



³The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷When 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." ⁸Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹At 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. ¹⁰Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹"No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." | John 8:3-11

THE ISSUE LABELS

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE LABEL?

___ Wife ___ Husband ___ Aunt ___ Uncle ___ Nana ___ Papa ___ Friend ___ Partner
___ Useless ___ Strong ___ Hard-working ___ Lazy ___ Loser ___ Competent ___ Godly
___ Healthy ___ Loving ___ Gracious ___ Happy ___ Trustworthy ___ Honest ___ O.K.

THE GOOD | THE BAD | AND THE UGLY

- Be careful with labels
Some are good | *they affirm what God says about us.*
Some are bad | *they have no life-giving quality whatsoever.*
Some are ugly | *they have the potential to destroy you from the inside out.*
- If you are not careful with labels, you can begin to believe that label is actually who you are. Are you: ___ Stubborn ___ Ignorant ___ Worthless ___ A Victim?
Well,...are you? Who said? Have you given that label power? Is it TRUTH?

INDELIBLE | JUST LIKE A TATTOO

John 8:3-11 (see above) tells of a woman who was *dragged* to the feet of Jesus. She didn't come voluntarily or willingly. She was *dragged*. She was a real person, not just the character in a Bible story. She had *just been* caught in the act of adultery. **The whole town knew** she was a prostitute. Shame was her middle name! So when all her accusers left and only Jesus remained, how do you think that labeled woman felt? Before this, she probably thought she was the biggest sinner in town and she'd ***never be able to change*** because no one would allow her to change. Her label was indelible. Or, was it?

IS YOUR LABEL DEFINING YOU AND YOUR FUTURE?

THE TRUTH LABELS DISPLACING THE OLD



ARE YOU BOUND?

The woman in John 8 was bound: tied up inside the belief that her past sin could and would define her forever.



Once the "this is the way I am" belief is given power – once the label is allowed to define a person – the future is hopeless: just an endless, heart-breaking repeat of yesterday's pain.

"IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE, YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED"

- JOHN 8:36 -

That day, the religious leaders circled this woman caught in sin like a pack of wolves. Yeah,...bad behavior; sinful behavior. Fair enough. But, Jesus knew her heart (He know all of our hearts: 1 Samuel 16:6). He knew she longed for a change. He knew she only needed a way out: a way to be free.

DISPLACING THE LABEL

She landed at His feet in a heap of accusation, shame and anger. She landed there with the label **ADULTERESS** emblazoned across her forehead. But, when Jesus was finished with His redemptive work of grace and forgiveness, she was able to stand up forgiven, free, released. For the first time in her "label-defined" life, she was filled with hope. She had a future. Jesus displaced her Adulteress Label with a Disciple of Jesus label.

ARE YOU READY TO DISPLACE YOUR LABEL?

It's time, don't you think? It's time to displace "addict, alcoholic, tough guy, 'I don't need anybody,' victim" labels with "forgiven, freed, whole, loved, valued..Disciple of Jesus Christ. Begin tonight, right here, right now.

STEP ONE | GIVE IT UP, FALL AT JESUS' FEET

Give up your selfish, "It's all about me" lifestyle. Give your attitude that you need anyone. Repent: turn around. Humble yourself. Ask Jesus for His mercy and grace. Ask Him to forgive you.

STEP TWO | RECEIVE FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

Forgiveness happens "by grace through faith"(Ephesians 2:8-9). Ask Him to forgive. Receive His forgiveness. It's a gift. Now, receive His healing. Ask Him into the pain. Ask Him to heal you. Receive His healing "by grace through faith."

STEP THREE | DISPLACE YOUR OLD LABELS

Now displace the labels. Pour in what God says about you. Allow His Word to displace every negative label you have believed was true. Walk out your freedom in Christ!

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