



Part 2 - I Deserve Condemnation, but He Gave Me Mercy!

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. - John 8:1-2 NLT

As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. - John 8:3 NLT

"Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the 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,

- John 8:4-6a NLT

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, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" 8 Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. - John 8:6b-8 NLT

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. - John 8:9 NLT

Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "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."

John 8:10-11 NLT

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." - John 8:12 NLT

TALK IT OVER

- "You're used goods." "This is just the way you are." "You're a fake." What voices of condemnation do you hear?
- What do you need to leave behind so you can "go and leave your life of sin"?
- Pray together to invite the Holy Spirit to point out dark areas in your life where you need to trade condemnation for Jesus' mercy and light.

Suggested Reading Plan: Uncondemned

Announcements:

- Sunday Service @ 10 AM. Nursery is available for children up to age 4, and KidZone for ages 5-11.
- Girl's Ministry for grades K-6 Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 PM. See Sharee Haromontelongo for more info.
- Finish Line Youth for ages 12-12th grade Fridays 7- 8:30 PM. See Pastor James for more info.
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