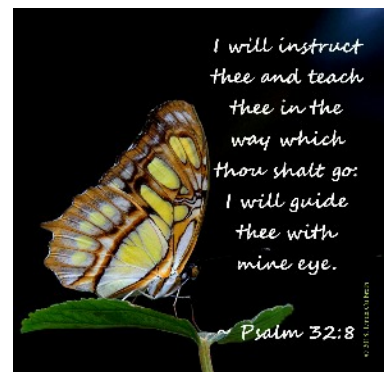


Before we go any further, I want to show you some of my canvas artwork and reassure you than anyone in this room is very capable of coming up with similar artwork by the end of the workshop. The only restriction is you must have the legal right to use your images or your own paintings and all text if you use text. *And I will show you how to stay out of the wrong side of the court room!*



## 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 Hopeless Women

There are three hopeless women we are going to talk about today. I think I'm going to start with number three.

If you look over in in Luke chapter seven, you are going to find his lady that was hopeless. She was known as a prostitute. A woman of ill repute. She was what some would call damaged goods. Then, she met Jesus.

On this particular day, she came, possibly uninvited by the host, to where Jesus was. Not only that, but also she broke down and she wept. She cleansed him with this fragrant oil out of a very expensive box - an alabaster box. it probably contained an ointment that cost a whole year's worth of wages. That's very, very expensive "smellum-good-stuff".

She not only broke it but also poured it from his head down to his feet. Then she took her hair and wiped His feet - literally she took her hair and she washed His dusty feet with her tears and that very expensive oil. You'd think that somebody would have said "Boy! What a great job you did what a great thing this is. Look at what Jesus has done to this lady's life and He has changed her."

But, no. The ones that were closest to Jesus criticized her as if she was deaf and could hear nothing. "Lord, do You know what kind of woman this is? What a waste! We could have sold that expensive oil in that alabaster box and give away a lot of money to a lot of people!"

But she steadfastly continued to just weep over Jesus and she steadfastly continued to wash him with that oil. Did Jesus notice? Oh, I'll say He noticed! This is what Jesus said to those around, not exactly spoken to her, but she was still weeping and washing as He spoke this to the disciples and the others in the room that were critical. "I came here and you didn't bother to wash My feet. (That was the customary thing to do in those times and places.) and she has not stopped.

She continuously washes Me. You have not even offered. You know you're going to have the poor with you always and can give to them at any time you choose. But she's doing this as a memorial for Me for My burial." (Which was in effect a prophecy right there of His approaching death and burial.) And not only that, but wherever the gospel is preached, the good news about Me is preached, I want her story to be told.

She was one hopeless woman till she came to Jesus. Would you agree with that, that she was hopeless?