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Mercy at the Bank

Charlene, the only Christian at the bank where she had worked for several years, was praying for her co-workers. Then, a co-worker in charge of the vault accused Charlene of stealing a large sum of missing money. Charlene was one of many employees who went into the vault daily; however, because of the timing of the loss, she became the only suspect. An investigation involved police and bank authorities. Although her aggressive co-worker slandered her regularly, called her names, and pressured her to confess the theft, Charlene never returned an ill word. This went on for three months. Her picture was in the paper with an article reporting she was under investigation. After that, her children were ridiculed at school and some friends abandoned her. Even though the bank found no evidence, they gave her the opportunity to resign. She believed she should stay. Though she no longer had duties handling cash, she worked diligently leaving the case with the Lord.

Then an employee of the transport company said he had made a cash exchange error. Afraid of losing his job, he had waited for the bank to contact him so he could act surprised. Charlene's accuser was responsible to confirm there was not an error by the company, but she was so convinced of Charlene's guilt, she never did it. In a cold and sarcastic voice, her accuser said, "Sorry, big mistake," turned and walked away. Charlene followed into her office and closed the door. Her co-worker's eyes got big and fear covered her face as she got ready for the blast she felt was coming. Charlene looked her in the eyes, and said, "**I love you and I forgive you for everything you said and did against me.**" As the words sunk in, the co-worker's fear melted into deep sorrow. She began to cry and then said, "**I don't know what you have, but I have to have it.**" Charlene confessed her strength and love came only from God. Then she led her accuser to the Lord who then led another employee to the Lord the next day! By the end of the week, five other employees also accepted the Lord!

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