

RESCUE STORY

Part 3.0 Rescued from a 'PAST' Luke 8:1-3

The WOMEN on Team Jesus!

- The LAUNCHING of Christianity Acts 1:12-15
- At Jesus' Death, Burial, and RESURRECTION
Luke 23:53-24:12; Mark 15:40-41, 46-47
- Jesus' TRAVELING team Luke 8:1-3
- Jesus' HEALING services Luke 4:31-37, 40-41; 6:17-19
 - 'SEVEN Demon' experiences – Luke 11:24-26

The rescue story of MARY MAGDALENE 2 Corinthians 5:17

- Mary the TORMENTED
- Mary the RESCUED
- Mary the MEMBER of Team Jesus
- Mary the first PROCLAIMER of the Resurrection
- Mary the INITIATOR of our Christian Faith

Your Rescue story

- ACKNOWLEDGE your captor Psalm 32:3-5; 1 John 1:7-9
- SURRENDER fully to Jesus Psalm 139:23-24
- REPLACE your captor with Team Jesus
- GO PUBLIC with your Faith

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Life Group Discussion Questions – March 29, 2020

Luke 8:1b-3 *“The twelve were with Him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.”*

QUICK REVIEW

1. How can the global pandemic create worry and fear for your personal sphere of influence? What is the root cause of the anxiety? (see Philippians 4:6-7)
2. What areas of your life have you been trying to control that are not truly yours to control? How can you come to God with an open hand with these matters? What evidences might you see of finally surrendering your controlling attempts?

MY STORY

1. Pastor Phil shared with us that Mary Magdalene was, among other things, an initiator of our Christian faith. Compare your faith journey with Mary’s. What did you understand about Jesus when you first believed in Him? What was the thing, or who was the person, that started you on the road to believing in Jesus?
2. Has your understanding of who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him changed since you initially began to follow Him? How has your faith changed or grown?
3. If you are a follower of Jesus, you have received His grace. In what ways do you routinely show your love of Jesus? In what new ways can you be serving your fellow disciples?

GOING DEEP (read Luke 8:1-3)

1. According to v. 1, what was the content of Jesus’ message? Why didn’t He skip the smallest villages?
2. What do you think Jesus’ critics said about the women who traveled with Jesus’ band continually? Why do you think Jesus allowed it? Do you think he encouraged it? Why or why not?
3. Jesus always understood His mission as something to be carried out with others, never on His own. Look at the ones He chose. They seem like an unlikely group. What does God want to tell us through His choice of “Team Jesus”?
4. How can we be responsible to save for retirement and still give generously to Jesus’ work?
5. Today, many ministries and mission efforts that do the work of Christ go without because they cannot find financial support. Others who do continue to minister have to give up valuable time and energy to keep their work supported. As a group, discuss ways in helping to keep the Lord’s work on track.

PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for you to remember?