

“Callus Hearts” By Kirk Hunt

This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear.

John 8:6 NKJV
Please read John 8:3-11

The Pharisees dragged her before Jesus and demanded judgment. They really did not care about truth, justice or righteousness; otherwise they would have put the adulterous *man* on trial as well. Their callus hearts really only wanted Jesus’ blood, but they would gladly spent her blood to get at Him.

Jesus taught against the Pharisees repeatedly and by name. They were a legalistic sect, often using their “commentary” on the Mosaic Law to negate or even reverse the intended meaning of the Law. Their rules, regulations and traditions added only burdens and hardships to anyone trying to live devoutly.

Jesus instead taught a new Gospel of love and grace that immediately appealed to the overworked and downtrodden. The Pharisees objected to their new second class status and sought to discredit, if not destroy, Jesus’ ministry. Being hard-hearted themselves, they decided Jesus would be most vulnerable to an opportunity to show mercy.

They did not care for the right things, only the things their callus hearts wanted. Jesus saw the clumsy trap for what it was. What they did not count on is that Jesus’ compassionate heart is linked to an intelligent mind and strongest of moral fiber.

Think: A callus heart is willing to hurt or wound others to get what it wants.

Pray: “Father-God, help me to have a heart of compassion and grace for everyone.”

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