

*LIVING HOPE*

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER  
SUPPORT COMMUNITY



# Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions & Opening Prayer - Dena
- Scripture Reading John 8:3 – 11 ESV - Ed
- Worship Music - *Who Am I (Casting Crowns)*
- John Week 13 Video
- Discussion: *Throwing Stones* - Dena
- Prayer Requests - Sharon
- Closing Prayer - Sharon

An aerial photograph showing a body of water on the left and a cracked, dry earth shore on the right. The water is a dark, rippling green. The earth is a light brown color, heavily fissured with a network of cracks. The text is overlaid on this image.

THE GOSPEL OF

# JOHN

**THROWING STONES**

## *John 8 (ESV)*

*3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst  
4 they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. 5 Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” 6 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. 7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them,*

## *John 8 (ESV)*

*“Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” 8 And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. 9 But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. 10 Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” 11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”*

## The Point

In Christ, we are to leave behind our  
condemnation and life of sin.

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## How Does This Bible Passage Relate to My Situation Today?

- Just as Jesus showed compassion to the woman caught in adultery, we are called to show compassion & understanding to our loved ones, even in moments of frustration or difficulty.
- Jesus addressed the woman's accusers without condemning her; we can emulate this by focusing on grace rather than guilt in our interactions with our loved one.

## How Does This Bible Passage Relate to My Situation Today?

- Jesus' act of forgiveness encourages us to let go of any resentment or guilt we may feel for not always being perfect in our role as caregivers.
- The story reminds us to focus on our loved ones' dignity, regardless of the challenges dementia may present.
- Jesus' statement, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone," teaches us to avoid self-condemnation & accept God's grace in our caregiving journey.

## How Does This Bible Passage Relate to My Situation Today?

- Jesus' nonjudgmental attitude serves as a model for how we can offer love & understanding to our loved on.
- The passage highlights the importance of grace, reminding us that God's grace is available to sustain us through our caregiving challenges.
- The woman's experience of being freed from condemnation is a call for caregivers to free themselves from feelings of inadequacy and trust in God's provision.

## Discussion Questions

- How can Jesus' demonstration of compassion & grace help you as a caregiver?
- What does "leaving behind condemnation" mean in your caregiving?
- When you feel judged or inadequate, how does Jesus' example encourage you?
- How can you rely on God's grace when caregiving feels hard?

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