

done was morally acceptable, but because he is the Savior who forgives sinners. Read Romans 8:1-4. What truths in these verses can help you handle feelings of guilt and unworthiness? From these verses, how would you explain the gospel to someone who senses that he/she is not “good enough” for God? Often the one “casting stones” at us... is ourselves! Many of us feel like crucifying ourselves when we do something wrong. What do these verses in Romans have to say to someone who has this tendency?

*Thank God today that there is NOW NO CONDEMNATION for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

## Friday

Read John 8:11-12. What is the importance of the fact that Jesus is referred to as the “Light” so often (12 times) in John? What connection is there between turning away from sin and knowing that Jesus is the light of the world? In what way do you feel as though you’re walking in the dark because of a nagging sin? What is the biggest obstacle for you when it comes to choosing God’s light over your darkness? Write down at least two ways that John 8:12 gives you hope.

- 1.
- 2.

How does knowing that Jesus is the “light of the world” help you have a new life?

*Thank God today for sending his Son, Jesus, to be the Light of the world. Talk to him about your struggles with desiring his light over darkness. Ask God to help you focus on his light and embrace the new life he offers you.*

## Saturday

*Ask God to prepare your heart for tomorrow so that you can worship him in Spirit and truth as you come together with your brothers and sisters. Pray that both of our Sunday services will clearly show God’s grace and truth to all who attend.*



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# ENCOUNTER

## FACE TO FACE WITH JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message by Rick McRostie on Sunday, March 11, 2018

## Jesus Encounters Guilty People

### Jesus’ enemies attempt to set a trap...

*The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They were using this question as a trap... John 8:3-6a*

### Three things I need to know to enjoy Christ’s forgiveness:

#### 1. I am not \_\_\_\_\_

*But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. 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.” Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. 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 8:6b-9*

#### Two traps to be aware of:

**Being \_\_\_\_\_ about my sin**

**Being \_\_\_\_\_ about my righteousness**

#### 2. I’m not \_\_\_\_\_

*Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared.*

John 8:10-11a

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1*

## In Christ Jesus...

**I am forgiven** \_\_\_\_\_

*("Therefore, there is now...")*

**I am forgiven** \_\_\_\_\_

*("...no condemnation...")*

**I am forgiven** \_\_\_\_\_

*("...for those who are in Christ Jesus.")*

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:17*

## 3. I can have a \_\_\_\_\_

*"Go now and leave your life of sin." John 8:11b*

- **Jesus does not** \_\_\_\_\_ **her**
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*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12*

## There is only one answer to darkness:

# Daily Meditations

Daily Bible studies and questions for reflection on Sunday's topic.

## This week's memory verse:

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## Monday

Please read John 8:1-11. This is an amazing encounter with Christ. What is most striking to you in this account? Why? What was most encouraging for you from Sunday's message? Why? What was most challenging to you? Why? *Thank God today for the forgiveness you've experienced in your life. Thank him for his compassion for you. Pray that as you study this passage this week you'll be open to what he wants to teach you. Pray that you'll be more gracious because of time spent studying his grace.*

## Tuesday

Please read Isaiah 41:10, John 8:7-9, and Romans 8:31-39. What do you think Jesus' presence meant to this woman? How can feeling alone leave you vulnerable? What do these verses say about Jesus' presence with you? In what ways do you feel like you are isolated? How can you apply these scriptures to your life today? Think about your family and friends—write down their names and write down one way you will encourage them with the truth of God's constant presence.

*Thank God today that he never leaves you. Thank him that nothing can separate you from God's love. Talk to him about the ways you're feeling isolated. Ask him to comfort you with the truth of his presence today. Pray that you'll be an encouragement to the people you encounter.*

## Wednesday

Jesus said, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone". This saying reflects another teaching of Jesus: read Matthew 7:1-5. Frankly, I like this passage when others are judging me, but I don't like it as much when I want to judge others! By what measure does this say we will be judged? Why am I allowed to judge or help others with their faults AFTER honest self-examination? (vs. 5) What causes you to become critical or judgmental at times? How can you become more merciful?

*Ask God today to help you develop your "mercy muscles"!*

## Thursday

Jesus said to the woman, "Neither do I condemn you." She found no condemnation in Jesus, **not** because what she had