

JESUS THE GOOD JUDGE

John 8:1-11

Book of John: Wk. 15

ILLUSTRATION: Ask the question, “Have you ever had your “dirty laundry” aired out for the world to see?”

Option 1: Use a comedic route and talk about a time where your parent showed an embarrassing photo of you in your undies to your S/O

Option 2: Take it straight to a serious moment where a friend, mentor or close relative shared your business with everyone.

SET UP SCRIPTURE:

Author: John

Audience: Jesus, Pharisees, Followers of Jesus, A large crowd.

Purpose: There is no shame or guilt when Jesus enters your life.

MAIN POINT: Jesus will always defend His love for us.

READ SCRIPTURE: John 8:1-11 NLT

“Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. 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. “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?” They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. 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!” Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. 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. Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

HATERS GONNA HATE.

John 8:3-4

The harsh yet true reality is that you will always have people who wish you ill will; that want to see you fail. The devil likes to do this same thing to us; to throw us off our path and tear us down to a point that we feel shame and guilt; and will use people to help in the process. The moment you make a mistake or are caught up in sin, they will be the first to call you out for your mistake. The Pharisees used her mistake to try to justify stoning her and to test Jesus in who He said He was. See even sometimes, we as Christians can forget that we are not the judge, we forget that while we are supposed to guide, disciple, and direct people to Jesus, ultimately He is the judge.

THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR ACTIONS

John 8:5

We have to understand that there are consequences for our actions, good or bad. Sometimes we may feel like we are unstoppable in that that nothing bad will ever happen to us. Unfortunately, some decisions we make can cost us everything. This woman was caught in sin and according to the Old Testament laws, she should have been put to death through stoning. While that was a consequence for her actions, that's not where the story ends. And sometimes in our life, we can look at our mistakes and immediately be full of shame and guilt, but Jesus steps in and continues to write in the sand of our story just like He did for this woman. Aren't you thankful that Jesus continues to write our stories?

THERE'S NO FEAR IN LOVE.

John 8:6-11

This woman probably was so full of fear and confusion of what her future would hold. While we do not know what Jesus wrote in the sand, we know that it was something significant enough for the Pharisees to rethink bringing this woman to Jesus.

“You without sin, cast the first stone”. This phrase is so powerful because everyone was born into sin. Only Jesus can justify and rescue us from our sinful ways.

To tie in the Illustration, use personal testimony of a time when Jesus forgave you despite the enemy trying to convince you that you were not worth it.

“Stand on what God has said and is saying. His word is truth and peace/power are found in his presence. Fear is attached to lies. Stand firm in truth. Give lies no space to operate.”

—Tim Smith

RESPONSE:

What are the lies the enemy has told you that you've been believing?

What are the lies you have been telling yourself that you've been believing?

What has you bound?

Are you ready for the good judge to continue your story through redemption?