

that you would believe

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

SERMON NOTES

Caught Red Handed

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JOHN 8:1-11 (NLT)

¹Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, ²but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. ³As 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. ⁴"Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?" ⁶They 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. ⁷They 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!" ⁸Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. ⁹When 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. ¹⁰Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" ¹¹"No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

Two Major Comments:

1. God cares about your holiness, so you should care about your holiness!

ROMANS 6:12-13 (NLT)

¹²Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. ¹³Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.

1 PETER 1:13-16 (NIV)

EPHESIANS 4:30 (NLT)

2. Jesus didn't come to condemn people, so you shouldn't condemn people!

JOHN 3:17-18 (NIV)

¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

JOHN 12:47b (NIV)

Four things you always need to keep in mind when confronting sin:

1. Always pray (talk with God) before you have a conversation with someone (confront someone) about their sin!

JAMES 5:16b (NCV)

When a believing person prays, great things happen.

2. Always confront your own sin first, before you have a conversation with someone (confront someone) about their sin!

MATTHEW 7:1-5 (NLT)

¹"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. ²For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. ³And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? ⁴How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? ⁵Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye."

LAMENTATIONS 3:40 (NIV)

PROVERBS 20:9 (NIV)

ROMANS 3:10,23 (NIV)

1 CORINTHIANS 11:28 (NIV)

3. Always confront sin in a way that brings honor and glory to God!

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31 (NLT)

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

4. Always confront sin with a gentle and humble spirit or attitude!

GALATIANS 6:1-2 (NLT)

¹Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. ²Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

What's the goal of confronting someone who's in sin?

1 PETER 1:14-16 (NLT)

¹⁴So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. ¹⁵But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. ¹⁶For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

The goal is holiness!

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