

“A Heart for Restoration”

John 8:1-12

I. Contrasting the caring and the _____ heart.

- A. The critical has no _____ for the struggling.
 - 1. This woman was used as a means to an end.
 - Notice they didn't bring the man who was also guilty. Lev. 20:10
 - 2. It's very possible that they set her up to use her as a trap for Jesus.
 - Jesus had to either violate the law of Moses or Roman law which had taken away the power for the Jews to carry out executions for religious offenses.
- B. Biblical _____ is motivated by love for the lost or struggling. John 4:7-18
- C. The critical heart rejoices in condemnation.
 - 1. Love does not rejoice in sin. 13:4-7
 - Love also seeks to protect and hopes for the best for each other.
 - 2. At the heart of gossip and slander is the elevation of self. James 1:26
- D. The caring seek the individual instead of the _____. Matthew 18:15-17
 - 1. It's easy to talk to everyone else except the one who is struggling.
 - 2. God's Word is clear that it must begin with approaching the person privately.
- E. The critical so _____ with self-righteousness that it's blind to its own sin. Matthew 7:3-4
 - 1. It's easier to focus on the sin and struggles of others in order to ignore our own.
 - 2. Many of them were committing adultery of the heart, unlawfully divorcing, and some had just not been caught in the actual act of adultery.
- F. In humility they understand their own _____ to sin. Galatians 6:1-2
 - 1. Our pride always leads to a fall, and we understand we are not above anything.
 - 2. We are all far from perfect but we can live above reproach and we walk in submission to the Holy Spirit, and are faithful to confess our sin. Titus 1:6-7

II. The heart that longs to see the _____ of sin removed. John 3:17-18

- A. Grace is always unlimited for a broken and _____ heart. I John 1:9
 - 1. She did not run like the others when faced with conviction, and Jesus received her.
 - 2. Jesus may have written down specific sins they had committed, and their response was to run from Him instead of to him.
- B. A heart of _____ will cause us to do the hard thing and fight for each other.
 - 1. The church at Corinth ignored sin because it was easier, and it hurt the body as a whole immensely because of it. I Corinthians 5
 - 2. God's desire for us is that we would trust each other enough to listen to rebuke, but also that we would be open with our struggles. James 5:16-
- C. Jesus is no way _____ the sin, but rather restores the broken sinner. Titus 2:11-15
 - 1. Jesus could offer that forgiveness knowing He would pay for that sin on the cross.
 - God is both just and the justifier of the one who _____ by faith. Rom. 3:24-26
 - 2. As a new believer she would be set free from the penalty, but also the power of sin.
 - His Grace not only saves us, but transforms us.