

The Gospel of John Series Part 4
“Not Condemned”
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Key Passage: John 8:1-11

1. Jesus refuses to condemn the woman for her past.

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.” (John 3:17-18)

2. In that present moment, Jesus restores the woman’s dignity, offering her his grace.

“Jesus stood up and said to her, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ She said, ‘No one, Lord.’ And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you; go and from now on sin no more.’” (John 8:10-11)

3. Looking to the future, Jesus invites the woman into life through the doorway of repentance.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” (John 5:24)

⇒ “Believe” (Greek *pisteuo*) – to deem someone to be true and worthy of one’s trust. Belief is the holistic response of the head, heart, and life that opens the door to God’s transformative influence and joyful confidence in your life.

How do you respond when your true self is exposed and dragged into the light? What do you do with your guilt and shame?

Our Current Strategies

- DEFLECT
- DENY
- DISMISS
- DESPAIR

A Gospel Strategy

- HEAR JESUS’ WORDS.
- LEARN TO TRUST HIM.
- WALK WITH JESUS INTO NEWNESS OF LIFE.

