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Part of OneChanging the world - One at a time!

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Message: SHRIMPS

Series: One

This is a series based on God's call for us to change the world, one person at a time. Jesus modeled this in His ministry, and He teaches us to model it throughout our life – in the way that we live, in the things that we do. We model it through how (and what or who) we love, and the action of being His hands and feet, reaching one person at a time.

What is a SHRIMP

- S = Self-Righteous
- H = Heathenistic
- R = Ruthless
- I = Idiotic
- M = Mad
- P = Person

Don't be a SHRIMP!

John 8:1-6 (NLT)

1 Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives,

2 but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them.

3 As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.

4 "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

5 The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?"

6 They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger.

The Pharisees were SHRIMPS and they were bound and determined to trap Jesus at the expense of this woman.

John 8:7-11 (NLT)

7 They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!"

8 Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

9 When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman.

10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?"

11 "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

Let's change the story... what about the one you saw last week... that one person who needed Jesus... were you the one dragging them to the crowd to be stoned or were you the one who brought them to Jesus to be loved... to change their life... It's time to release the rocks! See, we don't have to agree with their choices, their decisions, their actions, their lifestyle... all we have to do is love them enough to bring them to Jesus!

—Pastor Chad

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Romans 2:1-11 (NLT)

1 You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things.

2 And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things.

3 Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God's judgment when you do the same things?

4 Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

5 But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you

are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

6 He will judge everyone according to what they have done.

7 He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers.

8 But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness.

9 There will be trouble and calamity for everyone who keeps on doing what is evil...

10 But there will be glory and honor and peace from God for all who do good...

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

1 John 2:4-6, 9-10 (NIV)

4 The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him:

6 Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

9 Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness.

10 Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.

Paraphrased by Pastor Chad:

If you say you "know" Jesus, but you don't do what He tells you to do, you're a liar and the truth isn't in you. But if you obey Him, God's love is made complete in you. I you "know" Jesus, you live as Jesus lived... If you claim to be in the light but hate others, you're still in the darkness. But if you love others, you live in the light of Jesus.

—Pastor Chad