



**CONVERSATIONS**  
WITH JESUS

Part Five  
**"The Adulterous Woman"**

**<sup>1</sup> Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.**



**<sup>3</sup> The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group, <sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”**



**<sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.**

**But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.”**



**<sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> 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.”**

**~John 8:1-11**



***“Grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us more—no amount of spiritual calisthenics and renunciations, no amount of knowledge gained from seminaries and divinity schools, no amount of crusading on behalf of righteous causes. And grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us less—no amount of racism or pride or pornography or adultery or even murder. Grace means that God already loves us as much as an infinite God can possibly love.”***

***~Philip Yancey***



## A Story That Exudes Grace

God looks right into this glob of unworthiness that I am and offers to accept me, own me, hold me, affirm me, and never let go of me, even if He is not too impressed with what he has on his hands.



**“The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love...he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”**

**~Psalm 103:8,10-12**

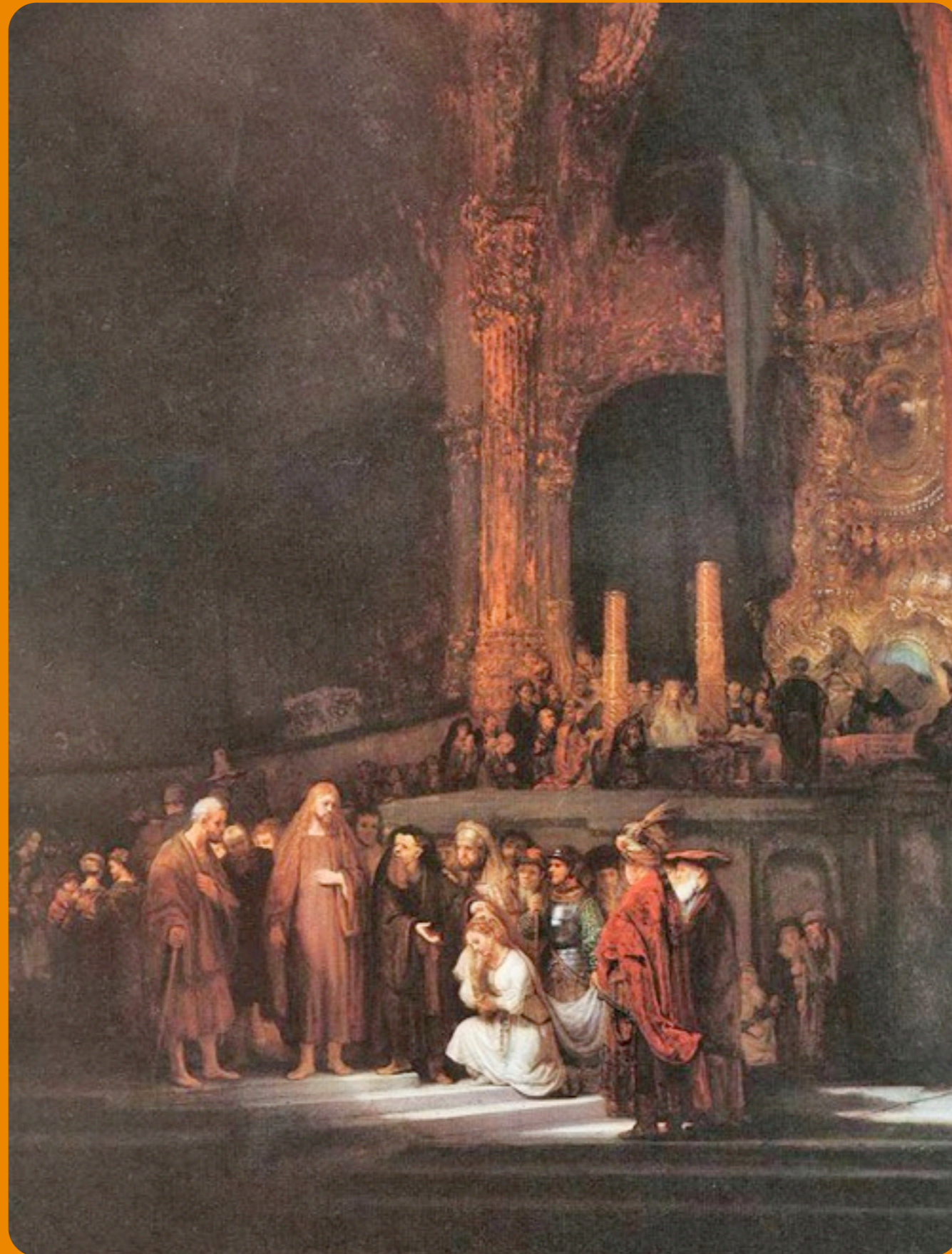


# Why Does Grace Seem Too Good To Be True?

*“The notion that God’s love comes to us free of charge, no strings attached, seems to go against every instinct of humanity. The Buddhist eight-fold path, the Hindu doctrine of karma, the Jewish covenant, the Muslim code of law—each of these offers a way to earn approval. Only Christianity dares to make God’s love unconditional.”*

*~Philip Yancey*





# Lessons From The Characters

## 1. When I think of the Pharisees, I'm reminded...

- If I fail to both embrace and exude God's grace for sinners I will always be a dreary, graceless person with a haunting fear that someone, somewhere is happy.
- Only by living in the stream of God's grace will I find strength to respond with grace toward others.



# Lessons From The Characters

## 2. When I think of the Adulterous Woman, I'm reminded...

- Every saint has a past, but every sinner has a future.
- I am born broken, and I become whole only by mending. God's grace, and His grace alone is the glue.



# Lessons From The Characters

## 3. When I think of the Jesus, I'm reminded...

- Christ accepts me as I am, but when he accepts me, I cannot remain as I am.
- Jesus brings to the surface repressed sin, yet forgives any and every freely acknowledged sin.



***“Prostitutes are in no danger of finding their present life so satisfactory that they cannot turn to God; the proud, the avaricious, the self-righteous, are in that danger.”***

**~C.S. Lewis**



***“There is only one real law—the law of the universe. It may be fulfilled either by way of judgment or by the way of grace, but it must be fulfilled one way or the other.”***

**~Dorothy Sayers**

