

# Going Out | The Grid Day #28

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Once you've truly met Jesus, you go "all in" – and that means being willing to share your grid with others. But what happens when those people reject God? How do you respond when you are met with anger, arguments, or ambivalence? Followers of Jesus must learn to go out into the world with their biblical convictions without becoming a coward – afraid to speak truth – or a jerk – doing it without love.

In [John 8](#) Jesus modeled the perfect combination of truth and love when he encountered a woman who was caught in adultery. Some religious guys tried to intimidate the crowd with their arrogant worldview – but Jesus handled them brilliantly. His four responses are a model for every Christian who is going out into the real world with a biblical grid.

## First, Jesus paused

When Jesus was confronted with an opposing worldview, he didn't jump to conclusions and start pointing fingers. The religious leaders wanted to stone the woman caught in adultery. But Jesus simply paused. That's a good example for us today when we are put in that situation.

***John 8:6** They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger.*

When you're faced with an opposing worldview, take it slowly. Don't react in anger or ignorance. Stop, pray, and prepare. And be confident that a biblical worldview trumps every other grid.

## Second, Jesus showed courage

Jesus knew that the accusers had their own sin to deal with, and he wanted them to be aware of it. So that was his next step.

***John 8:7-8** They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.*

When you go into the world with a biblical worldview, you'll meet all kinds of people with opposing worldviews. Some will be sincere but clueless in their opinions, swept along by the dangerous ideas of the world. Others will be arrogant and self-righteous, determined like the Pharisees to pick a fight. Learn to tell the difference, and answer with confidence.

By the way, the clever response of Jesus worked on the accusers. Whatever he said or wrote must have struck a chord, because they finally gave up the fight.

***John 8:9** When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman.*

## Third, Jesus got personal

When Jesus finally turned to the woman caught in sin, he didn't start throwing stones at her. He got personal with her, ready to share the truth in love.

**John 8:10-11** *Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I."*

Notice that Jesus didn't try to address this touchy issue in public. He waited until the crowd was gone, and then he talked about it. Though Jesus was a great preacher, he recognized that people need individual attention. This is his plan for reaching the world: sending out mentors who are equipped to share the truth in the context of a personal relationship.

## Finally, Jesus got to the truth

After all was said and done, and once the proper groundwork was laid for the conversation, Jesus called out the woman's sin and challenged her to start living to honor God.

**John 8:11** *"Go and sin no more."*

As followers of Jesus, we believe that a biblical grid requires aligning ourselves with the perspective of Jesus. That means there is right and wrong, and we must be willing to call sin sin. Following our sinful hearts will lead to a life of destruction and hopelessness. And being unwilling to share a biblical worldview with confidence – as unpopular as it might be – is in the end not a very loving thing.

Followers of Jesus are following a man on a mission. He was always going out into the world, and so should we. But just like Jesus, we should be willing to share the truth in love, offering the world a life-changing relationship with God.

## Discussion Questions:

1. *Watch the video together or invite someone to summarize the topic.*
2. *Share an example of what it would like to like go into the world sharing the truth of the Bible without love. How is that kind of message usually received?*
3. *Read [John 8:6-8](#). What do you think Jesus might have written in the dust? Have some fun speculating about it.*
4. *Jesus showed courage in the face of the Pharisees. What are some situations in your life that require courage on your part in order to share the truth of a biblical grid?*
5. *Read [John 8:9-11](#). Why do you think Jesus waited to talk to the woman until everyone left? What did he say to her? What would you have said? What would a Pharisee have said?*
6. *Jesus told the woman to go and sin no more. Do you think she obeyed? Explain.*
7. *Write down the name of a person who needs to hear some truth from you. What do you need to say? What needs to happen in your relationship with that person in order to make him or her receptive to your message? (See [How to Help Someone Pursue God](#).)*
8. *Write a personal action step based on this conversation.*