



# HARD CONVERSATIONS

Talking about Sex:  
Naked & Unashamed



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- God's Redemption through Jesus





## II. Creation of Sex





“The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

**Genesis 2:18-25**

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So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

**Genesis 2:18-25**



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The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame."

**Genesis 2:18-25**

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## II. Creation of Sex

A. God created sex





That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and **they become one flesh...**

Genesis 2:24

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## II. Creation of Sex

- A. God created sex
- B. God is not offended by sex





"The man and his wife were both naked,  
and they felt no shame."

Genesis 2:25

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“Their lack of shame was due to something else: it was due to their complete and total acceptance of each other, without reservation.”

Tim Alan Gardner, Sacred Sex





## II. Creation of Sex

- A. God created sex
- B. God is not offended by sex
- C. God intends for us to enjoy all he has created





# III. Fall of Sex





"God gave us sexuality as a refreshing lake of joy. But we, in our sin, have turned that lake of joy into a fetid swamp. And in this evil smelling place, this place of brooding darkness and death, the church is now sinking."

John White





"When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

**Genesis 3:6-13**

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Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

Genesis 3:6-13

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And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"  
The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

Genesis 3:6-13

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## III. Fall of Sex

A. Broken relationship with God





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- A. Broken relationship with God
- B. Broken relationship with ourself





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- A. Broken relationship with God
- B. Broken relationship with ourself
- C. Broken relationship with others





## IV. Redemption of Sex





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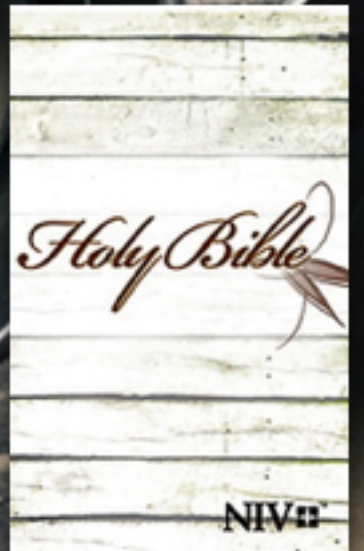
A. Jesus offers **LIFE** with grace and truth





