

## **Dear Modern Martha: You are a Daughter Not a Slave**

By Katie M. Reid

Dear Modern Martha:

For years you've lived like a slave, trying to please your Master. You've worked hard...striving to be enough, trying to earn favor and stay in good graces.

You've tried to obey and you've tried to honor Me.

Your try-hard soul is weary from hustling to measure up. You get frustrated when you fall short and discouraged when you fall down. You are fed up with this "never enough" lifestyle.

I invite you to get off of the treadmill of toil. There is a better way to live. And it doesn't require more discipline, more effort, or more sweat.

It starts with a change of heart. And then a name change. Since you are in Christ, you are no longer a slave, My child. You are a daughter. My Daughter.

Everything I have is yours.

You are not sinner but saint, not prodigal but pardoned, not hired-help but royalty.

You already have My pleasure, My favor, and My grace. *Lavished. Loved. Never alone.*

Your try-hard soul is free from measuring up because My Son already measured up by overturning the scales of sin and shame. When you fall short or fall down, His robe of righteousness remains on you—like a coat of many colors, reflecting My delight in you.

**Delight in the love of your Father as you enjoy your position as His daughter.**

Enjoy the benefits of being adopted into My family, purchased by Jesus's blood:

The inheritance given freely, purchased at a great price, for you. The signet ring of My Spirit, sealing you with love, proof of your ransom.

Partake of the feast prepared in celebration of your return.

Unlock the shackles 'round your feet by receiving the truth that I sing over you. Be released from your imprisonment. Walk free, daughter.

My faithful love lasts forever.

You are chosen, accepted, enjoyed. You are Mine. There is nothing you can do to please Me more because Your Redeemer (Jesus) has pleased Me and He resides within you, through faith.

**I am not leaving. I'm not exasperated with you.**

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**You don't have to strive for that which you already have.**

Sure, there are things to be done, but you don't have to do them in order to be loved. You are *already* loved.

Your identity as daughter should determine your outlook—hope is on the horizon...and within you.

Go forward, knowing who I am and who you are.

Love,  
Me

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Purchase Katie's new book, *Made Like Martha: Good News for the Woman Who Gets Things Done*.

### **Suggested Tweets:**

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### **Suggested Facebook Posts:**

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