

# The Potter's Christian Life Center

SERMON NOTES  
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## Placing Them Into The Hands Of God

**Luke 7:1-17**

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A mother's love has long been used as a way to measure love. Haven't you heard the phrase "He has a face only a mother could love!" But even with the immense love that a mother has for her children, it cannot compare to the love of God. A mother can only go so far. There are things that she simply cannot do for her children.

We all must admit that there are times when all we can do is place our children into the hands of Jesus.

### WHEN LOVE CAN GO NO FURTHER

A certain woman had a son, and she could not help him. The circumstances were out of her hands. Her son was dead and she was devastated. Then along comes Jesus, and everything changed.

**Luke 7:11-12**

**<sup>11</sup>Soon afterward Jesus went with his disciples to the village of Nain, and a large crowd followed him. <sup>12</sup>A funeral procession was coming out as he approached the village gate. The young man who had died was a widow's only son, and a large crowd from the village was with her.**

### THE PROBLEM IN HIS HANDS

**LUKE 7:13-14a**

**<sup>13</sup>When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion. "Don't cry!" he said. <sup>14a</sup>Then he walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped.**

It is interesting that Jesus says, "Don't cry." Did not He invent crying for situations such as this? We cry because emotional energy is built up in trying times. This grieving mother was in the most terrible of situations.

He showed His pity.

Jesus saw the situation, He had compassion on this woman, He stopped a funeral procession and her dead son was raised from the dead. Maybe your situation is beyond your control. There are some people here today who will testify that their problems were just as hopeless, but Jesus showed pity and good things happened for them.

Jesus saw this woman and He had compassion on her. This lady was not looking for Jesus, but He arrived at the moment that she needed Him the most. She may not have even known who He was, but He knew her. She may have not heard of the many miracles that He had performed, but she was about to experience a miracle with her own eyes.

There were many people who felt sorry for this mother. There were several people in that crowd who had compassion on her, but that was as far as they could go. Jesus went further than having pity on this woman. He saw her problem and fixed it.

He displayed His power.

**<sup>14b</sup>“Young man,” he said, “I tell you, get up.” <sup>15</sup>Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother.**

Kevin Jones says, "Can you imagine the reaction of the pallbearers, the mourners, his mother, the man who was dead? Obviously there were many different emotions present on that day. Fear, confusion, amazement and most of all joy. That is what happens when Jesus comes on the scene. When Jesus shows up people are amazed! Some may be fearful, sometimes He does things that confuse our simple minds. Oh, but when Jesus comes on the scene there is always joy and excitement at the miracles that He performs."

Conclusion

For what reason did Jesus raise this young man from the dead? The scriptures show us that there was a greater motivation.

John 7:16-17

**<sup>16</sup>Great fear swept the crowd, and they praised God, saying, “A mighty prophet has risen among us,” and “God has visited his people today.” <sup>17</sup>And the news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding countryside.**

The purpose of a mother is to bring honor and glory to our God. But too many times we are focused on *our* problems, *our* difficulties, *our* sorrows, *our* grief and *our* trials and tribulations. So when we cry out to God we do it in a selfish way. Some of your children are struggling with addiction. Some of you have children who are suffering from alcoholism. Some of you have children who are dealing with depression. Some of you have children who are in jail or prison. Some of you have children who are going through divorces and custody battles. Some of you have children who are living evil rebellious lives. Some of you have children who are involved in homosexuality. Some of you have children who are dealing with serious health issues. Some of you have children who are living in rebellion and are away from God. On and on it goes, there are many different situations that your children are facing.

Let's begin to cry out, "This situation is not unto death, but for the glory of God!"