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Mary Magdalene ~ Hebrew name meaning “Bitter” & “High Tower”

Luke 8

Unwavering Faith

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Mary Magdalene had the gift of faith and love. She was born in Magdala, a town on the sea of Galilee, and she witnessed the death (*John 19:25*), burial (*Mark 15:47*), and resurrection (*Mark 16:1-3*) of Jesus. According to the Gospels, Jesus cleansed Mary of seven demons (*Luke 8:2-3*). Mary walked with Jesus and saw his character, so she knew exactly who she was dealing with. But put yourself in her place.

Just imagine having a friend that was closer to you than family, and then seeing them get beaten and murdered in front of you for no reason, breaking you. Imagine having dealt with things like depression, anger issues, or another struggle before meeting that friend. You had also seen other people dealing with things, but that one good friend came and helped you and them to become well physically, mentally, and spiritually. Imagine that this friend was the only person who had this ability. Wouldn't it first build your faith and then help you to believe in what it is that they were trying to show you?

Well, this was what Jesus did for the people who followed Him. He wants us to believe in Him with faith, expecting us to trust Him. Think about it. No matter what you have gone through, you always seem to make it out because you call upon that great name JESUS. You might as well shout it on the mountain top because He will hear you even with a whisper. Jesus is not deaf to your cries or blind to your tears. There will be a point to them when He'll wipe away all tears (*Rev. 21:4*).

Let's pray. Lord, please deliver us from all of our strongholds. We submit our way to You. God, give us love and please give us the spirit of faith. Heal our hearts to help us love one another.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above....James 1:17