

A Stone's Throw Away

John 8:-11

Introduction:

- A. Have you ever done anything embarrassing before?
- B. If we are honest, we have all had some embarrassing moments before. The woman we are studying about today had such an experience. Unfortunately, her embarrassing moment was not something to be laughed at.

PAST (vs. 1-5)

- A. This woman goes from private passion to public spectacle in a matter of minutes.
- B. Imagine being in her shoes. Imagine being paraded through the streets like this woman was. How embarrassing.
- C. I doubt this woman ever stopped to think that her sin would be found out. We usually don't either.
- D. Our past can't be hidden no matter what we think! Word always gets out (Lk. 12:2-3; Num. 32:23).
- E. God see everything we do (Heb. 4:13).

PENALTY (vs. 4-6)

- A. According to Law of Moses, her sin was punishable by death (Lev. 20:10).
- B. No one is perfect - we all have our own sins and scars (Rom. 3:10; 23).
- C. We have committed our own vile sins: pride, anger, jealousy, hatred, covetousness, lust, etc.
- D. When we fail in one point of the law, we are accountable for all of it (Jam. 2:10).
- E. There's a penalty for our sins – both physical and spiritual (I Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 6:23; Ezek. 18:4).

PARDON (vs. 7-11)

- A. This adulterous woman deserved death. She broke the Law of Moses by committing a sin worthy of death.
- B. Jesus gave her what she did not deserve, a second chance at life and forgiveness.
- C. The apostle John tells us God will forgive us if we confess our sins (I Jn. 1:9).
- D. Just because we are forgiven doesn't mean there won't be any consequences or scars. This woman would probably still hear the whispers about her sin.

Conclusion:

- A. Jesus offers us a new lease on life (II Cor. 5:17; Isa. 1:18).
- B. "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy." (Prov. 28:13)
- C. God offers pardon, but it's up to us to accept that pardon.