DON'T WASTE YOUR Lugarantine

A judgmental Attitude



John 8:3-6

And the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the midst, they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act. "Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?" And they were saying this, testing Him, in order that they might have grounds for accusing Him.



John 8:6-8

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John 8:9-11

And 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 midst. And straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?" And she said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go your way. From now on sin no more."



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The rock is "right"



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The had no interest in reconciliation... just humiliation



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Dropping the rock is about you and your heart... not about achieving a desired outcome in the other person.



5. Even the "<u>victim</u>" has a choice <u>to pick up</u> stones.

#DWYQ

Self-Righteousness (I'm good – You're not)



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Rightness
(Not my fault... You're wrong)



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Rightness
Resentment
(You hurt me)



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Revenge
(You're gonna pay)



Self-Righteousness
Rightness
Resentment
Revenge
Retreat
(I don't throw... I collect)



Ephesians 4:29
Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.



Ephesians 4:31
Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.



Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted,
forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also
has forgiven you.

