

PASSION

Passion is one of the most powerful emotions we have.

Passion: *“an intense desire, full-on affection, driven enthusiasm.”*

Without passion life becomes routine and predictable.

Jesus said: *“...My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.” John 10:10b (tlb)*

Jesus desires us to live a passionate and full life. To be **enjoyed** and not **endured**!

We find meaning and satisfaction when we passionately pursue and serve Jesus.

Luke 7:36-50 When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, He went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind Him at His feet weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. ³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, He would know who is touching

*Him and what kind of woman she is - that she is a sinner.”⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said.⁴¹ “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”⁴³ Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.” “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.⁴⁴ Then He turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give Me any water for My feet, but she wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.⁴⁵ You did not give Me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing My feet.⁴⁶ You did not put oil on My head, but she has poured perfume on My feet.⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven - as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, **“Your sins are forgiven.”**⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, **“Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”***

Two different ATTITUDES.

1. Simon did not think he needed anything from Jesus.

2. The sinful woman was deeply aware of her need of Jesus.

The sinful woman passionately pursued Jesus.

- She **PURSUED** Jesus earnestly until she found Him.
- She **PAID** a price by giving her best to Jesus.
- She **POSITIONED** herself with great humility at His feet.
- She was **PERSECUTED** for publicly displaying her affection for Jesus.

People who were nothing like Jesus *liked* Jesus and He *liked* them back.

Jesus was purposeful and intentional in pursuing sinners.

*”(Jesus) came to seek and save those who are lost.”
Luke 19:10 (nlt)*

A passion for Jesus creates in us a passion for the lost.

As we pursue and obey Jesus, the more we will care about the things that He cares about.

If **we be** Jesus in our communities, we will attract those distant from Jesus to Jesus by being Jesus to them!

Q: Are you passionately pursuing Jesus?

Q: Do you need to rekindle your passion for Jesus and His purposes?