

"WWJD with a Friend Caught in Sin?"

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John 8:1-11

1. The story of a woman caught in adultery and of men caught in hypocrisy.

- Corrupt religious leaders use a woman to entrap Jesus.
- Who is the woman?
- Where is the man?
- Jesus judges the judgmental.
- Jesus responds to the woman with compassion and accountability.

F.B. Meyer – “It is a terrible thing for a sinner to fall into the hands of his fellow sinners.”

2. The corruption of the critical.

“The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such a woman. Now what do you say?” John 8:3-5

- Critics climb a podium of self-righteousness from which to judge.
- Critics judge and pursue punishment disguised as justice.
- Critics use rules to shame others.
- Critics use condemnation to produce punishment.
- Critics use power to elevate themselves to a false morality.

“Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is only one lawgiver and judge, He who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?” James 4:11-12

3. The compassion of Christ.

“(Jesus said), “If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her...Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, Lord,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you.” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.” John 8:7, 10-11

- Christians have knees to bend so they may serve.
- Christians show compassion and offer a way to life.
- Christians use mercy to restore others.
- Christians use conviction to change the behavior.
- Christians use love to elevate others.

“This is what the Lord Almighty says, “Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another.”” Zech. 7:9

Are we critics or Christians?

“For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” John 1:17

*“Whoever claims to live in Him must live **as Jesus did.**” 1 John 2:6*