



Pekin First Nazarene

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John 8:1-11 (NLT)

¹ "Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, ² but early the next morning He was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and He sat down and taught them. ³ As 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. ⁵ The law of Moses says to stone her. What do You say?"

⁶ They 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. ⁷ They 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!" ⁸ Then He stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

⁹ When 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. ¹⁰ Then 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."

- Gentleness is responsive, not reactive.
- Gentleness leaves the final judgement for Jesus.
- Gentleness is not passive; it is acting with love.
- Gentleness invites transformation, rather than forcing it.