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Christ at the Crossroad of Shame (John 8:2-11)

Introduction: Jesus never did anything He needed to be ashamed of. Yet that didn't protect Him against feeling shame—our shame. The shame we try to run from, He would not. Instead, He chose the cross, where He took our guilt and shame—not to heap guilt and shame on us—to redeem and release us.

I. Shame: An _____ All Its Own

- A) Webster defines shame as “ a painful emotion caused by consciousness of guilt, shortcoming, or impropriety . . . A condition of humiliating disgrace or disrepute.”
- B) Sometimes shame is _____, signaling a need to repent (2 Cor. 7:8-10).

II. An _____ and Her _____

- A) Jesus sat down and began to teach the people (v. 2).
- B) The calm and peaceful setting is shattered (v. 3).
- C) Self-righteous intruders put shame on display (v. 4).
- D) This is nothing more than a well orchestrated trap (vs. 5-6).

III. Her _____ and His _____

- A) One reply and He scatters the whole pack (vs. 7-9).
- B) Though her accusers leave, the guilt of this woman's sin still remains (vs. 10-11).

IV. To _____ Weighed Down by Shame

- A) There are moments in all our lives when we get “caught in the very act.”
- B) And like that woman, we, too, will be accosted by rock throwers who are not qualified to condemn, but do.
- C) Instead, draw near and _____ your sin to the One who is qualified to condemn, but doesn't—Jesus (Rom. 8:1, 33-35, 38-39; Matt. 11:28-29).
- D) Forgiveness from God is not like a magic wand where we wave a few promises over our heads and expect all the feelings of shame to suddenly disappear
 1. Change the way you _____!
(Rom. 12:1-2)
 2. Change the way you _____!
(Eph. 4:22-24)

Conclusion: Even if it had been you instead of that woman who was dragged before Christ that morning, His words would have been and still are the same, “Neither do I condemn you; go your way from now on sin no more.” You're free! (cf. 2 Cor. 5:20-21)



Answers:
Agony, appropriate,
adulteress, accusers,
advocate, approach, all,
confess, think, act.

