

FOCUS: This summer, we're taking a look at some everyday encounters of people who came face-to-face with Jesus. As we eavesdrop on these encounters, we hope that in coming face-to-face with Jesus, we will in turn treat every **face we face** with the love and compassion of Jesus. **This week**, we learn from Jesus and the woman caught in adultery.

1. The foundation passage of the Face to Face series is, "So then, from now on, we have a new perspective that refuses to evaluate people merely by their outward appearances. For that's how we once viewed Christ, but no longer do we see him with limited human insight. Now, if anyone is new into Christ, he has become an entirely new creation. All that is related to the old order has vanished. Behold, everything is fresh and new. And God has made all things new, and reconciled us to himself, and given us the ministry of reconciling others to God." (2 Cor. 5:16-18)

Which Face to Face encounter of Jesus' means the most to you? Why?

2. As you reflect on [John 8:1-11](#), what about the moment between the men bringing accusation, the woman caught in adultery, and Jesus stands out to you the most?
3. When Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dirt with His finger, each accuser of the woman dropped their stone and walked away. What do you think He wrote in the dirt? Read [Jeremiah 17:13](#). Some scholars believe this is what Jesus, as a rabbi, would have traced in the dirt with His finger.
4. Empathy is defined as "sharing and understanding the feelings of others." True empathy is the feeling of actually participating in the suffering of another. In His actions, more so than His words, Jesus reveals His empathy towards the accused woman. Reflect on a situation where you felt the empathy of Jesus as He shared in your suffering.
5. Read [1 John 2:1-2](#). How does this relate to the encounter of Jesus and the woman caught in adultery? According to this passage, what can you do to "go and sin no more"?

Do you battle feeling shame or giving judgment more? Maybe they are your one-two-combo. Commit to reaching out to someone to be honest about where you are stuck. We do not have to stay where we are!

ACTION Options:

1. Read **Gracism** - Chapter 10

2. Participate in the PCC Online Gracism Book Club
[facebook.com/groups/pccbookclub](https://www.facebook.com/groups/pccbookclub)
3. A prayer: Now, O Lord, calm me into a quietness that heals and listens, and molds my longings and passions, my wounds and wonderings into a more holy and human shape. --Ted Loder