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21-day devotional about full of grace, redemption, and transformation
A journey of healing, forgiveness, and new beginnings

CAUGHT, BUT NOT CONDEMNED

"He didn't write her off. He wrote her in." based on John 8:1-11



Exposed, but Seen

day one

Scripture:

"Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst."

- John 8:2-3 ESV

Devotional Thought:

She was pushed in the temple courts and not gently, as if she was evidence presented before a jury. Exposed. Humiliated. Her transgression screamed louder than her humanness. For there were two things in the multitude — there were condemners, and there was Jesus.

Now, just think about what it would be. Judgmental eyes, accusing voices, fear pressing down on her chest. But in the midst of all that noise was One who had nothing to say, at least until it would matter most — Jesus.

Jesus did not deny her guilt. He didn't argue her innocence. But He saw her — really saw her. Not how that mob saw her, as a sinner to be stoned, but how He did, a woman in need of grace. Her sin didn't scare Him and the crowd couldn't sway Him. His mercy met her mess.

And friend, He sees you too.

Public or private, past or present, whether your "exposure" brings shame of the deepest kind, Jesus is not afraid to touch you.He steps into the inner courts of your heart with mercy and truth in His hands. You are not invisible. You are visible and yet beloved.

Reflection Questions:

1. Have you ever felt like the woman in this passage—exposed, judged, or ashamed?
2. What does it mean to you that Jesus sees you fully and still chooses grace?
3. Are there areas in your life where you need to stop hiding and start healing?

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, I come before You as I am—no masks, no performances. You see every part of me, and yet You do not condemn me. Thank You for meeting me in my brokenness with mercy. Help me to begin this journey not with guilt, but with hope. I trust You to write a new story from this place. Amen.