

Christlike Leads with Compassion

Embracing Real, Christlike Love: Part 2

John 8:1-11

As we continue to explore the subject of Christlike love, we will begin with one of the more familiar components of Christlike love: compassion. Few things embodied our Savior's ministry more than compassion. But how and where did Jesus choose to extend compassion? How did Jesus determine who he showed compassion to and who he responded to in a different manner? This is the subject we will explore today.

1. Read verses 2-3. How would the Pharisees have known this woman had committed adultery given that there weren't things like cameras at this time? What does this tell us about how this woman likely felt in this moment?
 - a. What can we learn from this about how we ought to approach people struggling with sin like this woman was?

2. What does it tell us about the character of the Pharisees that they saw the sin of this woman and immediately used it as an opportunity for personal gain? How can we avoid the trap of becoming Pharisaical/prideful when it comes to the sins of others?

3. Read verse 6. What can we learn from Jesus based on his reaction (or lack thereof) when this woman was thrown in front of him?

4. In this story, Jesus shows us two different sides of Christlike love. How did Jesus show Christlike love to both the woman caught in adultery AND the crowd that was gathered?