyes. I realize now, it took an act of God to save me; he'd been after me my entire life... words an addict might utter!

"For he has rescued us from the one who rules in the kingdom of darkness, and he has brought us into the Kingdom of his dear Son. God has purchased our freedom with his blood and has forgiven all our sins." (Colossians 1:13-14)

The pitch blackness of my former fate, devoid of hope, joy, meaning and life, has been laid bare; the significance of what happened to me (and you) at salvation is mind blowing. I've (you've) been transported to a new Kingdom with a new King!

Consider: Living in a new Kingdom with a new King changes everything.

Contrary to the kingdom of darkness, Jesus' Kingdom is one of overflowing abundance; at its heart is the source of life. Outpouring from it comes all good things...

"O Israel, stay away from idols! I am the one who answers your prayers and cares for you. I am like a tree that is always green; all your fruit comes from me." The Lord (Hosea 14:8)

Have you lost hope, joy, or peace? Go Back to the Well.

"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." The Apostle Paul (Romans 15:13)

Has fear overtaken? Go Back to the Well.

"I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears." King David (Psalm 34:4)

Lacking any good thing? Go Back to the Well.

*Imagine:* The outpouring of the well fueling my Mission.

Has your Mission stalled (and it will!)? How can it advance lacking the passion of your salvation story? Is your testimony flat? What really happened when you were saved? Go deeper... all that you need to advance your Mission pours out of this well!

"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to

give them a rich and satisfying life." Jesus Christ (John 10:10)

Can your Mission advance if you're clinging to your old life in the kingdom of darkness, falling into the traps of your former ruler?

#### Go Back to the Well.

Go off the grid and ask these questions:

#### **Coach's Questions**

- What good thing am I longing for (hope, peace, joy, love, passion...)?
- What worldly thing have I been going to in attempt to satisfy my longing? Can it really deliver?
- Ask the Lord, "Take me deeper into the well." How big a debt have I been forgiven of? Ask, "Lord, fill me!"

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Post this where you will see it regularly.

### New Kingdom, New King, New Life

"There is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created, and for whom we live.

And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created, and through

whom we live."

The Apostle Paul | 1 Corinthians 8:6 (NLT)









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