“When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

John 4:7-18





Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

**John 4:7-18**



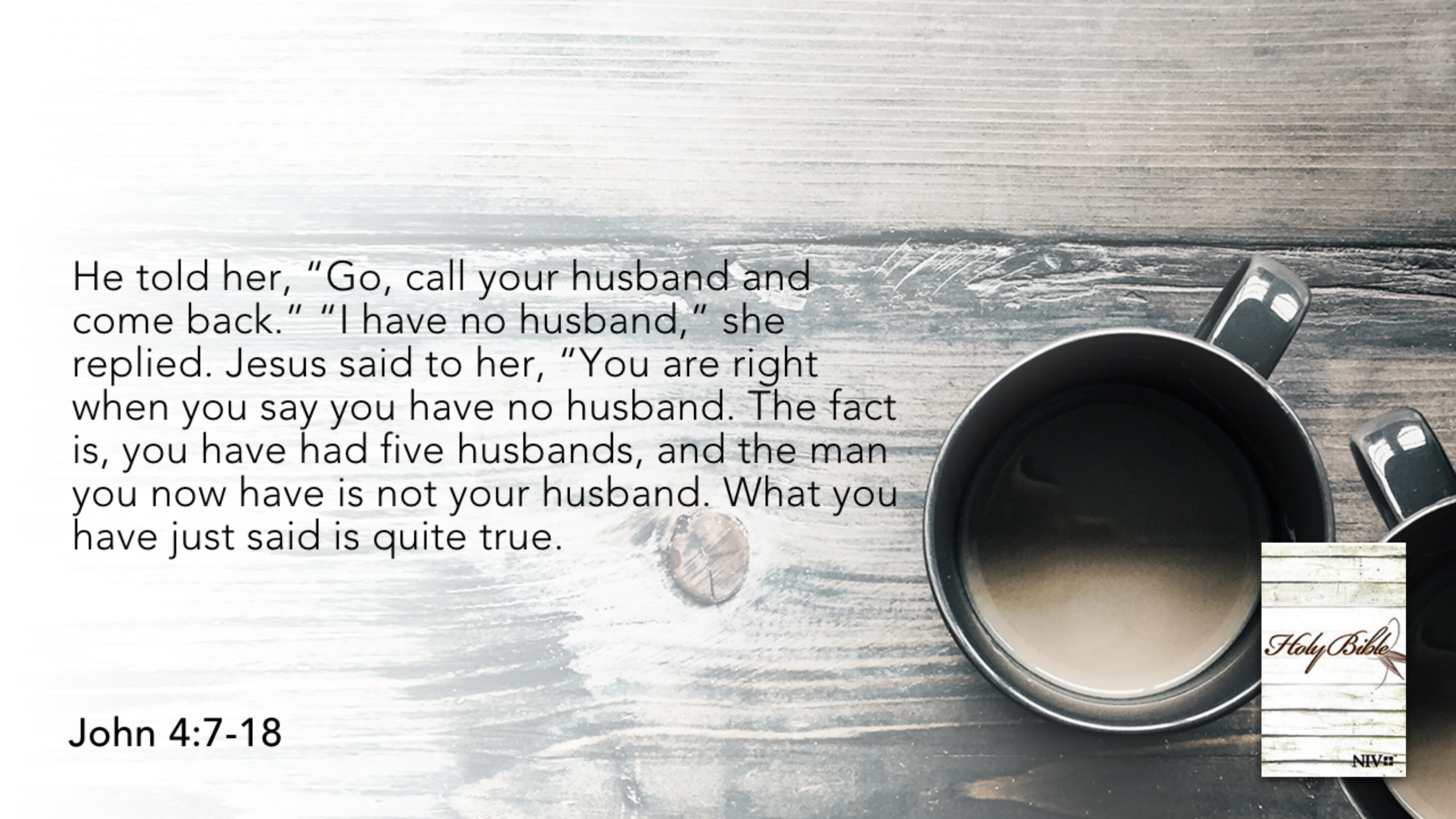


Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

John 4:7-18





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He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.

**John 4:7-18**

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## IV. Redemption of Sex

- A. Jesus offers **LIFE** with grace and truth
- B. Jesus offers **FORGIVENESS** with grace and truth





"A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

**Luke 7:37-50**

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When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people owed money to a certain money lender.

Luke 7:37-50

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One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman?"

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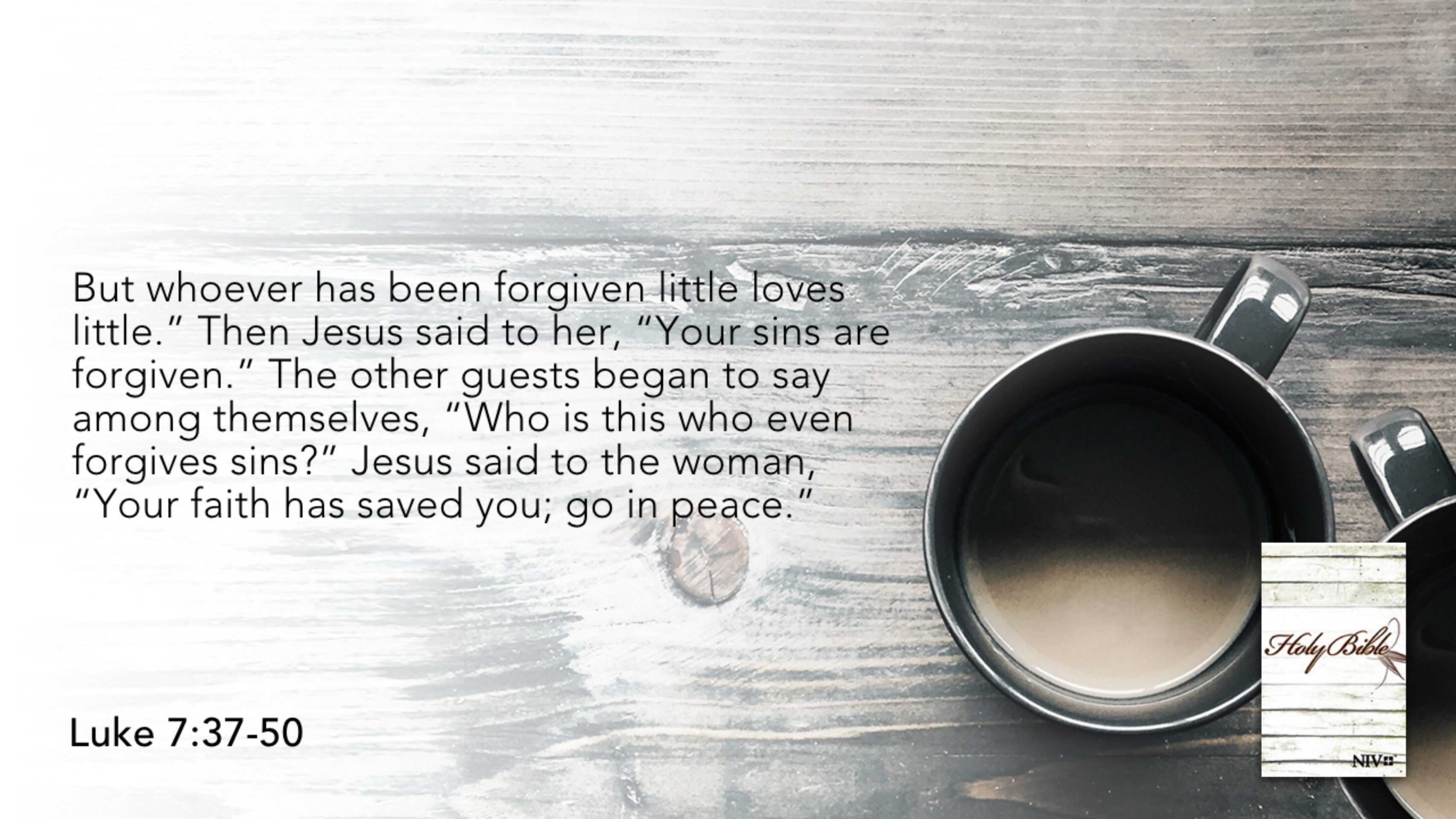
I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown.

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But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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While we were actively opposing Christ, that is when he gave himself to us in love rather than taking offense in us.

***This should make us the most difficult people in the world to offend.***











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