



“God Wants Me Happy”
Jesus DIDN'T Say That! Series
Pastor Mark
6.21.20

“At dawn Jesus appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around Him and He sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery.” John 8:2-3

- *“They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women Now what do You say?’ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing Jesus.” John 8:3-6*
- *“But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with His finger.” John 8:6*
- *“When they kept on questioning Jesus, 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. Again Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones left first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman standing there. Jesus straightened up and He asked her, ‘Where are your accusers? Has no one condemned you?’ ‘No one, sir,’ she said. Then Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you.’ John 8:7-11*
- *“Then Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin.’” John 8:11*

Sin promises pleasure at the cost of **DISOBEDIENCE** to God, & eventual **PAIN** to you!

Without a belief in absolute truth, then truth is defined by **WHATEVER** makes me happy.

- And when the goal is my happiness, then **HAPPINESS** becomes the standard by which I judge my actions.
- What’s the root cause of this problem?
- We think happiness & holiness are at odds.

“If you then, who 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

If we find ourselves at odds with, *“I want to be holy, but I don’t want to be unhappy”*, the problem is you’re looking for happiness in the wrong place!

“...and God is faithful, He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, our God will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”
1 Corinthians 10:13

Every temptation is an invitation to depend on **CHRIST!**