



Drop the Stone

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THE PASSAGE

John 8:2–12. *The religious leaders bring a woman caught in adultery and ask Jesus whether to stone her. He answers, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone.” One by one they leave. “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”*

THREE TAKEAWAYS

1. Jesus does not say sin doesn't matter. He doesn't say *you* don't matter because you sinned. Grace and truth are held together.
2. The same light that exposes us is the same light that welcomes us. Jesus reveals the woman's sin — and the leaders' pride, hypocrisy, and judgment too.
3. Jesus moves us from the courtroom to the table. In a courtroom people are separated by accusations and verdicts; at a table people face each other, pass the bread, and discover a person, not a label.

THREE QUESTIONS FOR THE TABLE

1. Who have we placed in the middle of the room so we can judge them? Who have we reduced to one mistake?
2. What is the one thing Jesus' light might be showing you right now — something in your own heart or life to bring into the light?
3. What would it look like this week to drop the stone and make room at the table for someone?