



Stuck

When You Feel Like There's
Nowhere to Go



John 8:1-11

¹ Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, ² but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. ³ As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.

⁴ “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?”

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4. The witnesses are the first to throw stones





For the religious leaders,
turf is more important than
truth, justice, or people.
They were violating the Law
in the name of enforcing it!

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⁶ They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. ⁷ They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” ⁸ Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

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2. If Jesus sides with the woman, He will be discredited as a law-breaker who defies Moses





⁹ When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. ¹⁰ Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?”

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¹¹ “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

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Getting Unstuck – When We Want to Throw Stones



Getting Unstuck – When We Want to Throw Stones

Both sides were wrong-both sinned and both needed to change their ways. Both needed to repent and lean into God's grace. This is true whether we are the ones throwing stones, or the ones they are being aimed at.

