

## How Jesus Gives You Your Life Back

Luke 7

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*We rejoice in the strength of his lion-like power and in the tenderness of his lamb-like meekness. We take heart from his incomparable combination of excellencies. It reassures us that there is none like him, and that he is not a mere man like others. O grant us, in our brash indifference, to tremble before the Lion of Judah and to humble ourselves under his fierce holiness. And grant us, in our brokenness and fear, to gather courage from the lion-like Lamb. Oh, how we need the whole Christ! Open our eyes to see the fullness of his excellence. Remove the lopsided and distorted images of your Son that weaken our worship and lame our obedience. May the power of the Lion and the love of the Lamb make our faith in Christ unshakable.*

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*--John Piper, Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ*

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Put Yourself in the place of these people who met Jesus in 4 Crucial encounters:  
A Centurion      A Widow      A Discouraged Preacher      A Sinful Woman

1. When you **meet** with Jesus . . .      *Luke 7:1-17*

- *You can't be neutral, but you can be desperate.*
- *You can always interrupt His schedule: you're on it!*
- *He puts a tailor - made plan to work for you.*
- *You'll never be the same again.*

2. When you **trust** in Jesus . . .      *Luke 7:18-23*

- *You may still have doubts, but you know where to take them*
- *He will take you seriously*
- *You will not be offended in Him*

3. When you **fall in love** with Jesus . . .      *Luke 7:36 - 50*

- *You recognize how great was the debt he cancelled.*
- *Your life is ordered by unceasing gratitude and demonstration*

Take home: