

Compassion Over Condemnation

Walk with a Limp - Part 2

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Judgmental Hypocrites

They're not wrong.

"Church is where I found God but it's also where I learned to judge." - NF

People don't hate the church because we're imperfect. They hate the church because we lie about our imperfections.

We all walk with a limp. The problem is if we're not careful, we can start comparing whose limp is worse.

"Do not judge, so that you won't be judged. ²For you will be judged by the same standard with which you judge others, and you will be measured by the same measure you use. ³Why do you look at the splinter in your brother's eye but don't notice the beam of wood in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the splinter out of your eye,' and look, there's a beam of wood in your own eye? ⁵Hypocrite! First take the beam of wood out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take the splinter out of your brother's eye."
Matthew 7:1-5 (CSB)

"²At dawn He went to the temple again, and all the people were coming to Him. He sat down and began to teach them. ³Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, making her stand in the center. ⁴'Teacher,' they said to Him, 'this woman was caught in the act of committing adultery. ⁵In the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?' ⁶They asked this to trap Him, in order that they might have evidence to accuse Him. Jesus stooped down and started writing on the ground with His finger."
John 8:2-6 (CSB)

"When they persisted in questioning Him, He stood up and said to them, 'The one without sin among you should be the first to throw a stone at her.'" John 8:7 (CSB)

1. Before you hold a stone, hold a mirror.

"⁸Then He stooped down again and continued writing on the ground. ⁹When they heard this, they left one by one, starting with the older men. Only He was left, with the woman in the center." John 8:8-9 (CSB)

2. Before you stomp on someone's toes, walk in their shoes.

"¹⁰When Jesus stood up, He said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' ¹¹'No one, Lord,' she answered. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus. 'Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.'" John 8:10-11 (CSB)

3. Before you condemn others at their worst, remember the compassion Jesus had on you at your worst.

*“²³For **all** have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are justified freely by His **grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented Him as the mercy seat by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His restraint God passed over the sins previously committed. ²⁶God presented Him to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and justify the one who has faith in Jesus.”* Romans 3:23-26 (CSB)

Three ways we can choose compassion over condemnation:

- 1. Repent**
- 2. Represent**
- 3. Run**

“When it comes to people who know your name but not your story, or who have heard what you’ve done but not what you’ve been through, take their opinions with a grain of salt.” - Dave Adamson