

## To Not Forgive Yourself - Rejects Christs' Sacrifice

"they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you? "She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more." John 8:4-11 ESV

After the teachers of the law and Pharisees had intended to humiliate the woman and catch Jesus in a trap, not one of them remained to condemn the woman of the sin they alleged she had committed, but even more important, Jesus said neither do I condemn thee go and sin no more.

The enemy condemns you in your soul (mind, will, and emotions). There are many voices around you that will lend the enemy use of their vocal cords to condemn you. Sometimes your own thoughts condemn you. Biblical instruction tells us to take those thoughts captive and make them obey Jesus Christ. 2 Cor 10:5b

Getting caught or others knowing about your secrets is not necessarily a bad thing, except for the humiliation in front of "important" humans. Once the secret is out in the open you are presented with the opportunity to admit and confess to be free from the slavery that seems so hopeless. Some still choose to hate "self" rather than choosing freedom in Christ.

When every accuser is silenced by you turning to Christ, who said to you "neither do I condemn thee" how dare you hold yourself in unforgiveness! Loathing self from this point may seem to be humility but is far from it, in fact it is sin against God. This diminishes the power of His blood, by believing your sin to hideous for His blood to cover. When Jesus does not condemn us we are forgiven by Him. When we are sincere we are truly forgiven. It's high time to repent of self loathing or self hatred and demolish the strong holds (lies) placed by Satan for you to believe.

An important step for the woman in this scripture would be to fully forgive each and every accuser even though they left in humiliation. She must also forgive the man involved with her for not coming with her, not protecting her from this manipulation and even for possibly betraying her.

## **Turning Away From Sin Breaks Slavery**

Jesus did not tell the woman to go get into counsel, therapy or a twelve step system for a number of years or until sober from sin. Worldly remedies seem demand a multi year suffering for the psyche for sexual failure. Jesus said, "from now on go and sin no more." Sin itself becomes slavery and the only way to break the power of slavery is to agree with God that our sin hung him on the cross and dripped his blood. Once repentance breaks slavery it is broken with no need for therapy other than renewing your mind daily with the Word of God itself. Then choosing to live a Christian life honoring to God. This will keep each of us free or correct us when needed. The internal control of Holy Spirit changes the human from the inside out and renewing the mind daily reminds us how to live a life of dependance on vital truth.

Prayer: Father, I have hated myself at times rather than believing you did a good enough job in saving or forgiving me. Would you forgive me for my sin and for believing a lie? Take back all place in my soul I have given to the enemy, I yield that place back to your control. I come to you in the Name of Jesus Christ.

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