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CAUGHT IN THE ACT – OF GRACE

"From Disgrace To Grace"
John 8:1 – 11 (NASB 1995)
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For over forty years Pastor Bob Walpole has found joy in his calling to preach and teach the inspired Word of God and Shepherd God's people. The emphasis of his pulpit ministry is the careful study and exposition of the Bible, and its application to our daily lives. During his years as a senior pastor, he served three California churches in San Diego, San Jose, and Santa Paula. For the past seven years, God has lead Bob to encourage and serve local churches through pulpit supply and as an Interim Pastor with an emphasis on training and supporting Pastor Search Teams. Bob holds a Master of Arts degree from Louisiana Baptist Theological Seminary. Bob and his wife, Cheryl, live in Ventura County, and have two adult children; and three grandchildren. Cheryl is currently serving as Substitute Teaching Leader for Bible Study Fellowship in Camarillo. When Bob is not speaking, they are excited to call ENCOUNTER their church home

MESSAGE NOTES

"God's unmerited favor, meaning, His undeserved kindness." – a working definition of grace

G.R.A.C.E. explained – Gods Riches At Christ's Expense

Key Points about GRACE:

- Grace is PART of God's nature

The Lord IS GRACIOUS and merciful; Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness. – Psalm 145:8 (NASB 1995)

- Grace is PERSONIFIED in Jesus

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, FULL OF GRACE and truth. – John 1:14 (NASB 1995)

... GRACE and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. – John 1:17 (NASB 1995)

- Grace is the PROVISION of our salvation

... so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His GRACE in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by GRACE you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:7 – 9 (NASB 1995)



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1. The ACCUSERS

Early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and He sat down and began to teach them. The Scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, ...

— John 8:2 – 3 (NASB 1995)

- The SCRIBES copied, interpreted, and taught the law.
- The PHARISEES were the super legalistic religious leaders of Israel.

2. The ACCUSATION

... and having set her in the center of the court, they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act." — John 8:3 – 4 (NASB 1995)

3. The PUNISHMENT

"Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?" — John 8:5 (NASB 1995)

4. The ANSWER

They were saying this, testing Him, so that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground. But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. — John 8:6 – 8 (NASB 1995)

5. The CONVICTION

When they heard it, they began to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the center of the court. Straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they?" — John 8:9 – 10 (NASB 1995)

6. The FORGIVENESS

"Did no one condemn you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more." — John 8:10 – 11 (NASB 1995)

TAKING IT HOME

- Do you know God's grace personally?
- Are you struggling to appropriate God's grace?
- Are you disgracing others with your unwillingness to forgive?



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- As you read verses 2 – 6, what was the real reason the Scribes and Pharisees brought this woman to Jesus?
- What did Moses' law say should be done in such a case? (verse 5)
- Consider verse 5 again. Explain why this question would be difficult for Jesus as He is being tested by the Scribes and Pharisees.
- Even though we will never know for sure, what do you think Jesus wrote in the sand that day? (verses 6, 8)
- What answer did Jesus give to the Scribes and Pharisees? (verse 7)
- How did the woman's accusers respond? (verse 9)
- Why is turning from a lifestyle of sin necessary for salvation? What happens to the Gospel when repentance is not emphasized? (verses 10, 11)
- Please commit to memory Romans 8:1. Let this passage fill your heart with joy and praise.
- How can we better reflect our Lord's heart to others who might be struggling?
- Are you disgracing someone (to deny someone grace) with your unwillingness to forgive?