

Control and Condemnation

John 7:45-53 (8:1-11)

Tactics for Maintaining Control

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Teaching of the Church

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Wednesday Discussion

John 7:45-53; 8:1-11

1. Tell us about a time you were influenced to make a purchase (or felt influenced).
2. Why does manipulation work?
3. Have you ever been pulled over by the police? Did you receive mercy?
4. What do you think causes these Pharisees to turn so strongly to manipulation, vehemence, and intimidation?
5. Have you experienced or seen tactical manipulation related to the Bible and doctrine?
6. How does a person guard against being led or 'forced' down one of these paths?
7. Why does condemnation seem to come so naturally to this type of pharisaical authority?
8. By the standard Jesus set (8:7), did he have the right to throw the first stone? Why didn't he?
9. How do we show Biblical compassion and grace toward those who anger us or sicken and repulse us by their sin?
10. Do you think your sinful struggles and desires are any less angering, sickening, and repulsive to God?