

The God of All Comfort

John 8:1-11

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¹ “But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

² Early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and He sat down and *began* to teach them.

³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the center *of the court*,

⁴ they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act.

⁵ Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?”

⁶ They were saying this, testing Him, so that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground.

⁷ But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him *be the* first to throw a stone at her.”

⁸ Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹ When they heard it, they *began* to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the center *of the court*.

¹⁰ Straightening up, Jesus said to her, “Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?”

¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more.”]

An affliction is a crushing pressure that threatens us with destruction. Our health, peace of mind, or relationships could be in danger from the hardship. We know that God will comfort us when we are sick, but will He be there if we bring the affliction upon ourselves by sinning?

Many believers ask this question, but too often they assume the answer is no. However, the Lord does not condemn us for sin—He has forgotten it. (See [Hebrews 8:12](#).)

Hebrews 8:12 (NASB)

¹² “**FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES, AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE.**”

What remains are the consequences of our wrong actions. If we turn to God, He will soothe our soul and guide us safely through the painful fallout. Under His influence, self-inflicted pain is bearable and serves to make faith stronger.

Remember the woman dragged before Jesus by the Pharisees. She had been caught in adultery, which was a clear violation of the Law. The religious leaders were prepared to stone the transgressor to death, but Jesus spoke to her with compassion. Although He in no way condoned her sin, He did recognize that she was already facing consequences for her unwise choices. He forgave her, saying, “**Go. From now on sin no more**” ([John 8:11](#)).

Nothing we do can separate us from the love of God. One way He expresses that love is through the promise of comfort when we hurt, even when the pain is self-inflicted. We can allow shame to chase us away from the Father’s loving arms, convinced He would not give encouragement to one who disobeyed. Or we can believe Scripture, which says He is “**the Father of mercies and God of all comfort**” ([2 Corinthians 1:3](#)).