

Sin, Hypocrisy, Forgiveness, and Redemption

John 8:1-11

FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLE: The Goal in dealing with sin is redemption, not condemnation, not fault-finding, not self-righteousness.

JOHN 8:1-11

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 Pharisees brought a woman they had 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 very 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. 7 They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, stone her. But let those who have never sinned throw the first stones!" 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 her, "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."

6 outlays on dealing with sin in a Gospel-community & how it all plays out at Life Pointe Church

- 1. We MUST issue a call to personal holiness.**
- 2. We MUST accept the call to personal holiness.**
- 3. We MUST depend on His righteousness.**

Righteousness vs. self-righteousness

- 4. Mercy triumphs over judgment.**

JAMES 2:10-13

10 And the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as the person who has broken all of God's laws. 11 For the same God who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." So if you murder someone, you have broken the entire law, even if you do not commit adultery. 12 So

whenever you speak, or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law of love, the law that set you free. 13 For there will be no mercy for you if you have not been merciful to others. But if you have been merciful, then God's mercy toward you will win out over his judgment against you.

5. We should exercise judgment with greater intensity within proximity nearest ourselves.

1. Me. -> 2. My house. -> 3. My close friends who are followers of Christ. -> 4. Other followers of Christ who God opens the door to speak into their lives. -> 5. Strangers with extreme caution.

6. Rules without relationship breeds rebellion.

A COMMITMENT TO RECEIVING GOD'S CORRECTION

I will be open to the soft truth about myself.

I will first let the arrows of criticism and judgmentalism pass through the filter of Scripture before allowing it to penetrate my heart.

I will stay malleable in the hands of the Holy Spirit and respond to His gentle correction.

NEXT STEPS

Memorize James 2:13

Pray for me so that _____.

I plan on giving \$_____ to bring hope to Cambodia through the WILL RIDE FOR HOPE project.

Pray for _____ who I'll be inviting for the Christmas Eve service.