

Light & Life - The Book Of John
“Grace & Mercy” John 8:1-11
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Can I Trust The Bible?

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Caesar	100-44 BC	AD 900	1,000 years	10
Aristotle	450-385 BC	AD 900	1,400 years	49
New Testament	40-100 AD	AD 125	50 years	5,600

Dead Sea Scrolls: 800 manuscripts of O.T. found dating 1000 years earlier with only 5%+/-
 Archeology Confirms: Events, people, places, and dates are historically accurate.

Big Idea: Real love responds to sin with grace and mercy.

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of **grace and truth**.

John 1:14 (NIV)

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?"

John 8:1-5 (NIV)

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, "If any one of you is **without sin**, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." **John 8:6-7 (NIV)**

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. **John 8:8-9 (NIV)**

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.**" **John 8:10-11 (NIV)**

How Should We Respond To Sin?

1. Grace & Mercy Looks In The Mirror First

"If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." **John 8:7a**

Do not merely listen to the word, and so **deceive** yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who **listens to the word** but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a **mirror** ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately **forgets** what he looks like. ²⁵ But the man who looks intently into the **perfect law that gives freedom**, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does. **James 1:22-25 (NIV)**

2. Grace & Mercy Refuses To Excuse Sin

Jesus declared. "**Go now and leave your life of sin.**" **John 8:11b (NIV)**

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. **Isaiah 5:20 (NIV)**

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each one is tempted when, **by his own evil desire**, he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶ Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. **James 1:13-16 (NIV)**

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. **James 5:16 (NIV)**

3. Grace & Mercy Corrects In Private

"If another believer sins against you, go **privately** and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have **won that person back**. ¹⁶ But if you are **unsuccessful**, take **one or two** others with you and **go back again**, so that everything you say may be **confirmed** by two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the person still **refuses** to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a **pagan or a corrupt tax collector.**" **Matthew 18:15-17 (NLT2)**

Speak and act as those who are going to be **judged by the law that gives freedom**, ¹³ because **judgment without mercy** will be shown to anyone who has **not been merciful**. **Mercy triumphs over judgment!** **James 2:12-13 (NIV)**

➤ Who in your life needs Grace & Mercy?

My next right step, I will:

- Demonstrate grace and mercy in my relationships.
- Correct in private with the hope of restoration.
- Take Foundations of Faith class.
- Pray for Israel each day this week.

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family.]

Big Idea:

Real love responds to sin with grace and mercy.

Open in Prayer.

Icebreaker: Who in your life has demonstrated grace & mercy?

Read John 8:1-11

How is this situation a trap for Jesus?

What would the Pharisees accuse Jesus of if he told them to let her go?

What would happen if he told them to stone her?

How Should We Respond To Sin?

1. Grace & Mercy Looks In The Mirror First

What was the significance of what Jesus said in verse 7?

Looking at your life, should you be casting stones?

Have you ever got angry at something someone has done, that you have also done in the past? Why do you think this is?

Read James 1:22-25

If you were to really look at your life in reflection of what God's words says, where is He asking for growth?

What is the warning here?

2. Grace & Mercy Refuses To Excuse Sin

Read John 8:11

What did Jesus mean by “not condemning her?”

What instruction did he give this woman on how to move forward in life?

Read Isaiah 5:20

What is the warning in this verse?

Is there any evil that you are calling good?

Is there any darkness that you are calling light?

Are you putting bitter for sweet or sweet for bitter?

Read James 1:13-16

Why are we tempted?

What is the danger of giving into a lifestyle of sin?

Read James 5:16

Why should we confess our sins to a trusted friend?

Do you have trusted friends that will pray for you and help you grow towards maturity?

3. Grace & Mercy Corrects In Private

Read Matthew 18:15-17

How should we deal with someone who sins against us?

When confronting someone, what outcome should you desire?

Read James 2:12-13

How can you show mercy this week?