

## TRANSFORMING MERCY

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Finding Jesus, Finding Life, part 24

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**MAIN IDEA: God's answer to humanity's fallenness and brokenness is mercy. His mercy is the transforming power that changes people.**

<sup>2</sup> At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group <sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" <sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

### 1. God takes SIN SERIOUSLY.

(Lev. 20:10; Dt. 22:22)

"The Lord's arm is not too weak to save you. His ears aren't too deaf to hear your cry for help. But your sins have separated you from your God." **Isaiah 59:1-2** NIRv

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

(James 1:19)

### 2. How we react to the sins of others, exposes what is INSIDE US, not THEM.

"Do not judge others. Then you will not be judged. You will be judged in the same way you judge others. You will be measured in the same way you measure others. "You look at the bit of sawdust in your friend's eye. But you pay no attention to the piece of wood in your own eye. How can you say to your friend, 'Let me take the bit of sawdust out of your eye'? How can you say this while there is a piece of wood in your own eye?" **Mt. 7:1-4** NIRv

**Q:** Do I want God to deal with me the same way I'm dealing with them?

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

<sup>11</sup> "No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." **John 8:2-11**

### 3. Eventually, it will only be YOU facing JESUS alone—**exposed, vulnerable and naked-of-soul.**

(Rev. 3:20; Heb. 4:13)

### 4. Jesus is MERCIFUL to sinful people—**mercy in the flesh.**

(Eph. 2:1-10; Mt. 9:13; Lk. 6:36)

### 5. Jesus calls us to CHANGE DIRECTION--out of a life of sin—and into being an active, full-time follower of his. **That's what true mercy does.** (Romans 2:4)