

# Messy – Putting Our Stones Down

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**Value #2– Messy–**

**Messy level?**

**Isaiah 59:2 (NLT)**- *It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.*

**Romans 3:23 (NLT)**- *For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.*

**John 8:1-11**- <sup>1</sup> but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group <sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" <sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" <sup>11</sup> "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

**What do we see with the woman?**

**What do we see with the religious leaders?**

**Matthew 23:23-** *“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.”*

**What do we see with Jesus?**

**Application—**

**What do we do with our messes?**

“Sin was not treated lightly by Jesus (obviously because he died on the cross for our sin) but sinners were offered the opportunity to start life anew.”  
Gerald Borchert

**What do we do with our judgements?**

“Christ’s forgiveness in each of our lives diminishes as we lose touch with the depth of our own sinfulness. When we no longer see ourselves in the drama of the woman, when we feel we are free from accusation and judgement, we lose sight of God’s grace.”  
*John NIV Commentary* by Gary Burge

**How do we move towards the mess?**