**Right? Wrong? Release? – What Did Jesus Do?**

Luke 22.31-34

*Rather than fixing what’s wrong or doing what’s right,*

*we need to release what’s good.*

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* “Do what’s right” is good, just not good enough.
* “Fix what’s wrong” is (not completely wrong, but it is) not complete.

PREVIOUSLY: Biblical Reasons to “Release What’s Good”

*The Bible says, I bear the image of God…. In Christ I am a new creation…. In Christ the Holy Spirit lives in me…. In Christ I am uniquely gifted by the Spirit of God…. In Christ I bear fruit!*

MCC’s motto: “Helping people discover the goodness of Jesus”

**Jesus knows that Satan has a plan for my life.** (Luke 22:31)

**1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)**
Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

* The devil distracts me, often with “good” things.
* The devil confuses me so that I make wrong decisions/choices.

*The devil makes the bad look good and the good look bad.*

* The devil flatters me that I am better than I am/good enough.
* The devil discourages me with disappointments/expectations.
* The devil neutralizes me with a lack of forgiveness.

**Corinthians 2:10-11 (NIV)**

10 If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven--if there was anything to forgive--I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, 11 in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

**Jesus knows what I am doing, and what I will do.**

*Nothing I have done, or ever will do, has taken Jesus by surprise.*

**Jesus is over what I’m doing, before I do it.**

*Jesus releases what is good in me, before I ever think about doing it!*

**Jesus is on my side, even before I get on His!**

**Romans 5:8 (NIV)**
But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: *While we were still sinners*, Christ died for us.

**Jesus believes in me, when I am unbelievable.**

*How much like Jesus am I?*

**Jesus gives me credit before I’ve earned it.**

*Do I live primarily in what was, what is, or what is to come?*