



# The Bible Buzz

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A Message from Pastor Dave

“Neither do I condemn you”

These words, spoken by Jesus in John's gospel chapter 8, have a comforting ring for us being removed from the situation for 20 centuries. But, think about the context in which they are spoken. A woman, perhaps 'a woman of the streets', has been trapped in the very act of adultery; perhaps by men lying in wait to catch her in this sin, in order to catch Jesus in a challenging dilemma. 'Let's see what the great compassionate teacher does with this', they think. The law of Moses says that she is to be executed by stoning. That would go against Roman law and Jesus' own teaching of compassion. To let her go is to stand against Old Covenant law. Wisely, Jesus says, 'Stone her, but only the one of you who is sinless himself'. Convicted by His words, her accusers drop their stones and creep away. And there stands Jesus, the sinless one, with many stones within reach. Shall He reach for them? He reaches for her, 'If there's no one here to condemn you, I surely won't'. He sends her on her way with the words to walk away from her life of sin. Perhaps many of her neighbors will continue to scorn her and treat her as worthy of death or worse, but she walks in the love and mercy of the Savior of the world. And so do all, no matter their sins, who trust in Him sent to 'Take away the sins of the world'.



## Lord's Acre Auction at the West Leyden Fire Hall



**Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**

**Get your tickets for the Mission Raffle – Drawing is October 6th**

**Snacks and sandwiches will be available**

