

Eisenhower Church of Christ

He Who is Without Sin...

In John 8:1-11 John tells us of an incident, recorded nowhere else in the New Testament, in which the Jews brought a woman to Jesus for judgment. They told the Lord that she had been caught in the act of adultery. They said that the Law of Moses required them to stone her but they wanted to know what the Lord thought. Their goal was to use His response against Him. If He agreed that she should be stoned, they would turn Him in to the Romans. If He said to let her go, they would denounce Him for violating the Law of Moses.

The Lord's response was amazing. First, He ignored them by stooping down and writing with His finger on the ground. When they persisted in asking Him, He stood up and said, "***He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her***" (John 8:7). The effect was complete and immediate. One by one, from the oldest to the youngest, the men quietly walked away. When they were gone, the Lord stood up and spoke to the woman. In v. 11 He said, "***Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.***"

The primary lesson from this incident is the gracious forgiveness that the Lord offers mankind. This woman was no doubt a grievous sinner, but the Lord forgave her and set her back on the straight and narrow path. Surely if the Lord could forgive such a woman, He can forgive each of us. There is no more beautiful truth in all of scripture.

Unfortunately, some have taken the Lord's statement to the Jews and twisted it to mean something far different than He intended. Many today now use these words to rebuff any criticism of their actions or lifestyle. If we suggest that someone's conduct is ungodly, they may reply that unless we are sinless ourselves we have no right to correct them. This is not what the Lord intended at all. His remarks to the Jews were based upon His knowledge of their hearts. They were not concerned about this woman's soul. They were looking for a way to attack the Lord. This is why the Lord spoke to them as He did.

When we are sincerely concerned for another person's soul, however, we must try to turn them away from their sins, no matter what our own sins might be. In Galatians 6:1 Paul said, "***Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness: each one looking to himself, so that you too will not be tempted.***" When one Christian corrects another, it is not to be done as though the one correcting the other has no sins, but rather, in recognition of his own sins, and in the hope of helping a brother or sister remain in the fold of God.

This is the goal, as stated by James in James 5:19-20. He said, "***My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.***" If we may take this action only if we are sinless, then no one would ever be turned back from sin. Therefore, we must correct one another, but we must do so in a spirit of gentleness as Paul required.

The only one who is without sin is our Lord Jesus. None of us will ever attain this by our own power. However, correcting one another in accordance with God's word is one of the highest forms of love we may show. If we truly care for one another, we will correct each other when we need it, and we will receive such correction with grace and humility. This, after all, is how we can help each other get to our heavenly reward.

—Fred Dominguez

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Dorothy Watson**. Dorothy passed away Thursday, September 28th at the Parkwood Health Care Center in Bedford, TX. Her services were held in Bedford and her burial took place at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa on October 2nd.

Prayer Request

Jimmy Weaver has been struggling for a long time with a blood condition. Any surgery done at this time is too risky and has been canceled due to a detected heart problem.

Russ Montgomery (Devida's brother) may be facing more heart surgery soon. He may have an aneurysm in one of his arteries. Russ is in the Cleveland Clinic undergoing tests.

Jenny Fuls (Nancy Easlon's sister) is having serious health issues at this time.

Hannah Weakland has requested prayers for her friend's father (**David Castor**) who is in a hospital in Oklahoma with heart problems.

Concerns Update

Larry May is still in MCH—Room #454.

Jackie Rex underwent a heart procedure last week. Everything went well.

Winford Hambright's outpatient surgery on the 28th went well.

Bill Butler is awaiting test results from his liver biopsy.

Prayer List

Tom Bauer; Lee Roy Bell, Jane Burroughs; Bill Butler; Harold Carrigan; John Cole; Sue Dahlen; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Charlene Harris; Glenda Hillis; Janis Laminack; Betty Leeth; Kristen Limb; Eliseo Lopez; Alana May; Glenna McCarty; Russ Montgomery; Tanya Nichols; Curtis Parum; Trina Plyler; Russel Rosser; Elvia Ruckman; Ryan Charles Rutledge; Matthew Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; James Weaver; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Who did Saul ask the Witch of Endor to "bring up"?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Job's friends sat with him in silence for seven days and nights to comfort him.

Events

Watch "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the "**Speaking the Truth in Love**" program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

The "**20th Annual Lubbock Lectureship**" at the Southside Church of Christ in Lubbock started today and will go through the 11th. The Theme is "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth. The flyer with additional information is on the bulletin board.

Thank You

To my Family at 21st & Eisenhower, Thank you so much for your kind words, thoughts and prayers. Doctors detected that I have issues with the heart that would make any surgeries too risky at this time. They changed some medicine, new diet and exercise. We will move forward. God has a plan!

In Christian Love,
James & Terresia Weaver

Larry and I want to thank everyone for the loving support during his hospital stays. The food train was awesome and we could not have managed without all of your prayers holding us up. Blessed we are to have brethren we can lean upon. We love you one and all,
Larry & Janis May

We wanted to say thank you so much for all the prayers, kind words, gestures, hugs and cards. We are all better and so thankful to be a part of this church family.
Garcia Family

To Our Brothers & sisters in the Eisenhower congregation,

We sincerely appreciate your contribution to the "Disaster Relief Fund." Since Hurricane Harvey impacted the Lord's church and our community, your response is greatly treasured. You "let your light shine" and God is glorified!

Thank you for your love and generous act of kindness and compassion.

God Bless,
The League City church family

October 8, 2017

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Larry May
John Wood
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Josh Weakland
Rudy Ochoa
Mike Roemisch

P.M.

Larry May
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Larry May
George Warren
Denny Wilson
Richard Siler

Lord's Supper

West...

Don Easlon
Tom Sorenson
Bill Ryan

Tony Marrs
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Jr. Munoz
Dex Dennard
Trinidad Wood

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990; *Deacon*: Bill Ryan 272-5507; *Pulpit*: George Warren 557-2171; *Table*: Tony Marrs 553-7349; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Chris Butler 362-7486; *Collections*: Chris Butler 362-7486

Sunday AM

"My Cup Runneth Over"
(Psalm 23)

Sunday PM

"Call No Man Father"
(Matthew 23:1-12)

Our Records

Bible Class... 72
Morning Worship...110
Evening Worship...70
Wednesday...70
Contribution...\$3,805.00

