



The Miracle of Redemption (Embarrassed)

**In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,
in accordance with the riches of God's grace (Ephesians 1:7, NIV)**

Redemption Defined: To buy back, ransom, deliverance.

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Annual Question: How do you protect your future?

Series Title and Summary:

1. Believe in the **miracle (Hannah)**
2. Believe in the **voice** of God (Samuel)
3. Believe in the **calling** of God (Saul)
4. Believe in the **redemption** of God (Woman Caught In Adultery)

Question: How does it feel to be publicly humiliated?

Miraculously Redeemed in an Embarrassing Moment

The Setting: John 7:53–8:1-11 (NIV): 7:53 Then they all went home, 8:1 but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.

Public Humiliation

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

Note: They forgot to bring the man

- Leviticus 20:10–11 (NIV): 10' " If a man commits adultery with another man's wife—with the wife of his neighbor—both the adulterer and the adulteress are to be put to death.

Private Forgiveness

- 6 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. 7 When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, **"Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."** 8 Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.
- 9 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.”

Four Closing Questions:

1. What was on her mind when she went home that night? Her potential response, (That was close!)
2. How did she get herself into this mess? (She got caught up)
3. What is on your mind about your personal life mistakes?
4. Do you believe you can be redeemed?

Next Time: Big Thinking for Big Results

My P.T.S.D. Definition: Plan, Team, Self-Confidence, Deadline

“As long as you ignore what’s going on in your thought life, then your unhealthy thoughts will continue to erode your quality of life, your relationships, and your faith.”¹

Statement: You cannot have the results you want if you can’t think beyond where you are.

Read Ahead: “Suppose one of you **wants to build** a tower. Won’t you first **sit down and estimate the cost** to see if you have enough money to complete it? (Luke 14:28, NIV)

¹ Winning the War in Your Mind Workbook...Craig Groeschel, p23