

## Encounters

### Part 4-Encountering the Forgiveness of Jesus

#### John 8:2-11

*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!”<sup>8</sup> 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.” John 8:2-11 NLT*

#### Five things to consider about this passage...

##### 1. The **GUILT** of the woman was undeniable.

*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*

##### 2. The **REQUIREMENT** of the law was without mercy.

*“Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery.<sup>5</sup> The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?” John 8:4 NLT*

##### 3. The **HYPOCRISY** of the scribes and Pharisees was without shame.

*They were trying to trap Him into saying something they could use against Him... John 8:6 NLT*

##### 4. The **RESPONSE** of Jesus was disarming.

*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. John 8:6-9 NLT*

**5. The GRACE of Jesus was transformational.**

*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." John 8:10-11 NLT*

**What can we learn from the Attitude of Jesus?**

- 1. Grace provides a SECOND CHANCE.**
- 2. Grace empathizes with the PAIN.**
- 3. Grace never EXCUSES SIN but pushes for transformation.**
- 4. Grace issues a stern WARNING.**
- 5. Grace believes in the POWER of CHANGE.**

**How are you in need of God's grace today?**

**Will you receive His forgiveness today?**