

Balancing Grace And Truth

John 8:3-11

Jesus: Learning From The Savior

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Main idea: We are called to balance grace and truth. This means showing love and compassion without compromising the truth.

Introduction

3 Ways To Balance Grace and Truth

John 8:3-11 - The Woman Caught In Adultery

The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group⁴ and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”⁶ They 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.⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.⁹ At 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.

¹⁰ Jesus 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 1:14 - Jesus, Full of Grace and Truth

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

1. Have compassion for the sinfulness of people.

2. Tell them about the love and forgiveness of God.

3. Challenge them to turn from sin and warn them of its destructive nature.