

ANIMATION 5

AWAKENED BY THE LIFE GIVER

THE SINFUL RELIGIONSITS – LIFE IN GRACE RECEIVED

John 8:1-10 but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

¹¹ “No one, sir,” she said.

“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

We all have _____.

1 John 1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. NIV

No other Gods. No idols.

Exodus 20:3-4 “You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

Mark 12:30 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

Stealing - Exodus 20:15 “You shall not steal.”

Murder - Exodus 20:13 “You shall not murder.”

Honor parents - Exodus 20:12a “Honor your father and your mother.”

Swearing

Exodus 20:7 “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.”

Matt. 12:36 But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.

Lying

Exodus 20:16 “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”

Leviticus 19:11b “Do not lie. Do not deceive one another.”

No adultery - Exodus 20:14 “You shall not commit adultery.”

Matthew 5:27-28 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

We have _____ attached to that _____.

_____ keeps us from receiving _____.

John 3:20-21 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Instead of responding to the shame, respond to the dilemma:

Be _____.

Luke 19:10 “For [Jesus] came to seek and to save the lost.”

Be _____.

2 Peter 1:8-9 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

Thoughts for further reflection:

In the account of the woman caught in adultery, the woman was shown grace and granted life. How would the Pharisees have had to have responded to also receive grace and life?

Is it hard for you to admit that you have done shameful and sinful things? Why or why not?

Jesus is our “savior,” and He came to save us. Is it hard for you to admit that you need someone to save you? Why or why not?

Which feeling is stronger for you: Shame from what you’ve done, or gratitude for the forgiveness you’ve received? Which should be stronger?

How can you experience life in your relationship with Jesus?

Verses to think about:

Romans 3:10-12 ...“There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.” NIV

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. NIV

Luke 11:9-10 “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who

seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.” NIV

Mark 2:17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” NIV

Acts 10:43 “...Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” NIV

Acts 13:38-39 “...I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.” NIV