

## Chapter 47

# She Came In Through The Bathroom Window

### BIBLE

Paul stayed two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who were coming to him.<sup>1</sup> It happened at midnight, that the man was startled and turned himself; and behold, a woman lay at his feet.<sup>2</sup>

He said, “Who are you?” She answered, “I am Ruth your handmaid. Therefore spread your skirt over your handmaid; for you are a near kinsman.”<sup>3</sup>

With persuasive words, she led him astray. With the flattering of her lips, she seduced him.<sup>4</sup> She caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me!” He left his garment in her hand, and ran outside.<sup>5</sup>

Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man’s house where her lord was, until it was light.<sup>6</sup>

Joseph, her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, intended to put her away secretly.<sup>7</sup>

### COMMENTARY

<sup>1</sup> **Acts 28:30** “She Came In Through The Bathroom Window” was inspired by an actual incident involving a woman who gained unauthorized entry into Paul’s house in St. John’s Wood. A fan of the group used a ladder to reach a bathroom window that had been left slightly open (Paul was not home at the time). Once the young lady got in, she opened the front door, and let several other girls in. They took a few of Paul’s belongings, mainly clothes and photographs.

<sup>2</sup> **Ruth 3:8** As he had done before with “With a Little Help From My Friends,” Joe Cocker covered and reinterpreted “She Came in Through the Bathroom Window” as a slower, more soulful song, reaching number 30 on the US Billboard Hot 100 chart in 1970.

<sup>3</sup> **Ruth 3:9**

<sup>4</sup> **Proverbs 7:21** “Your lips are moving, I cannot hear. Your voice is soothing, but the words aren’t clear,” Paul observes in “I’m Looking Through You.”

<sup>5</sup> **Genesis 39:12**

<sup>6</sup> **Judges 19:26**

<sup>7</sup> **Matthew 1:19**

He said, “This is Wickedness”; and he threw her down into the middle of the ephah basket; and he threw the weight of lead on its mouth.<sup>8</sup> “A wife who commits adultery! who takes strangers instead of her husband!”<sup>9</sup>

Her husband is respected in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.<sup>10</sup> All the city was moved, and the people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple. Immediately the doors were shut.<sup>11</sup>

The high priest, Ananias, commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.<sup>12</sup> “If a man be found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman: so you shall put away the evil from Israel.”<sup>13</sup>

Then Paul said to him, “God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! Do you sit to judge me according to the law, and command me to be struck contrary to the law?”<sup>14</sup> Withdraw your hand far from me; and don't let your terror make me afraid.<sup>15</sup>

“Yahweh is my shepherd: I shall lack nothing.<sup>16</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.<sup>17</sup> He restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>8</sup> **Zechariah 5:8** “She Came In Through The Bathroom Window” is part of the brilliant and innovative 16 minute medley of songs that end the *Abbey Road* album and also effectively end the Beatles recording career. *Rolling Stone*: “The *Abbey Road* medley is the matured Beatles at their best: playful, gentle, acerbic, haunting and bonded by the music. Their harmonies are ravishing and complex; the guitars are confident and cutting.”

<sup>9</sup> **Ezekiel 16:32**

<sup>10</sup> **Proverbs 31:23**

<sup>11</sup> **Acts 21:30**

<sup>12</sup> **Acts 23:2**

<sup>13</sup> **Deuteronomy 22:22**

<sup>14</sup> **Acts 23:3**

<sup>15</sup> **Job 13:21**

<sup>16</sup> **Psalm 23:1** The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, one of the most beloved passages found in the Bible, is a powerful affirmation that we can use to lift ourselves up in consciousness. When we let God “shepherd” us through life, everything we need is provided.

<sup>17</sup> **Psalm 23:2** Universal law stipulates that all things work together for our good, although this truth can be hard to grasp when we are going through challenges.

<sup>18</sup> **Psalm 23:3** The Divine will guide us along a path that allows it to express uniquely through us in order to serve the greater Good.

“Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in Yahweh’s house forever.<sup>19</sup>

“Yahweh is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? Yahweh is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?<sup>20</sup>

“But I know you, that you don’t have God’s love in yourselves.<sup>21</sup> He who is of God hears the words of God. For this cause you don’t hear, because you are not of God.<sup>22</sup>

“You are trapped by the words of your mouth. You are ensnared with the words of your mouth.<sup>23</sup>

“You judge according to the flesh. I judge no one.<sup>24</sup> Even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent me.<sup>25</sup>

“Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I tell you, I speak not from myself; but the Father who lives in me does his works.<sup>26</sup>

“But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you, or by man’s judgment. Yes, I don’t judge my own self.<sup>27</sup> For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it is good, or whether it is evil.<sup>28</sup>

<sup>19</sup> **Psalm 23:6**

<sup>20</sup> **Psalm 27:1** Rick Warren: “Fear is a self imposed prison that will keep you from becoming what God intends for you to be. You must move against it with the weapons of faith and love.”

<sup>21</sup> **John 5:42**

<sup>22</sup> **John 8:47** If we are “of God,” we see things the way God sees them, from a higher level of awareness.

<sup>23</sup> **Proverbs 6:2** Aldous Huxley: “Thanks to words, we have been able to rise above the brutes; and thanks to words, we have often sunk to the level of the demons.”

<sup>24</sup> **John 8:15**

<sup>25</sup> **John 8:16** Judgment that comes from “the Father,” or the God within, is wisdom and discernment, always grounded in unconditional love.

<sup>26</sup> **John 14:10** Ralph Waldo

Emerson: “Within man is the soul of the whole; the wise silence; the universal beauty.”

<sup>27</sup> **1 Corinthians 4:3**

<sup>28</sup> **Ecclesiastes 12:14** Every thought word and deed on our part, good or bad, has a consequence. For instance, when a person chooses to ignore their Divine nature and operate in fear, ignorance, and hatred, they will reap what they sow: more fear, ignorance and hatred. Robert Louis Stevenson: “Sooner or later everyone sits down to a banquet of consequences.”

“Don't judge, and you won't be judged. Don't condemn, and you won't be condemned. Set free, and you will be set free.”<sup>29</sup>

Paul said, “I pray to God, that whether with little or with much, not only you, but also all that hear me today, might become such as I am, except for these bonds.”<sup>30</sup>

“Now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me. I will offer sacrifices of joy in his tent. I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to Yahweh.”<sup>31</sup>

“While I live, I will praise Yahweh. I will sing praises to my God as long as I exist.”<sup>32</sup> Sing to the glory of his name! Offer glory and praise!”<sup>33</sup>

A good man shall obtain favor from Yahweh, but he will condemn a man of wicked devices.”<sup>34</sup> The king sent and freed him; even the ruler of peoples, and let him go free.”<sup>35</sup>

He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”<sup>36</sup>

<sup>29</sup> **Luke 6:37** If we have a judgmental, condemning, unforgiving spirit that focuses on the worst qualities of others, we contribute towards keeping them stuck where they are. In addition, through the law of attraction we will tend to attract people and situations that keep ourselves grounded at that same level of consciousness. Constructive criticism, however, can be quite helpful. We can see things in others that they can't see. Francois de la Rochefoucauld: “Few people have the wisdom to prefer the criticism that would do them good, to the praise that deceives them.”

<sup>30</sup> **Acts 26:29**

<sup>31</sup> **Psalm 27:6** “You were above me, but not today,” Paul declares in “I'm Looking Through You.”

<sup>32</sup> **Psalm 146:2** (Anonymous) “Turn your worry into worship and watch God turn your battles into blessings.”

<sup>33</sup> **Psalm 66:2** Ellen G. White: “Singing is as much an act of worship as is prayer.”

<sup>34</sup> **Proverbs 12:2** When we are in alignment with our higher nature, we naturally obtain God's favor, without having to ask for it.

<sup>35</sup> **Psalm 105:20** God uses other people to bring His favor to us.

<sup>36</sup> **Mark 2:12** [*“He” is Paul*]