



**FROM THE BIBLE**

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## MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Week 2 | The Haunt of Shame

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1. In this message, Joel started out by talking about watching *The Price Is Right* when he would have a sick day from school. What's your favorite game show? What's your favorite specific game on *The Price Is Right* (i.e. Plinko)?
2. Joel mentioned a show called, *Naked & Afraid*, in this message. Although, he's never seen the show, the premise is that you try to survive being outside completely nude. Why do you think most people wouldn't want to be on this show?
3. The connection to the *Naked & Afraid* show is that, we all struggle to let people really see us basically out of shame. We think, if people knew the real me, they wouldn't accept me. What are some things in general that we cover up & how do we do it?
4. Read John 8:1-6. The woman was *caught in the act of adultery* so she was likely naked & afraid & was brought into the Temple *in the middle* of Jesus' teaching! That's quite the interruption. What are two different ways that the church can respond when someone shows up that is living in sin? What are the likely outcomes of each? (This refers to the story of the guy wearing the cuss word shirt in church).
5. Jesus stooped down in this situation. This is symbolic because He didn't stand over her & shame her. He took the position of humility. How can this help guide us & how we react to the shame in other peoples past?
6. Do you find it powerful that story reminds us that *when we're naked & afraid (or full of shame) but we come to Jesus, He choses empathy?* How does this align or redefine how you see Jesus?
7. In this message, Joel said that *sometimes we're haunted by stuff that we actually have power over*. He used a story about being chased by a goose to illustrate this. How do we have power over our shame & sin when we have Jesus in our life?
8. Read John 8:7-11. *How* did Jesus speak to the woman's accusers & what did he say? *How* did Jesus speak to the woman & what did He say?
9. How does this story, the Bibles quintessential story on shame, help you when you're carrying shame? What's your takeaway from this story?

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