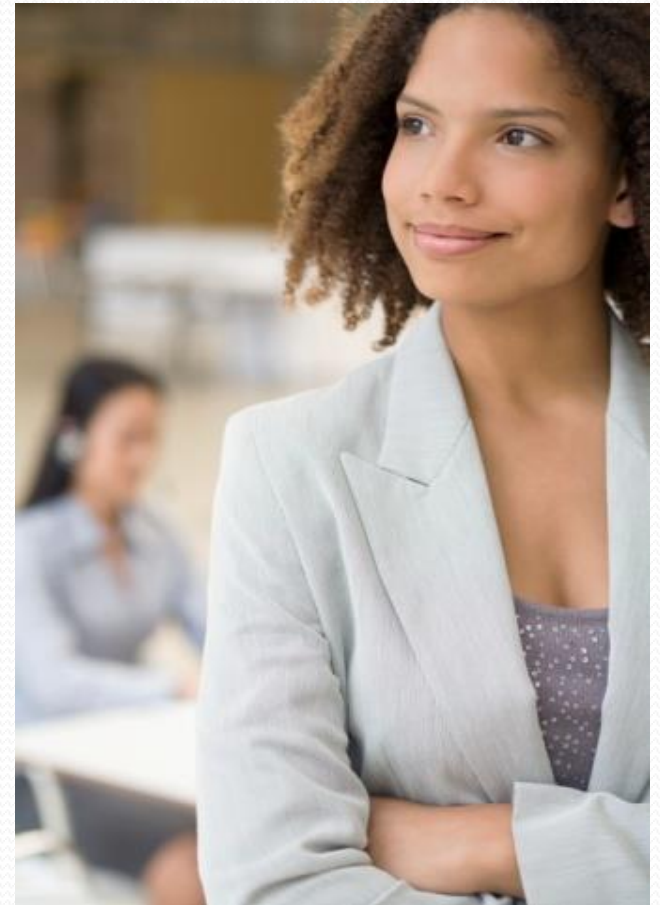


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*Giving
Our Best
to
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Theme for 2016



It's All About JESUS!!!

Jesus Saves!

- *John 4 – A Thirsty Savior offers Living Water to a Thirsty Soul*
- *Matthew 14:25-33 – A Drowning Disciple who Learns how to Pray*
- *John 8:1-11 – A Woman about to be stoned*
- *Mark 4:36-41 – A Boat full of frightened Disciples*
- *Luke 19:1-10 – A Tax Collector in a tree*
- *Mark 5:1-15 – A Menace to Society*

John 8:1-11

A Woman about to be stoned

The Setup (John 7):

- *The Feast of Tabernacles (The Great Feast) just ended...*
- *Jesus declares to the crowd that He is the Living Water...*
- *The crowd is amazed, but divided on who He is...*
- *The religious leaders want Jesus arrested, but Nicodemus defends Him...*
- *The religious leaders go home following the celebration, but seem determined to trap Jesus...*

But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?"

John 8:1-5 (NKJV)

This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

John 8:6-8 (NKJV)

Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”

John 8:9-11 (NKJV)



The 3 Characters & What We Can Learn

- *The Accusers*
- *The Savior*
- *The Woman*

The Accusers

- *The price for adultery – Deut. 22:22-24*
- *The law – 2-3 witnesses required – Deut. 17:6-7*
- *The motivation – John 8:6a*
- *Application – motivation should be*

Application – The Accusers

- *We are called to confront sin*
- *But the motivation must be restoration, not condemnation - Galatians 6:1*

The Savior

- *John 8:7*
 - *What Jesus was NOT saying*
 - *What Jesus WAS saying*
- *Jesus knew the accuser's hearts – v.6*
- *Chief Priest read Jeremiah 17:13 every year at the end of Tabernacles*
 - *Those who forsake & leave God will have their names written in the dust*
 - *Their hearts were pricked – oldest to youngest*

Application – The Savior

- *Jesus condemned their motivations*
- *We cannot be hypocrites; our motivation must be true - Matthew 7:3-5*

The Woman

- *The woman was guilty & the law demanded death*
- *Jesus showed God's character (God is no taskmaster) – Hebrews 4:15*
- *God used evil intentions to reveal His love*

Application – The Woman

- *Sinner - There is no sin beyond forgiveness*
- *Believer – Restoration is always available*
- *Jesus offered the woman undeserved grace & offers us the same*

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Ask Him into
Your Life
today

