



Crash the Chatterbox Condemnation

John 8:1-11(NLT) 1Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, ²but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. ³As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. ⁴“Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?” ⁶They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. ⁷They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” ⁸Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. ⁹When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. ¹⁰Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” ¹¹“No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

John 3:17-18(NIV) 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

What is Condemnation?

Condemnation continually points out what a failure we are, and how badly we’ve messed up.

John 12:47(NLT) 47...for I have come to save the world and not to judge it.

Romans 8:1(NLT) 1So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:2(NLT) 2And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

Romans 8:3(NLT) 3The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.

Romans 8:15(NLT) 15So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."

The word *Abba* is an Aramaic word that would most closely be translated as "Daddy." It was a common term that young children would use to address their fathers. It signifies the close, intimate relationship of a father to his child, as well as the childlike trust that a young child puts in his "daddy."

John 1:12-13(NLT) 12But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

Philippians 3:13(NLT) 13...I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,

What is Conviction?

The word *convict* is a translation of the Greek word *elencho*, which means "to convince someone of the truth; to reprove; to accuse, refute, or cross-examine a witness." The Holy Spirit acts as a prosecuting attorney who exposes evil, reproves evildoers, and convinces people that they need a Savior.

Romans 2:4(NASB) 4Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

Isaiah 30:18(NASB) 18Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.

1 John 1:9(NASB) 9If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

What is the Difference?

Conviction shows us the answer (the Blood of Jesus, which washes away sin), while condemnation shows us the problem (the sin, the past and our failures).

Condemnation shouts, "Your past! Your sins! You loser!" But conviction shouts, "The Blood of Jesus washes away sins! Come to Jesus and be forgiven of your sins! Your sins and past don't have to be a part of you anymore!"