

OVERVIEW

We often tie performance to value and worth. If a car can go from 0 to 60 in a few seconds, it's worth a lot more money than an old rust-bucket that can't go more than 40 mph. People who perform well are often rewarded—like a professional athlete who gets a lucrative contract after a great season, or an actor who gets paid more for the next movie after starring in a blockbuster. What if we look at that system through the lens of the spiritual realm? How does our performance affect our relationship with God? What do we find when we turn our eyes toward Jesus to see how His upside-down Kingdom views our performance?

Scriptures: John 8:2-11 (ESV)

APPLICATION

- Dave talked about how we are drawn to things we're good at, such as hobbies. Answer his question: If money was no object, what is something you would buy for yourself to help you perform better at that thing you enjoy doing?
- The scribes and Pharisees asked Jesus what He would do with a woman caught in the act of adultery. He basically said that if you want to condemn others, you first have to make sure that you are perfect. How does that answer resonate with you and your response to others?
- God shows us in this story that He is a God of second chances. How does that line up with your perspective of who God is?
- We get disappointed with ourselves when we mess up, and we often assume that God does too. But He doesn't base our value on our performance. What do you need to do to accept that you can't do anything to make Him love you any more or any less?
- Jesus said, "go, and from now on sin no more." Is there an area of sin that you need to leave behind and "sin no more"?

NEXT STEP: As the Holy Spirit has convicted your heart and shown you areas in your life that you need to leave behind, tell a trusted friend and ask them to hold you accountable.