

An Eight Cow Woman – Romans 5:5-7

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Introduction

1. Some of you may have heard of the “Eight Cow Woman” story and it is a great story that is able to give us some encouraging biblical lessons.

I. Story Of “An Eight Cow Woman”

- At one time in the South Seas men used to barter for their wives.
- A mean father had an ugly daughter and he berated and demeaned her constantly. She was so ugly that he was ashamed of her.
- A beautiful woman would bring about 3 cows with the highest price being 5.
- Johnny Lingo, was tall, handsome and rich and he came to the island to barter for a wife. Guess who he chose? Mahamma the ugly daughter.
- He paid eight cows for her and everyone laughed at his terrible trade.
- Because Johnny believed she was worth so much she decided to be the best wife she could making him the happiest man on earth.
- They returned and she was no longer the ugly duckling, she was beautiful and she became an eight-cow woman. Her dad was jealous because now he saw her worth as a 16-cow woman.

II. The Law Of Loyalty & Support

- Proverbs 21:21; Matthew 24:10-13
- Jesus saw the best in Peter, Matthew and Zacchaeus. Marriages, relationships, and churches fail because of a lack of loyalty and support.
- We have eight cow elders, deacons, wives, children, etc. They became that when we treat them that way. This is the way God has treated us. We’re not perfect but we are of tremendous value to Jesus. We become like Jesus because God believes we can!

III. We Act As We Are Treated

- Matthew 7:12
- When we think, we are unloved like Mahamma we believe we are worthless. If we treat people the way Christ treated people we will always see the best in them. Our families and church will be what we make it. It can be an eight-cow church! (1 Peter 2:9; Romans 8:29-32)

IV. You Have What It Takes

- If we believe in God, we can be what God wants us to be and we can do what God wants us to do.

V. Make The Most Of What You Have

- Mahamma didn’t become another woman she used and made due with what she had. No mother, wife, husband, father, child, brother or sister in Christ will be perfect. But they can be the best when we treat them like eight cow relationships!
- This story is similar to the gospel story that God looked at us and we were not worth a cow’s tail. God loved us regardless and gave us His son to purchase and redeem us! Because of the love of God, we become more like Jesus every day! In 2 Corinthians 5:14 Paul says, “I am what I am by the grace of God.”