

# Re-Radicalized

## Devotional on the Sermon on the Mount

Week 6

### Day 27

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from DAY 26 with the Lord)

Read the text: Matthew 5:27-30 (Jot down words that you want to reflect on)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- The *woman*, in verse 26, is an example of any kind of lust (strong desire). What sort of "lusts" have been tugging at your heart and mind?
- Self-evaluate: Do you think you're taking this sin as serious as Jesus does? (vs. 29-30)
- What does 1 John 1:9 tell you about God's forgiveness?

Summarize: Now take a moment to go back and pour over your observations as well as your responses to the questions.

Engage with God: Bring your thoughts, questions, and desire for change to the Lord for his forgiveness, wisdom, correction, guidance, and direction.

#### Extra Questions To Consider

1. What is the Lord saying to you personally?
2. What do you need to pray about?
3. With whom does the Lord want you to share this devotional?
4. Who has the Lord placed on your heart to pray for and invite to church?

#### Digging Deeper

- Let's begin with forgiveness: Read Isaiah 1:18; 43:25; Daniel 9:9; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19; Ephesians 1:7 and draw a conclusion about God's forgiveness.
- Why do you think Jesus went beyond just the external physical act of adultery and moved the issue internally to the heart and mind (lust)?
- As mentioned above, the *woman* (v.26) is one of many forms of lust as we consider the whole counsel of Scripture. Consider for a moment what causes you to lust, not just with your eyes, but also with your mind and heart? (Examples: TV/movies, the *Fifty Shades of Gray* kind of books, grocery store tabloids, pornography, people dressed provocatively, money, image or possessions)
- Apply James 1:14-15 to this passage in Matthew.
- Evaluate the Lord's seriousness on the issue of lust with how you have dealt with it.
- What changes do you need to make in order for your heart and mind to pursue Christ first?