This Is What We Do

Message based on the the movie "The Resurrection of Gavin Stone."

Intro:

Gavin is a childhood star actor who gets into trouble and is assigned 200 hours of community service. He goes back to his home town, moves back in with his dad, and serves his time at a local church.

CLIP 1: Gavin Dressed Like a "Christian"

John 8:1-11 (NASB)

8 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² Early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and He sat down and began to teach them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees *brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the center of the court, ⁴ they *said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act. ⁵ Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?" ⁶ They were saying this, testing Him, so that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground. ⁷ But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ When they heard it, they began to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the center of the court. ¹⁰ Straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?" ¹¹ She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more."]

CLIP 2: Gavin playing Jesus in the story of the adulterous woman.

1. Welcome without JUDGMENT

Grace steps in.

Vs.7 But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

2. LOVE without Condition

Grace lifts up

Vs.10 Straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?" ¹¹ *She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either.*

3. Forgive without LIMIT

Grace moves through Vs.11b " Go. From now on sin no more."

LIVE IT:

CLIP 3: "This is what we do."

Colossians 3:14-17 (NLT)

¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.¹⁵ And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Re- MEMBER:

- Take time to remember how God welcomes, loves and forgives you?

Re- <u>PENT:</u>

- Turn from attitudes and actions that have limited God's flow of grace through you.

Re-LEASE

- Intentionally release grace this week as you welcome, love, and forgive.