

#1 – I'M INVITED

Introduction

- **Invited**—Worst feelings—Left Out—**Uninvited**
- Have you ever felt? *Unwanted — Unworthy — Undeserving — Unwelcome?*

Jesus invites people others reject

1) Rejected – UnNamed Woman

a) Pharisees Background

- People weren't sure about Jesus – *claimed to be God in the flesh*
- **Pharisees**: Outwardly Pious—Devout—Religious—613 Laws in the Torah

b) UnNamed Woman – STORY

Luke 7:37

- UnNamed Woman was in essence – the town prostitute
- UnNamed Woman was **NOT** invited

1) Do you think that Mary chose to live like this?

2) What was her back story?

c) UnNamed Woman has a Jesus Encounter

Luke 7:38-48

2) Jesus says “Come to me – I will give you rest”

Matt 11

- “**You are invited – Come as you are**”
 - If you are wrecked by guilt and shame —Come feel His Love
 - Tired and can't live up to their own standards let alone God's standards
 - Rejected, Religion turned away, nothing left, lost hope

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Jesus says—You are invited

Note:

- Pointing out women's sins didn't lead her away from her sins
- Judging her for her lifestyle didn't change her lifestyle
- Shaming her didn't set her free

3) Invited to Join the *Family of God*

- “**You are invited into God's Family – Come as you are**”
- When we accept His INVITE — we become family 1 John 3:1
- He adopt us into His Family Gal 4:4-5, Eph 1:5-6