



# 5 Day Devotional

This five day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. We will explore the ways Jesus interacted with the woman caught in adultery, drawing lessons from His compassion, grace, and teachings.

## Day 1

*John 8:1-11*

As we begin our devotional, let's focus on Jesus' interaction with the woman caught in adultery. This passage demonstrates Jesus' contrasting approach to sin and forgiveness when compared to the religious leaders of His time. They were quick to judge and condemn, driven by their own agenda. In contrast, Jesus showed a heart of compassion and understanding, even when addressing sin.

Jesus did not dismiss the woman's sin but provided her with an opportunity for redemption. He redirected the accusers' attention by writing in the dust, possibly highlighting their own faults and sins. By doing so, He shifted the focus away from condemnation to introspection. This act of mercy teaches us about God's grace and the importance of compassion over judgment.

- How do you react when you see someone committing a sin?
- Have you ever been quick to judge others without reflecting on your own faults?
- How can you show grace and understanding in your daily interactions?
  
- Pray for a heart of compassion like Jesus demonstrated.
- Ask God to help you see others through His eyes, with love and grace.

## Day 2

### *John 8:6-8*

On this second day, let's delve deeper into Jesus' act of writing in the dust. This moment, filled with silence and anticipation, redirected the focus from the woman's sin to the accusers' own hearts. Jesus calmly defused the situation by inviting those without sin to cast the first stone, convicting them of their own failures and sins.

This passage challenges us to consider our motives when we accuse others. Are we seeking justice or simply trying to assert our own righteousness? Jesus showed that true justice is intertwined with mercy and self-reflection. His response teaches us the value of humility and the importance of examining our own lives before passing judgment.

- What motives drive your actions when you confront others?
- How can you incorporate self-reflection before criticizing others?
- Have you experienced a moment where you recognized your own faults while judging others?
  
- Pray for the strength to practice humility and self-reflection.
- Ask for God's guidance to approach others with a spirit of grace rather than judgment.

## **Day 3**

### *John 8:10-11*

Today, we focus on the moment Jesus directly addressed the woman after her accusers had left. He asked her if anyone had condemned her and upon hearing that no one had, He declared that He did not condemn her either. Jesus, the only one without sin, chose to forgive rather than condemn. This pivotal moment underscores the theme of forgiveness and second chances.

Jesus offers redemption and a chance to change. His words, "Go now and leave your life of sin," encourage a transformative journey, highlighting that our past does not have to define our future. This passage encourages us to embrace forgiveness and pursue a new path aligned with Jesus' teachings.

- How do you respond to Jesus' offer of forgiveness and a new start?
- What steps can you take to leave behind a life of sin?
- How can you extend forgiveness to others as Jesus did?
  
- Pray for the courage to accept and act on Jesus' offer of a new beginning.
- Ask God to help you forgive others and inspire them to change their ways.

## **Day 4**

### *John 8:7*

As we reflect today, consider the deeper implications of Jesus' statement, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." This directive was profound, forcing each person to confront their own sinfulness. The older accusers, perhaps more aware of their life's mistakes, were the first to leave, setting an example of introspection and humility.

Jesus' challenge encourages us to view others not through the lens of their sins but through the understanding of our shared humanity. It's a call to empathy and compassion, recognizing that we too are flawed and in need of grace. This shifts our focus from judgment to support and acceptance, reflecting Jesus' love in our interactions.

- How can you cultivate empathy when dealing with others' mistakes?
- What steps can you take to avoid being judgmental?
- In what ways can you show support to those seeking to change their lives?
  
- Pray for a heart full of empathy and understanding.
- Ask God to help you live out His love and grace towards others.

## Day 5

*John 8:11*

On our final day, let's consider Jesus' powerful words, "Go now and leave your life of sin." This command is both an invitation and a challenge. It acknowledges the woman's past but focuses on her potential for a better future. Jesus wasn't merely offering her a way out of condemnation; He was inviting her into a transformed life.

This call to transformation is extended to all of us. Jesus wants us to move beyond our past mistakes and live in a way that reflects His love and teachings. It's a call to actively pursue righteousness, knowing that despite our flaws, we are continually offered grace and the opportunity to grow.

- What steps can you take today to begin transforming your life?
- How can you continually seek Jesus' guidance in your daily decisions?
- In which areas of your life do you need to embrace Jesus' command to "Go and sin no more"?
  
- Pray for strength to make lasting changes in your life.
- Ask for continuous guidance and support from God as you strive for transformation.