



Grace Embraced

Acts 9:17-19 (NIV)

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

- The Gospel give us clear vision for life.

John 7:53-8:2 (NIV)

Then they all went home, 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.

- Light has a way of clearing our vision.

John 8:3-5 (NIV)

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?"

- We all view life through a flawed lens.

John 8:6 (NIV)

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.

- Jesus reveals that He is the author of the story.

John 8:7-8 (NIV)

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.

- We all have skewed vision because of sin. (Romans 3:23)

John 8:9-10 (NIV)

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?"

- Notice the one that could have thrown a stone, did not.

John 8:11-12 (NIV)

"No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." ¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

- Through the lens of Jesus we all get a more accurate view of how amazing grace is.
Romans 5:8 (NIV)

John 8:12 (NIV)

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- Clear vision in light of the truth leads to grace embraced.