

“LIGHT OF THE WORLD” . . . A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN *Compassion or Conviction?*

John 7:53-8:11 Pew Bible – Page 584

(Large print edition available at the tables on both sides of the Worship Center)

This story was _____ in the earliest _____ scrolls of this gospel, but Papias (a disciple of the Apostle John) seems to have known the story from oral tradition and expounded on it. However, most Christian scholars have historically considered the story _____.

We need not be afraid to teach on it, but those who revere the Scriptures should also consider all textual evidence on this passage.

Do You Live Predominantly by Compassion or Conviction?

Compassion – sympathetic _____ amplified in _____ to urgently help another in distress.

Conviction – certainty of Biblical _____ amplified in _____ to urgently convince others to acknowledge God’s truth, the commission or omission of truth as sin, and a need to repent of known sin.

These two Christian qualities are not _____ of but rather in _____ with one another.

Jesus’s Compassion and Conviction Exemplified

The scribes and Pharisees set a plan to _____ Jesus to honor God’s law and stone the woman, which would have incurred the wrath of Rome.

- The Law of _____ condemned adulterers to be stoned publicly (Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22-24), but _____ law reserved execution for their courts.

- Jesus began “to _____” on the ground.

- Jesus endorsed the law and its authority with great _____, but He required that the law be observed in a proper spirit of self-evaluation and _____ (John 1:17; Matthew 5:17-20).

Our Response



EXPERIENCE FAITH

Encounter God
MATTHEW 18:20

Experience God Together
MATTHEW 22:37-40

Empty Self
PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

AUGUST 24, 2025

FOUNDATIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

**A SPECIAL TWO-PART SERIES EVENT FOR
NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS AS AN IN-DEPTH
INTRODUCTION TO FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH**

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COLLEGE STUDENTS



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OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE FAITH

Welcome to each of our guests! Thank you so much for coming. We hope you are blessed today and will come again very soon. It would help us greatly if you will complete the tear-off section of this bulletin and turn it in after the service at the E³ CENTRAL desk in the main foyer or in the offering stands at the exit doors. We have a gift at E³ CENTRAL for each first-time guest and will follow up with you by telephone.

Pray For Israel and Ukraine

The process of preparing a proposed 2026 church budget has begun, and requests for inclusion in the budget are due in the Administration Office by next Sunday.

Welcome Back College Students

We welcome our university students who have been away for the summer back to our city and Faith family. We appreciate and love our college ministry and the contributions each student makes to our church. We celebrate the beginning of the school year today as we also thank those students who were summer missionaries around the world. Following the 11:00 a.m. service, there is a luncheon in room 524b in the Family Life Center for all college students.

Church T-Shirt

Our annual church t-shirt will be distributed following both worship services next Sunday in the main Worship Center foyer. You must be present to receive a shirt. Remaining shirts will be available the following week through Sunday, September 7 for those who can not be here next Sunday.

Foundations Sunday, September 7

The next Foundations Sunday for those ready to join our Faith Baptist family or who want to hear more about who we are and what it means to be a member here is September 7! Participants will meet for a great breakfast session at 9:45 and a wonderful dinner session at 5:30 in room 524b in the Family Life Center. If you know someone who needs to come, they can sign up by marking the bulletin tear off and placing it in the offering stands or taking it to the E³ CENTRAL desk or simply calling the Church Office! Deadline to sign up is next Sunday.

Ladies' Bible Study

A Ladies' Bible study ***Understanding the Last Days*** begins Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in room 124. We are living in prophetic times and the signs are converging at a rapid pace. This study will help you understand these signs and will show you that the world isn't falling apart but is coming together. Ladies of all ages are invited to attend. To register call Sheryl Alexander in the Church Office or go by the table in the Worship Center foyer this morning.

PARENT ROOM to assist parents with restless children, the Parent Room is to your right as you sit in the Worship Center. Sound, windows into the Worship Center, and subdued lighting are available.

E³ CENTRAL is located in the Rhea Road foyer outside the Worship Center. It is the place to go for information about preschool, children's, youth and adult activities and all things in church life.

Faith Fellowship Supper

Our Wednesday night meals are at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Wednesday's menu is taco stack, rice, beans and dessert. Cost is \$5/person (\$20 family maximum for immediate family members) and \$2 for college students. Tickets are available each Wednesday in the Family Life Center starting at 5:15 with serving starting at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Activities

A new semester of Wednesday night youth, children and preschool ministries and adult equip classes begin Wednesday at 6:15. We hope you will attend one of these excellent opportunities to grow in your discipleship. Students 7-12 grade meet in Fellowship Hall; children grades 1-6 meet upstairs of the FLiC and Mission Friends for 4's and 5's and preschool children meet in the Preschool Wing. There four awesome adult equip classes being offered this semester.

"Gospeler: Turning Darkness into Light One Conversation at a Time" – facilitated by Kevin Thomas, John Gill, and Dwayne McKee in room 124 – no cost.

"Genesis" – led by Mike Snow and Paul Simmons in room 122 – no cost.

"The Beatitudes" – facilitated by Brett Storseth in Reception Hall – no cost

"He Speaks to Me" – ladies study led by Paula Compton in room 123 – Cost \$20.
(also available at 10:00 a.m. in Reception Hall)

Youth Intern

We welcome Maddie Land to our staff as our Youth Ministry intern. Maddie began her work this past Monday, working with Minister of Youth and Missions Caleb Parrish to strengthen our Youth Ministry. Pray for Maddie, Caleb and our youth as they serve and grow together.



Faith Baptist Church Women's Ministry
presents

Abide in Rest

September 6, 2025
8:30AM-1:00PM


Rachel Lovingood
Conference Speaker

Cost \$10



Experience God Together with Us

8:00 a.m. Streaming of last week's sermon available online
8:30 a.m. Blended Worship in the Worship Center
9:45 a.m. Small Group Sunday School classes for all ages
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center