

John 8:3-4

Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act.

I think we all know this story of the woman caught in adultery. If you don't know it, I would encourage to read it in John chapter 8. But one thing a lot of people ask is, "Where is the guy?" because in order to be caught in adultery, there has to be a guy as well as the woman.

But today's devotional is not about, where is the guy. No it's a matter of what the woman did not say, which is one question we ask.

Notice she did not say to the crowd or to Jesus, "Hey, go get the guy who was sleeping with me and judge him as well."

Also she did not give an excuse for why she was doing what she did. "I thought he loved me. He said he did, that's why I slept with him." Or maybe she could have said, "They set me up Jesus. They used me to get to You."

Nope, no pointing fingers or making excuses for what she did. But as I think about it, there is another man in the bible who was caught doing the very same thing, and let's see what his response was.

† **2 Samuel 12:9** *Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon.*

This is speaking to no other than King David. Once again if you have not read the story, go back and read it in 2 Samuel. But we all know how King David stayed behind when everyone had gone out to fight the war. When he did, he saw this drop dead gorgeous woman named Bathsheba, who was married to Uriah (Who was out fighting King David's battle). Well King David called for Bathsheba, and even though when he asked about her and he was told that she was a married woman, he went for it any way.

† **2 Samuel 11:3** *So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"*

So there is an entire story behind what happen, that you should read. But once David was confronted with this sin, and what was his response? "Well God, she enticed me by bathing where I could see her and she was so fine I couldn't help myself." Or how about, "Come on God, she agreed to it and went for it just like I did. If you are going to confront me, bring her here as well and make her answer for what she did too."

No, it was none of those, instead King David's response was: **So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."** And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die." **2 Samuel 12:13** (underlined for emphasis)

No excuses, no pointing fingers, nothing but admitting his guilt before the Lord. Was King David and the woman caught in adultery forgiven? Well we see that King David was: ***The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.***

And so was the woman:

† **John 8:11** *She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."*

So the question is, what have you done lately that you are not really confessing to the Lord? You know what you did was wrong, yet you are giving excuses or pointing fingers at others, either blaming him or her, or wanting them to get in trouble along with you?

Remember, the woman caught in adultery and King David both admitted their sin, and they were forgiven. What About Bathsheba and the man that was sleeping with this woman? That's between them and the Lord. The key was two people confessed their sin and were forgiven. What about you?

† **1 John 1:9** *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*