



FACE TO FACE: CONFRONTED BY JESUS WOMAN, WHERE ARE THEY? HAS NO ONE CONDEMNED YOU?

JOHN 8: 1-11

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Freedom in Christ is being released from the chains of sin.

Real freedom reveals value.

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"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

This is a question for every person who has ever carried guilt, shame, regret, or failure.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." - Genesis 3:2-5

Tools in the enemy's toolbox:

- Lies & partial truths – "You will not surely die."
- Questions God's character – "Did God actually say that?"
- Appeals to our pride – "You will be like God."



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. - 2 Corinthians 5:17

The gospel proves sin is part of our story, but sin is not our identity.

Real freedom offers restoration.

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And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God." - Revelation 12:10

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. - Revelation 12:11

Satan accuses to destroy, but Jesus convicts to restore.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. - Romans 8:1

Real freedom provides forgiveness.

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Real freedom gives direction.

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She arrived expecting death, she left with a future.
She arrived under condemnation, she left under grace.
She arrived trapped by her past; she left with a new beginning.
She arrived hopeless, she left with a new direction.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. - John 3:16-17