



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: God and Our Bodies: Moving Away from Condemnation

Speaker: Sherin Swift, Pastor of Equipping and Connection

Scripture: John 8:2-11

² Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them, ⁴ they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. ⁵ Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶ They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ She said, "No one, sir."^[a] And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."^[b]

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Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, Sherin Swift, Pastor of Equipping and Connections, continues our new 10-week sermon series entitled God and Our Bodies. Today Pastor Sherin explores the way our connection between our spirituality and sexuality gets twisted and explains the way Jesus confronts these distortions without the condemnation we come to expect in religious spaces.

Sermon Questions:

1. Do you feel an invitation from Christ in today's scripture passage? Do any of the words resonate with you? If so, why?
2. After hearing the second sermon in this series on spirituality and sexuality, what has the experience exploring this topic been like for you?
3. In what ways is this sermon series aligning with or challenging teachings you received previously in faith spaces?
4. As you think about each person(s) represented in these verses, which perspective do you identify with most? Why? (Please only share as much as you are comfortable sharing.)
5. Were any of the perspectives presented new for you or hard to relate to?
6. How can we balance acknowledging our brokenness with the invitation to growth and healing in our sexuality?
7. How does a better understanding and acceptance of our brokenness in our sexuality lead to a deeper embrace of the Good News offered by Jesus?