

JESUS SHOWS COMPASSION IN OUR SINFULNESS

Early in the morning he came again to the temple; all the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in their midst they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such. What do you say about her?" This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." And once more he bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the eldest, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus looked up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again."

John 8:2-11

Don't ever forget



QUESTIONS

1. When you sin, who condemns you more? Your friends, your parents, yourself, or God?
2. Are you hesitant or afraid to go to reconciliation (confession)? Why?
3. Have you ever thought of your own sinful ways after you judged someone else for theirs? Explain.



REFLECTION

The scripture offers two challenges for us; to forgive and not to judge. Both are tough things to overcome, but it's what Jesus is calling us to do and what not to do. Is there someone in your life that you have judged? Go to that person and ask for forgiveness. Is there someone in your life who has judged you, or that you need to forgive? Go to that person and forgive them.



PRAYER

Jesus, help me to see my own sinfulness before the sins of others. Show me Your compassion Lord, and take away any fear of seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Make me worthy of Your mercy, Jesus. Amen.