

DEBUNKED - PART 2: MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE

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We sometimes pursue things we think will make us happy, only to find out they only made us happy for a short time. So, we look for the next thing that will make us happy, only to find out it only made us happy for a short time. So, we look for the next thing to make us happy (you see where this is going). Sometimes we look for things to make us happy because we believe that being happy and following Jesus are mutually exclusive, when in reality they are not at all.

READ JOHN 8:1-11

- What are some things you've pursued that you believed would lead to happiness but didn't?
- How might the woman caught in adultery have felt when she was brought before the crowd and Jesus?
- Since this was an attempt to trap Jesus, how do you feel about the Jewish religious leaders using the woman as a pawn?
- How was the question asked to Jesus an attempt to put him in a no-win situation?
- What do you think Jesus wrote in the sand?
- The term "never sinned" literally means "never even thought about sinning." How does that change the dynamic of what Jesus said about who could throw the first stone?
- Why do you think the Jewish religious leaders left one by one?
- What do you think it meant to the woman that no one was left to accuse her?
- What do you think it meant to the woman that Jesus did not condemn her? How was this response from Jesus an opportunity to be freed from shame, regret and remorse?
- What do you think it means to "go and sin no more?"
- Just as a fish would not be happy on a beach, why are we not happy in a life cycle of sin?
- What next step will you take to "go and sin no more"?

SOME THINGS ARE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE, OTHERS NOT SO MUCH