

## WHERE IS GOD WHEN... “I’ve Messed Up”

<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. **Genesis 3:6-7 (NIV)**

<sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and **they hid from the Lord God** among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man, **“Where are you?”** <sup>10</sup> He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; **so I hid.**” <sup>11</sup> And he said, **“Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”**  
**Genesis 3:8-11 (NIV)**

**God asks them questions He already knows the answers to.**

**He asked the questions not for HIS benefit, but rather, for THEIRS.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, <sup>2</sup> but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup> As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. <sup>4</sup> “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was **caught in the act of adultery.**” <sup>5</sup> The law of Moses says to stone her. **What do you say?”** <sup>6</sup> They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him... **John 8:1-6a (NLT)**

<sup>6</sup> But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, **“Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”** <sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.  
**John 8:6b-8 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, **the older ones first**, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, **“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”** <sup>11</sup> “No one, sir,” she said. **“Then neither do I condemn you,”** Jesus declared. **“Go now and leave your life of sin.”** John 8:9-11 (NIV)

**God asks her questions He already knows the answers to.**

**He asked the questions not for HIS benefit, but rather, for HERS.**

<sup>31</sup> If God is for us, who can ever be against us? <sup>32</sup> Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> **Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself.** <sup>34</sup> **Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.**

**Romans 8:31b-34 (NLT)**

<sup>35</sup> **Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love?** Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? <sup>37</sup> **No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.**

<sup>38</sup> And I am convinced that **nothing can ever** separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—**not even the powers of hell** can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup> No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, **nothing in all creation** will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:35, 37-39 (NLT)**

**The moment Jesus was condemned to the cross, our condemnation went with Him.**

**“Jesus.”**