



“GET BACK IN THE GAME”

Part 1 of 1

Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: John 8:2-11

Big Idea: When we experience the life-changing grace of God we begin to live with new gusto and purpose.

John 8:2-11, 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 and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” 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. 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.” Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. 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. Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

2 Timothy 4:7, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

1 Corinthians 9:24, “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.”

Acts 20:24, “However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.”

Galatians 5:7, “You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth?”

Augustine of Hippo said, “We are capable of every sin that we have seen others commit unless God’s grace restrains us.”

Carl Jung said, "All of the primitive sins are not dead. But they're crouching in the dark corners of our modern hearts, still there and still as ghastly as ever."

Susannah Wesley: "Son, whatever weakens your reasoning, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God or takes away your relish for spiritual things; in short, if anything increases the authority and the power of the flesh over the spirit, that to you becomes sin however good it is in itself."

I. THINGS FORGIVENESS DOES NOT CHANGE...

1. Forgiveness does not change the past.
2. Forgiveness does not change the principles of the game.

II. THINGS FORGIVENESS DOES CHANGE...

1. Forgiveness does change the person.
2. Forgiveness also changes the person's perspective.