

## SEEING THE HEART OF GOD

### Jesus On Mission – Part 3

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**John 8:1-11 (NLT)** “Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives,<sup>2</sup> but early the next morning He was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and He sat down and taught them.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup> ‘Teacher,’ they said to Jesus, ‘this woman was caught in the act of adultery.<sup>5</sup> The Law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?’<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> 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!’<sup>8</sup> Then He stooped down again and wrote in the dust.<sup>9</sup> 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.<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, ‘Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?’<sup>11</sup> ‘No, Lord,’ she said. And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I. Go and sin no more.’”

**What Jesus models about the character of God is that He accepts the woman without approving of her sin.**

#### WHAT IF YOUR SIN WAS TOTALLY EXPOSED?

- You can **DENY** it.
- You can **FOCUS** on it.

**Hebrews 4:13 (NIV)** “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”

- You can **EXPLORE** it and **CONFESS** it.

#### WHAT DOES JESUS WANT TO DO FOR YOU?

1. Replace your **GUILT** with **GRACE**.

**Romans 6:14 (NLT)** “Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God’s grace.”

2. Replace your **SHAME** with **SALVATION**.

You can easily explain salvation with the word, “**ADOPTION**.”

**Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)** “God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure.”

**Romans 5:9-11 (NLT)** “And since we have been made right in God’s sight by the blood of Christ, He will certainly save us from God’s condemnation.<sup>10</sup> For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of His Son.<sup>11</sup> So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.”

#### HOW MIGHT YOU RESPOND TO JESUS?

Action Step: **PURSUE JESUS!**

#### How Can You Help Someone Pursue Jesus?

1. Drop the **ROCKS**.
2. Quit the **QUITS**.

#### What Does The Christ Follower Do?

Desire to **GO DEEPER!**

**1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)** “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.”

**John 3:16-17 (NIV)** “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.<sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”

**Romans 8:1 (NLT)** “So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.”

If you **BELIEVE**, you **BELONG!**

**God longs for you to relate to Him as your Savior!  
God wants you to commit to go deeper!**