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- ◆ Memories can dim over time
- ◆ We can't afford to forget!
- ◆ Jean Valjean - Les Miz
- ◆ Never forgot his former condition, his capability to sin, or the Bishop's saving grace

John 8:1-3 (English Standard Version)

¹but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. ³The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst

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- ◆ Some question if John wrote this - Why?
- ◆ Subject matter
- ◆ Earliest manuscripts
- ◆ Doesn't violate scripture, supports what we know about Christ, agrees with principles of Scripture
- ◆ This is not Mary Magdalene
- ◆ A reliable, trustworthy Scripture

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- ◆ The Jews were serious about adultery
- ◆ Addressed in 10 commandments
- ◆ To adulterate is to contaminate; esp. relationships
- ◆ They are ready to kill her, and rightly so
- ◆ Law demands the execution of guilty parties
- ◆ They're in a rush to uphold the law, but they're breaking the law!
- ◆ Their priorities are upside down

John 8:4-6 (English Standard Version)

⁴they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" ⁶This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.

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- ◆ Trying to catch Jesus on the horns of a dilemma
- ◆ Disagree with Moses
- ◆ Agree with Moses and be a liar
- ◆ These men had forgotten
- ◆ Arrogant self-idolators
- ◆ Do not understand grace

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- ◆ There's another great paradox here; our great hope and fear
- ◆ Can mercy and justice co-exist?
- ◆ God is holy and sin can't enter His presence
- ◆ By law, if you sin you die
- ◆ The Gospel is good news about Jesus; that's our hope!

Jeremiah 17:13 (English Standard Version)

¹³O LORD, the hope of Israel,
all who forsake you shall be put to shame;
those who turn away from you shall be written
in the earth,
for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain
of living water.

Exodus 23:1 (English Standard Version)

¹ "You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness.

John 8:7-8 (English Standard Version)

⁷And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her."

⁸And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground.

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- ◆ 2 things about His answer
- ◆ Deut 17:7 ~ The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.
- ◆ Deut 22:2 ~ And if he does not live near you and you do not know who he is, you shall bring it home to your house, and it shall stay with you until your brother seeks it. Then you shall restore it to him.

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- ◆ They want this Scripture applied to her but not themselves
- ◆ Shows the evil and hypocrisy within them
- ◆ They're convinced of her sin but blind to their own

Romans 2:1 (English Standard Version)

¹Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things.

John 8:9 (English Standard Version)

⁹But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.

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- ◆ Even now they won't turn to Christ; they are proud and won't come to Him
- ◆ Another silence and Christ turns His full attention to her - sweet!
- ◆ Christ will do this for you even when it seems like He's not paying attention!

John 8:10-11 (English Standard Version)

¹⁰Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

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- ◆ For those with nothing to lose and nowhere to go, these words are beautiful!
- ◆ He calls her 'woman'= beginning of restoration
- ◆ Who can do this? Forgive? Remove condemnation?

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- ◆ Law had done its work and revealed their inability to remove sinfulness
- ◆ Driven us to our knees
- ◆ Only God can do this - How?
- ◆ Go; don't sin because of this grace
- ◆ In 6 months, He will pay for her sins
- ◆ Christ doesn't excuse or write off her sins - He will die for them!

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- ◆ Come for grace
- ◆ Live in holiness by grace
- ◆ Never forget
- ◆ Believe for life
- ◆ Our chains are gone!

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