



THE L I V I N G
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- WHAT WE DO -

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J U D G E M E N T

Matthew 7:1-2 — “Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

John 7:24 — Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”

WE WITHHOLD JUDGEMENT

We make terrible judges
because we do not know
the whole story

John 8

3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst

John 8

4 they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery.

John 8

5 Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?”

Deuteronomy 22:22 — “If a man is found lying with the wife of another man, both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman. So you shall purge the evil from Israel.

Luke 6:39 — He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?”

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believers to grow in deeper intimacy with
Jesus and that our intimacy will compel
unbelievers to find new hope and life in
Jesus***

WE WITHHOLD JUDGEMENT

Hang up your robe - it's
not your place to judge

John 8

6 This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.

Luke 11:20 — But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Exodus 32:16 — The tablets were the work of God,
and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on
the tablets.

Exodus 8:19 — Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

John 8

7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.”

Acts 12:16 — But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed.

John 8

7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.”

John 8

8 And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground.

Isaiah 53:5 — But he was pierced for our rebellion,
crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be
whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

1 John 3:5 — You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

1 John 2:2 — He Himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 1:29 — The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Romans 8:33-34 — Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

WE WITHHOLD JUDGEMENT

Have you received grace
from Jesus? Then it is
your time to show grace.

Matthew 18

32 Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?'

Matthew 18

34 Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt. 35 “That’s what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.”

John 8

9 But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.

John 8

10 Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” 11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

John 3:18 — Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Romans 8

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8

3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

Romans 8

4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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