



JLH Women's Saturday Devotions *February 17th 2018*

He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not

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As a teen I remembered my so-called “ first love.” He lived in the house next to ours, he was a junior in high school and I was in 8th grade. He had no idea I had a crush on him and didn't pay me any attention. But one day sitting on my porch he walked passed and said hello to me. I ran quickly into the house straight to my bedroom and fell on my bed, “ He Loves Me, He Loves Me. ” That was one of my happiest teen moments. He was all I thought about and I became infatuated with him. I would write Mr. and Mrs. all over my notebook, wrote letters I never given him. I still remember walking home from school picking a dandelion plucking the petals saying He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not...until I plucked the last one, He Loves Me Not. I tossed that stem on the ground and said that's a stupid game anyway. When I arrived to my house I saw him holding hands with another girl, “Oh my feelings were hurt.” I said, I was **never ever** going to talk to boys **ever** again for the rest of my life! Well, we know that didn't last very long.

We've all experienced “ so called first loves “ or a “Crush, “ but as mature adult women we shouldn't be having pity parties over anyone who doesn't love us. Love is a Choice and Jesus never forced himself on anyone. **Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**

When Jesus met the woman at the well she was a filthy woman **John 4:6-16** but Jesus being the gentleman He Is wanted to show her He Is Love. He was very wise and careful how He handled her. He told his disciples to go find some food. Jesus didn't need any spectators interfering with his business reaching the lost. You may have to separate yourselves from people to do God's Will in your life. Amen.

Matthew 18:11-20 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

This woman was thirsty and searching for love in all the wrong places, she had five husbands and Jesus called her out and said the one she NOW has was not hers. She was amazed. **John 4:13-18 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou NOW hast is not thy husband:**

Jesus stepped in and **SHOWED** her **LOVE**. Love is an action, **LOVE** is **JESUS**. He Loved her and knew she needed help finding a husband. Once the Samaritan woman realized she was face to face with the **Rose of Sharon, The Lily of The Valley** her flower plucking days were over, no more selling her self short of embarrassment wondering if a man loves her or loves her not. She met **THE HUSBAND** who knew all her failures and still loved her. She was thirsty and the men she had could not satisfy her. She was longing for **REAL LOVE. TRUE LOVE! Single ladies, AMEN!!**

Are you still plucking petals from that flower hoping the last one will say He Love Me? Relationships are not based on flower picking, it's the Love of Jesus in a person and takes more than just saying I Love You. **1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.**

The woman at the well left her waterpot once she saw the disciples, she ran to share the Good News to the men in her town “Come meet a man who told me all about me.” She was no longer thirsty nor ashamed. Read **John 4:29-30 and John 4:39-42** Ladies, no matter what your pass my have been or how many petals you've plucked, no one can Love you like Jesus. Put **JESUS FIRST**. Be encouraged, God Bless.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and ALL these things shall be added unto you.