

# Powerful, Tender Encounters (3)

*“As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103:12 (New King James Version)*

Those who \_\_\_\_\_ others must learn to be more \_\_\_\_\_.

## Jesus' Encounter With The Adulterous Woman

A. 7:53 - 8:2 - Background to the encounter:

1. 7:53 - 8:1 - Jesus had gone to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, perhaps to \_\_\_\_\_, or to stay in \_\_\_\_\_'s home.
2. 8:2 - \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_. He came to the \_\_\_\_\_ and began to \_\_\_\_\_.

B. 8:3-11 - The encounter:

1. 8:3-6a - The \_\_\_\_\_ and Pharisees brought a \_\_\_\_\_ whom they claimed to have \_\_\_\_\_ in sinful activity. Their real purpose was to find an \_\_\_\_\_ against Jesus.
2. 8:6b - Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_:
  - a. Jeremiah 17:13 - Was it to indict them for turning \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_?
  - b. Exodus 23:1 - Was He calling on them to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves?
3. 8:7-9 - No one was without \_\_\_\_\_, and none could \_\_\_\_\_ the first \_\_\_\_\_. They \_\_\_\_\_ left, one by one.
4. 8:10,11 - Jesus told the woman to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ no more.

## What We Learn From This Encounter

A. **Mercy triumphs over judgment:**

1. James 2:12,13 - It is better to show \_\_\_\_\_ than to \_\_\_\_\_ others.
2. Matthew 7:1,2 - We'll be \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ as we judge others.
3. Micah 7:18 - God \_\_\_\_\_ iniquity and \_\_\_\_\_ in mercy.

B. **God offers a chance to start over:**

1. 1 Timothy 1:12-15 - Paul \_\_\_\_\_ mercy, enabling him to choose a better \_\_\_\_\_ to his life's story.
2. 1 Corinthians 6:11 - Some of them \_\_\_\_\_ sinners, but they had been \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Psalm 103:12 - God \_\_\_\_\_ our sins \_\_\_\_\_ from us.

Like Newton, we have a chance to sing “\_\_\_\_\_”.

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