



FOR HE WILL PUT HIS
ANGELS
 IN CHARGE OF YOU, TO
GUARD
 YOU IN ALL YOUR WAYS
PSALM 91:11

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 is proclaimed in truth and love"*

THE LORD'S DAY

January 10, 2021

Call to Worship *Sunlight* 444

Invocation

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Reading **Psalm 91** (selection)

Hymn *I Saw the Light*

Morning Prayer

Hymn *Nothing But The Blood* 135

Offertory Prayer

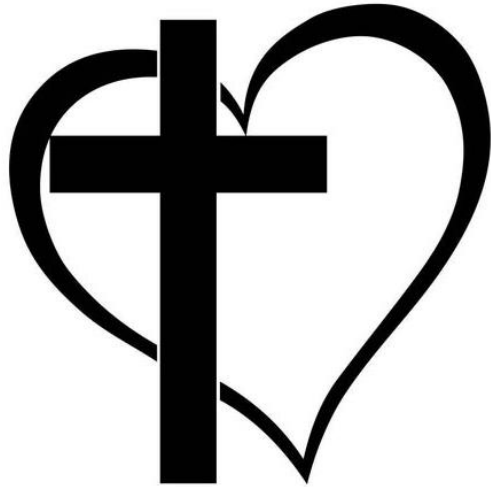
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom
 All Blessings Flow* 253

Hymn *He Looked Beyond My Fault
 and Saw My Need*

Sermon **SETTLING FOR LESS** Pastor Joel
John 8:1-11

Invitation *Thank You Lord
 For Saving My Soul*

Benediction



Can people change?

BIBLE READING: [Genesis 44:1-34](#)

God can help people change. When Judah was younger, he showed no regard for his brother Joseph or his father, Jacob. First he convinced his brothers to sell Joseph as a slave ([Genesis 37:27](#)); then he joined his brothers in lying to his father about Joseph's fate ([Genesis 37:32](#)). But what a change had taken place in Judah! The man who sold one favored younger brother into slavery now offered to become a slave himself to save another favored brother. He was so concerned for his father and younger brother that he was willing to die for them.

BIBLE READING: [Joshua 11:16-23](#)

Change doesn't usually happen quickly. The conquest of much of the land of Canaan seems to have happened quickly (we can read about it in one sitting), but it actually took seven years. We often expect quick changes in our life and quick victories over sin. But our journey with God is a lifelong process, and the changes and victories may take time.

BIBLE READING: [Numbers 10:11-36](#)

God helps us handle change. Life is full of changes, and few things remain stable. The Israelites were constantly moving through the desert. They were able to handle change only because God's presence in the tabernacle was always with them. Stability does not mean lack of change, but moving with God in every circumstance.

BIBLE READING: [John 4:27-42](#)

God can change the worst in us. The Samaritan woman immediately shared her experience with others. Despite her reputation, many took her invitation and came out to meet Jesus. Perhaps there are sins in our past of which we're ashamed. But Christ changes us. Often, those things for which we are most ashamed become the very changed areas that catch other people's attention. We can use these opportunities to introduce them to Christ.

How do people change?

BIBLE READING: [2 Cor. 5:11-21](#)

God's changes are complete. Christians are brand-new people on the *inside*. The Holy Spirit gives them new life, and they are not the same anymore. We are not reformed, rehabilitated, or reeducated—we are re-created (new creations), living in vital union with Christ ([Col. 2:6-7](#)). At conversion we are not merely turning over a new leaf; we are beginning a new life under a new Master.

BIBLE READING: [Matthew 3:1-12](#)

Inward changes should lead to outward changes. John the Baptist called people to more than a mere assent to words or performance of ritual; he told them to change their behavior. Do your actions match your words?

BIBLE READING: [John 8:1-11](#)

The starting point for change is repentance. When Jesus said that only someone who had not sinned should throw the first stone, the leaders slipped quietly away, from oldest to youngest. Evidently the older men were more aware of their sins than the younger. Age and experience often temper youthful self-righteousness. But whatever your age, take an honest look at your life. Recognize your sinful nature, and look for ways to help others rather than hurt them.

Handbook of Bible Application

Prayer Request Updates

Our Nation – Protection, healing, and especially turning to the Lord Jesus.	Coronavirus victims and those grieving over the loss of loved ones.
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Hypocrisy

Saying one thing and doing another

1. How can I spot a hypocrite?

2. How do I know if I'm a hypocrite?

Answer the Questions above, by looking at the Scriptures below:

- Proverbs 23:7
- Proverbs 26:25
- Matthew 23:28
- Luke 12:1
- 1 Timothy 4:2
- Titus 1:16

After you're finished, read the text at the bottom of the page.

These verses are about people who say you should act one way, then they act completely differently. It's like lying with your life instead of your tongue. People don't like hypocrites. Neither does God. Don't be one.

Sermon Points on John 8

1. Sitting for learning that directs (1-2)

2. Settling for lies that destroy (3-6a)

3. Settling for loss that denies (6b-9)

4. Setting for love that defines (10-11)

Questions and Concepts

The adulteress (7:53-8:11)

Mount of Olives (8:1). Jesus had friends in Bethany, a village on the mount (John 11:1).

Caught in adultery (8:3). There almost certainly must have been a trap set for the woman. Jewish law required that two witnesses actually see the physical act in order to convict someone of adultery. But the equally guilty man was not arrested—someone let him escape. Also, the woman's husband was curiously absent from this scene. Further, Jewish procedure dictated that a person must be warned once and given a chance to repent before action was taken, but there is no hint of a warning. Finally, there was no need, other than vindictiveness against the woman, that she be brought into the temple courts for a public accusation.

Write (8:6). Many people have speculated about what Jesus wrote in the dust, but there is no way of knowing. He may have written what He later spoke (8:7); it was customary for Roman judges first to write their sentences and then read them aloud.

1. What sins do we know the adulteress's accusers committed (8:3-9)?

2. What do Jesus' words in this story reveal about His views on sin and judgment?

3. Put yourself in the place of the woman or her accusers. How did you feel while this scene was going on? What impressions of Jesus were you left with?