

Good Morning Church Family – Journey Through John

Read John 7:53-8:11

Devo Thought: There are times in Scripture where someone in one of the stories very clearly stands as a representative of all of us. In this passage, the woman caught in adultery is this person. Her accusers bring her before Jesus and say, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery.” Think about the words “caught in the act.” If you’ve ever been caught in a sinful act, you know the sinking feeling that comes with those words. Here’s the thing. All of us have been caught in the act. Every single one of us is not only generally sinful. Each of us has sinned very specifically. We have each hurt others through our lies and deception, through our anger or lust. Each of us will kneel before the “Teacher” and must answer for our sin. We will have to wait for the answer to the accuser’s question, “So (Teacher), what do you say?” If you’ve ever been “caught in the act,” you also know this moment, waiting for the “death sentence” to be passed. We wait for it because we know deep down that this is exactly what we deserve, and we do deserve it. But, this is where the divine grace and mercy of Jesus steps in and does the unexpected. Instead of a death sentence, we get “Woman, where are your accusers? Has no one condemned you? Neither do I condemn you.” I want to stop there today and just bask in the beauty of Jesus’ amazing grace. Instead of death, he passes freedom and life over this woman caught in the act, and he does the same for each of us. Praise God!

Let us thank God for the grace and mercy we have received in Jesus.