Devotional: No One Can Judge

Christian Devotion about Not Judging Others

Read: <u>John 8:1-11</u> (NKJV)

"Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." (V:7)

This is a powerful story, and it's all summed up in this one verse. What a different world it would be if we all lived by this concept.

None of us are in a position where we can sit in judgement of anyone. We may not have all committed the same sins, but nevertheless, we are all guilty. We all have fallen short of the glory of God. Even if we have just broken one of the commandments, the bible says we are just as guilty, in God's eyes, as the one that has broken them all. As James 2:10 says, "For whosoever keeps the Law [as a] whole but stumbles and offends in one [single instance] has become guilty of [breaking] all of it." So, no one is better or worse than anyone else. We all need to come to Jesus for forgiveness. His blood can wash any sin away. Like the woman in the story, Jesus does not condemn us. He loves us and will forgive and cleanse us when we come to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

Each one of these men in this story could not throw a stone at her. It says in V:9, "They listened to Him, and then they began going out, conscience stricken, one by one, from the oldest down to the last one of them." They knew that they too had sinned—and quite possibly, some of them may have committed the same sin.

We, too, must remember that we have sinned as well—so we can't judge or condemn others.

Do not judge and criticize and condemn others, so that you may not be judged and criticized and condemned yourselves. For just as you judge and criticize and condemn others, you will be judged and criticized and condemned, and in accordance with the measure you [use to] deal out to others, it will be dealt out again to you. - Matthew 7:1-2 (AMPC)

Lord, I know that I have sinned, Therefore, I must not judge Help me, Lord, to remember this And respond with 'Agape' love.

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