

## Go and Sin no More

John 8:1–11 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.<sup>2</sup> Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them.<sup>3</sup> Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst,<sup>4</sup> they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act.”<sup>5</sup> Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?”<sup>6</sup> This they said, testing Him, that they might have *something* of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with *His* finger, as though He did not hear.<sup>7</sup> So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.”<sup>8</sup> And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.<sup>9</sup> Then those who heard *it*, being convicted by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest *even* to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.<sup>10</sup> When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?”<sup>11</sup> She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”



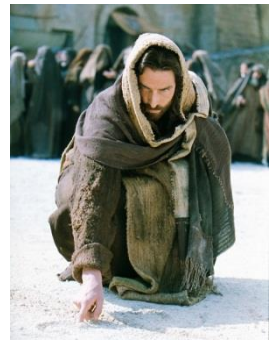
### Practical application:

1. Be careful that we do not operate in a religious spirit that condemns people rather than extend mercy – Because we will not receive mercy in return.

James 2:13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Galatians 6:1–5 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.<sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.<sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.<sup>4</sup> But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.<sup>5</sup> For each one shall bear his own load.

- Be compassionate. Realize we are all humans and you could easily be in their shoes!
  - When you treat people with contempt or look down on them you open the door to temptation (sometimes the same). Pride comes before the fall.
2. While not condemning people be sure to encourage people to not continue in sin. Jesus didn't coddle people.
  3. Religious spirit seems to condemn some but not others or themselves who are committing sins. Hypocrisy rules a religious spirit.
  4. Let him who is without sin – We need to remember that we are not superior to others.



Hebrews 2:17–18 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

Jesus was superior but he became one of us. He does not put us down or condemn. Because he went through human trials and temptation in a human body without sin, he provides us encouragement to overcome. That gives me hope.

5. Just because we don't operate in a spirit of condemnation does not mean you can get away with whatever you want (which ironically is what some people believe and practice)

Romans 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Romans 5:20-6:1 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,<sup>21</sup> so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

