

Breaking The Power of Accusation

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John 8:1-11

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1. Read John 8:1-11.
2. What do you think are the primary emotions/feelings people in this narrative are experiencing?
 - The woman?
 - The religious leaders?
 - Jesus?
3. What was the intent of the religious leaders?
4. What is the most ridiculous thing you have been falsely accused of?
5. Have you ever been caught doing something you shouldn't? What did you do? What feelings did you experience?
6. Have you ever "accused yourself?" How are we sometimes our harshest critics?
7. How do our accusers take away our hope?
8. What do you notice about the way Jesus handles the accusers? Why do you think he approaches it like this? What do you think he wrote on the ground? Why did they leave?
9. What do I learn from the way Jesus handled wounded people?
10. What are some ways we see the gentleness of Jesus in this narrative and others?
11. What is the difference between punishment and discipline? How does God sometimes discipline us? Look up some verses which show that Jesus took our punishment on the cross. Pick one of them to memorize as a group.
12. Talk about the statement, "The message of Jesus is always geared toward change." What do you think happened to the woman caught in adultery? What would she emphasize when she told this story to her friends?
13. Who do I know that needs the unconditional love of Jesus? How can I share it with that person?
14. How have I responded to Jesus' simple command to go and sin no more?
15. Are there particular areas where this applies right now?