

“Never Beyond Repair”

John 8:1-11

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Sermon Series: “Joining in God’s Restoration—The New Mindset”

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THE BIG IDEA

This message introduced BPC’s new mission statement (“Joining in God’s Restoration”) and explored what it means to be a “restorer.” John 8:1-11 tells us the story of the Pharisees bringing a woman caught in adultery to Jesus as a test of his wisdom and knowledge of Scripture. Rather than be offended by the woman’s sexual sin or her accuser’s judgmental sin, Jesus was provoked to act for restoration by the grace and truth of God. He demonstrated God’s desire to restore people to relationship with Himself and with others.

GETTING STARTED

1. Who is your favorite superhero and why? What does the superhero do or symbolize that compels you toward him or her?
2. What are the different ways Jesus brought restoration to the situation in John 8? Consider the relationships between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees; Jesus and the woman; and Jesus and the situation as a whole.

LEARNING & LIVING OUT SCRIPTURE

Together, read John 8:1-11.

3. Why did the teachers of the law and Pharisees want to trap Jesus? How did Jesus successfully navigate the situation?
4. Why do you think Jesus wrote on the ground?
5. Was Jesus going against Mosaic Law in this Scripture? Why or why not?
6. How did Jesus’ behavior show the woman both grace and truth?
7. How does the cross symbolize both grace and truth?

LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”

8. Jesus restored people’s lives. He invites us to be provoked rather than offended. This calls us to active engagement with the world. How might Christ be calling you to be a restorer, provoked to restorative action toward a cause, relationship, or person?

THE “EXTRA-MILE”

9. Take one concrete step this week toward being a restorer. To do this, tell someone about it so he or she can know to pray for and support you.

SHARING & PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our new mission statement would catch fire throughout Bidwell! Thank Christ for 150 years of faithful ministry at our church!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES *(optional)*

Next Christians by Gabe Lyons

The Naked Now by Richard Rohr

This contemplative book was referenced in this sermon regarding “repentance” as well as “duality thinking.”