

Caught in the act, in the trap, and in His grace

John 7:53-8:11; Deuteronomy 22:22-24, 17:6-7, 19:15-21

The trap of sin

Proverbs 5:22; 2 Peter 2:19; John 8:34

The trap of self-righteousness

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

The trap of diminishing divinity

Considerations for the week

How does this moment expose the leaders' misuse of the Law?

Jesus' initial reaction was silence. Why? How might it be significant that Jesus stooped down twice? Contrast His movements with the leaders' aggression.

Consider how Jesus' response demonstrates both justice and mercy without compromising either.

The accusers leave one by one, beginning with the older ones. What does this detail suggest about conscience, wisdom, hypocrisy?

After the accusers left, Jesus stood as He spoke with the woman. Why is this significant?

Describe instances when churches or Christians have weaponized Scripture . . . using Scripture to hurt or entrap someone, either purposefully or in perceived sincerity.

What does this moment reveal about the heart of God toward those caught in sin?

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

— John 8:11, NIV

Scripture read today
during worship:

John 7:53–8:10

Psalms 54:6-7

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Today's order of service

Prelude

Call to worship

Believer's baptism

Hymn, *Great Things*

Hymn, *Shout to the Lord*

Hymn, *What a Beautiful Name*

Offertory

Reading and prayer

Special music

The Lord Will Provide / What a Friend

Message

Hymn of response, *Same God*

Benediction

Postlude

Weekly events

Today after the benediction, Cookies & Coffee in our fellowship hall

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers.

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
Reservations required.

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: sausage (bratwurst or chicken), potatoes, veggies, salad, bread, dessert

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the parlor

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm
Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am
Meets next week, September 17

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

A representative of **Ukrainian Cru** will be with us again on Sept. 13 at 9:30, speaking about circumstances in Ukraine. She and her husband minister to soldiers, as well as widows and orphans of the war.

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Our website is at <https://rtbc.faith>

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Help is needed for client registration, October 6-8

Women's Bible study begins September 8. Studying the book of Titus

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Reception Our church pianist is retiring after 44 years. There will be a reception honoring his service Sunday, September 13, after morning worship.

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.