

WEEK 2 – PURSUIT OF RESTORATION
Day 1 – Restoration of our Innocence



Read what? John 8:1–11



What?

This is where you describe what happened in the story in your own words.



So what?

This is where you talk about what this passage means to you in your own life.



Now what?

This is where you talk about what you're going to do differently because of this passage.

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No one knows what it was that Jesus wrote. People speculate that maybe He wrote each of the sins the men standing before Him had committed. No one really knows what He wrote. What we do know is that this woman was caught in the act of adultery, so she was probably naked and definitely ashamed. The law required that BOTH parties involved in the adultery must be brought forward, but they only brought the woman. This tells us that the Pharisees didn't care about the woman; they only cared about trapping Jesus. But He didn't fall for it. Instead, He said something so profound a gaggle of angry men dropped their stones and left the woman alone. No one stood to accuse the woman.

Romans 8 claims that there is “no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” That means there is no one left to throw stones at those who have put their faith in Christ. It does not matter what sins you have committed in the past; the blood of Jesus covers you and restores you to the innocence humanity had before the fall. When Christ died on the cross, all the sin and dirt that was on us was removed and placed on Christ. But it goes beyond that ... if we were just given a clean slate, we would dirty it again. We were then given the perfect slate of Jesus Christ, one that could never be soiled or stained. Now, for those of us who are in Christ Jesus, when God looks at us, He sees the perfect righteousness of Jesus. And He is pleased.

Study Questions:

1. In verse 6, John says that the Pharisees were “testing” Jesus. Why do you think they were testing Him?
2. Why do you think that the older Pharisees left first?

Application Questions:

1. Do you still feel condemnation for events in your past? Do you think that voice is from the Lord or the Enemy? Read Romans 8:1 if you aren't sure.
2. In verse 11, Jesus says, “Go, and from now on sin no more.” Why is not sinning any more important to the restoration of our innocence?