

GO AND DO WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY

John 8:2-11

Did He Say That? Week 2

*“At dawn he [Jesus] appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. <sup>3</sup>The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group <sup>4</sup>and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup>In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” <sup>6</sup>They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. ...” - John 8:2-6 NIV*

*“... But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.” - John 8:6 NIV*

*“When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” - John 8:7 NIV*

*“Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup>At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup>Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” <sup>11</sup>“No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.” - John 8:8-11 NIV*

Sin promises SATISFACTION at the cost of DISOBEDIENCE to God.

Without a belief in ABSOLUTE truth, truth is DEFINED by whatever makes me HAPPY.

When the bottom line is my HAPPINESS, happiness becomes the STANDARD by which I JUDGE my actions.

*“If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!” - Matthew 7:11 NIV*

Holiness isn't MUTUALLY exclusive of HAPPINESS.

Holiness is the PATHWAY to true HAPPINESS and JOY!

*“You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.”- Psalm 16:11 NASB*

*“... And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”- 1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV*

Every TEMPTATION is an INVITATION to depend on CHRIST!

#### Deeper Thoughts & Life Application

- Think about the temptations you face. How can you use those temptations as an invitation to depend on God more?
- Encourage one another to depend on Christ by holding one another accountable. Reach out this week by text, email, phone, or in person.