



The Adulterous Woman—Life in the New Life

John 7:37b-38 “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

John 8:1-11 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. “_____.”

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She could respond to His love.

Luke 7:47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

John 14:23-24 Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching... NIV

Jesus met her deepest needs.

Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

She now knew the source of life.

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” NIV

More amazing truths

Deuteronomy 30:19 Today I invoke heaven and earth as a witness against you that I have set life and death, blessing and curse, before you. Therefore choose life so that you and your descendants may live! (NET)

Matthew 3:1-2 In those days John the Baptist came into the wilderness of Judea proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” (NET)

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach this message: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” (NET)

Acts 3:19-20a Therefore repent and turn back so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord. (NET)

Acts 17:30 Therefore, although God has overlooked such times of ignorance, he now commands all people everywhere to repent. (NET)

Acts 20:21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus. (NIV84)

Acts 26:20 but I declared to those in Damascus first, and then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds consistent with repentance. (NET)

Romans 2:4 Or do you have contempt for the wealth of his kindness, forbearance, and patience, and yet do not know that God’s kindness leads you to repentance? (NET)

2 Corinthians 7:10-11 For sadness as intended by God produces a repentance that leads to salvation, leaving no regret, but worldly sadness brings about death. ¹¹For see what this very thing, this sadness as God intended, has produced in you: what eagerness, what defense of yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what deep concern, what punishment! In everything you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter. (NET)

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some regard slowness, but is being patient toward you, because he does not wish for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. (NET)

Revelation 3:19 All those I love, I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent! (NET)
(Also: Rev. 2:5,16,21,22; 3:3)

Thoughts for further reflection and application:

Jesus told the woman caught in adultery to leave her life of sin (John 8:1-11). Do you think this is consistent with the teachings of Jesus? Do you think this woman felt condemned by Jesus when he said this to her? Why or why not?

Read the account of the healing of the paralytic by the Pool of Bethesda. Why do you think Jesus told him to stop sinning? Do you think the man could have enjoyed the life Jesus had for him if he just ignored what Jesus said and went about his sin?

Is it helpful to say, “Stop sinning”? Can a person just simply stop sinning? What things help us stop?

Each of the people who were condemning the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11) walked away when Jesus said the one without sin should throw the first stone. If you were standing there watching this event unfold, what sin(s) would come to your mind that would make you walk away?

We all have sin in our lives. Do you think there is any particular sin in your life that is preventing you from enjoying the full life in Jesus? If so, what do you want to do about it?

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*Juan 7:37b-38 — ¡Si alguno tiene sed, que venga a mí y beba!
De aquel que cree en mí, como dice la Escritura, brotarán ríos de agua viva.*

Juan 8:1-11 Pero Jesús se fue al monte de los Olivos. ² Al amanecer se presentó de nuevo en el templo. Toda la gente se le acercó, y él se sentó a enseñarles. ³ Los maestros de la ley y los fariseos llevaron entonces a una mujer sorprendida en adulterio, y poniéndola en medio del grupo ⁴ le dijeron a Jesús:

—Maestro, a esta mujer se le ha sorprendido en el acto mismo de adulterio. ⁵ En la ley Moisés nos ordenó apedrear a tales mujeres. ¿Tú qué dices?

⁶ Con esta pregunta le estaban tendiendo una trampa, para tener de qué acusarlo. Pero Jesús se inclinó y con el dedo comenzó a escribir en el suelo. ⁷ Y, como ellos lo acosaban a preguntas, Jesús se incorporó y les dijo:

—Aquel de ustedes que esté libre de pecado, que tire la primera piedra.

⁸ E inclinándose de nuevo, siguió escribiendo en el suelo. ⁹ Al oír esto, se fueron retirando uno tras otro, comenzando por los más viejos, hasta dejar a Jesús solo con la mujer, que aún seguía allí. ¹⁰ Entonces él se incorporó y le preguntó:

—Mujer, ¿dónde están? ¿Ya nadie te condena?

¹¹ —Nadie, Señor.

—Tampoco yo te condeno. Ahora vete, _____.

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Lucas 7:47 Por esto te digo: si ella ha amado mucho, es que sus muchos pecados le han sido perdonados. Pero a quien poco se le perdona, poco ama.

Juan 14:23-24 Le contestó Jesús:

—El que me ama, obedecerá mi palabra, y mi Padre lo amará, y haremos nuestra vivienda en él.

²⁴El que no me ama, no obedece mis palabras... NIV

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Filipenses 4:19 Así que mi Dios les proveerá de todo lo que necesiten, conforme a las gloriosas riquezas que tiene en Cristo Jesús.

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Juan 8:12 Una vez más Jesús se dirigió a la gente, y les dijo:

—Yo soy la luz del mundo. El que me sigue no andará en tinieblas, sino que tendrá la luz de la vida.