

## John 8

**John 8:1-11** the Woman “Caught” in Adultery

Trap: a) doesn't keep law      b) religious jerk (people)

We are regularly confronted with this same common trap. (sexual sin)

a) License (unholy)      b) Legalism (unloving)

Jesus' example: didn't validate, didn't condemn

secret to avoiding trap - His Public and Personal response

Public: **Equal Guilt** (accusation - **Rom 2:1**) - didn't say without *this* sin

(**Lk 13:1-5**) <sup>1</sup>There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? <sup>3</sup>“I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>“Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>“I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

**Isa 64:6** (10 Commandments - Sermon on the Mount) vs **2 Cor 5:21**

comparing (**2 Cor 10:12**) - standard/scale (Isa 6 - got new scale)

(**Ga 3:22**) <sup>22</sup>But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. (Paul - chief sinner 1 Tim 1:15)

avoid trap publicly by sticking to the Gospel (not us vs them)

we are all equally guilty of sin, only Jesus can save us, He gives grace (empowerment)

Personal: Mercy, Honor, Hope (her perspective) - he didn't have to wait until they were alone

avoid dealing with deeply personal issues publicly and impersonally (shame)

“sin no more” - command (law) or empowerment (grace)

We have No Authority to License what God calls sin

it is not our job to make sinners comfortable (ex: SC lady - principles & difficulty)

it is our job to help those who want it (**Gal 6:1-2**) God: no pass, grace (time)

We have No Authority to Condemn

it is not our job to make sinners uncomfortable (**Jn 16:8**)

notice He didn't have to point out each Pharisee's sin (conscience)

between them and Jesus (word), give them the gospel (ex: bus guy - better questions)

It is our job to speak Truth in Love with Humility (Equal Guilt)

I wonder what happened to the woman?

Hope is an incredible cure for Shame.

Every call to Repentance should impart Hope. (grace)