

June 12th, Get Low to Grow
Part 6 in the series 'Growing Pains'

What were some things from last Sunday's message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

Read John 8:2-11

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

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. **7** 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." **8** Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. **9** 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.

10 Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" **11** "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

What is wrong with an "all grace" approach?

What is wrong with an "all truth" approach?

Scripture tells us that Jesus came with grace and truth. What does that mean?

Bruce mentioned that older people often gain wisdom the hard way, through experience. Are there lessons you have learned through experience?

Everyone ends up leaving the woman alone, and no one condemns her. Why do you think that is?

What effect do you think Jesus' response had on the woman who was caught?

Bruce mentioned the importance of falling in order to grow. "In order to grow, get low." How can our lowest moments help us to grow?

What are some opportunities for you to show grace and truth?