

## “Stone Throwers Wanted”

### 1. READ

**Scripture: John 8: 7-9 New King James Version (NKJV)**

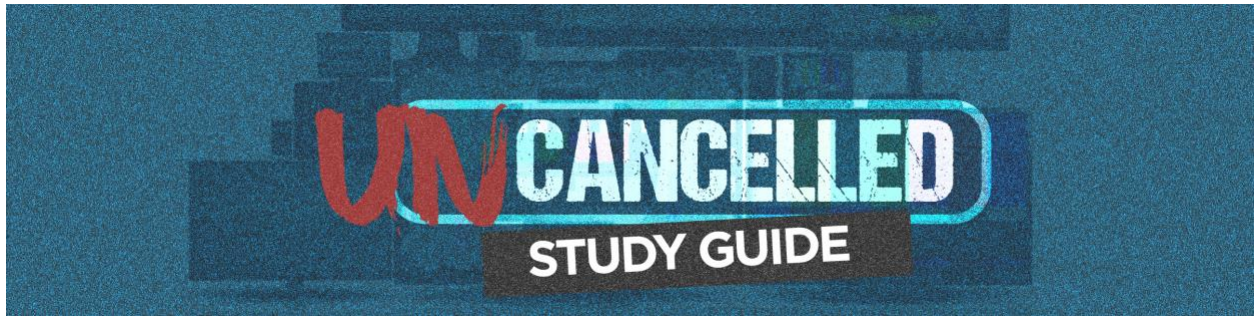
<sup>7</sup> So when they continued asking Him, He <sup>[u]</sup>raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” <sup>8</sup> And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> Then those who heard *it*, being <sup>[h]</sup>convicted by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest *even* to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

**Scripture: Romans 7:13-25 New King James Version (NKJV)**

Romans 7: 13 – 25 <sup>13</sup> Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. <sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup> For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. <sup>16</sup> If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that *it is* good. <sup>17</sup> But now, *it is* no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find. <sup>19</sup> For the good that I will *to do*, I do not do; but the evil I will not *to do*, that I practice. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I will not *to do*, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

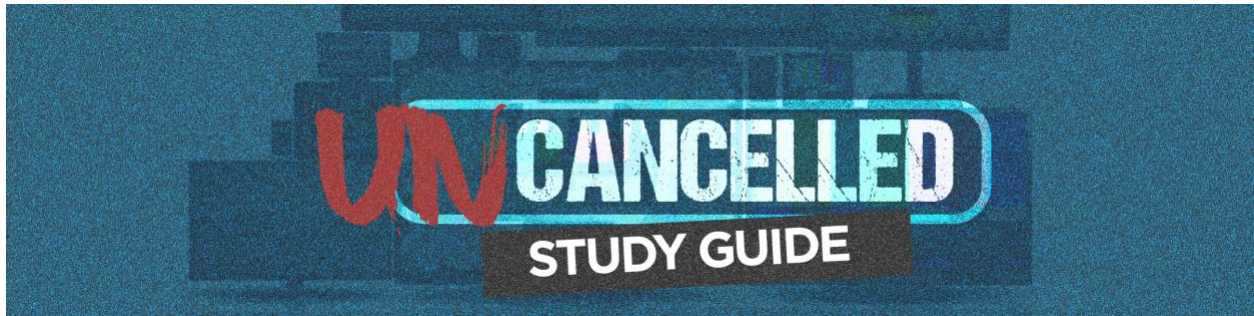
<sup>21</sup> I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. <sup>23</sup> But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. <sup>24</sup> O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.



**Scripture: Matthew 7: 1-5 New King James Version (NKJV)**

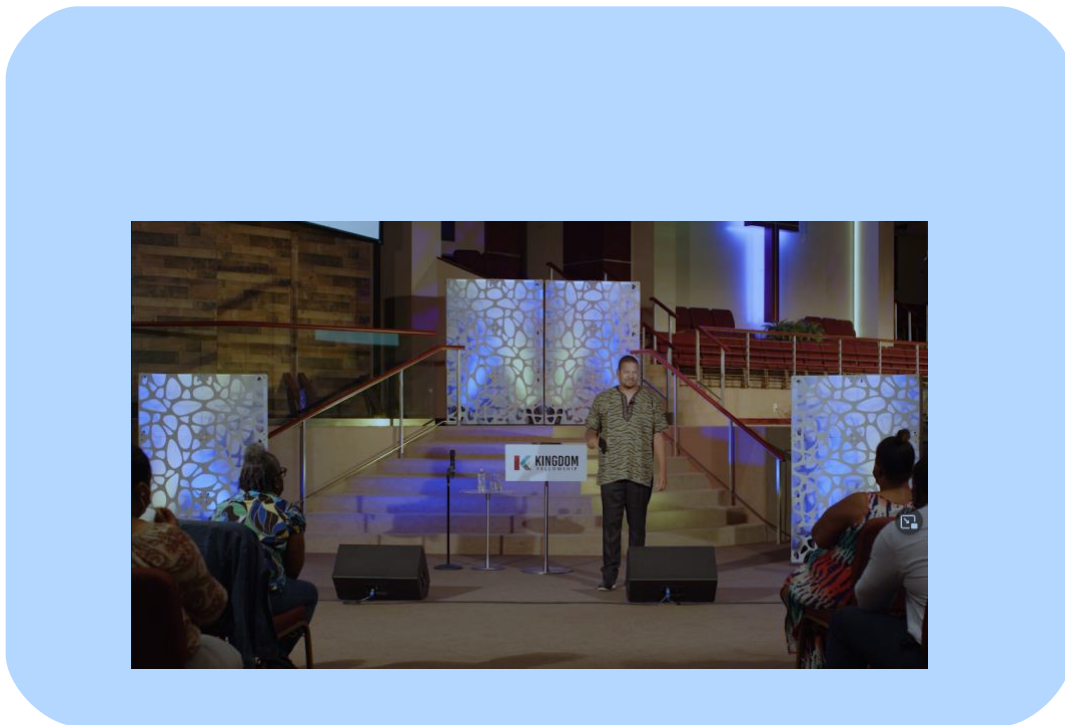
Matthew 7:1-5. “Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup>For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. <sup>3</sup>And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank *is* in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.



**Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: John 8: Genesis 3: Matthew 7: Romans 7**

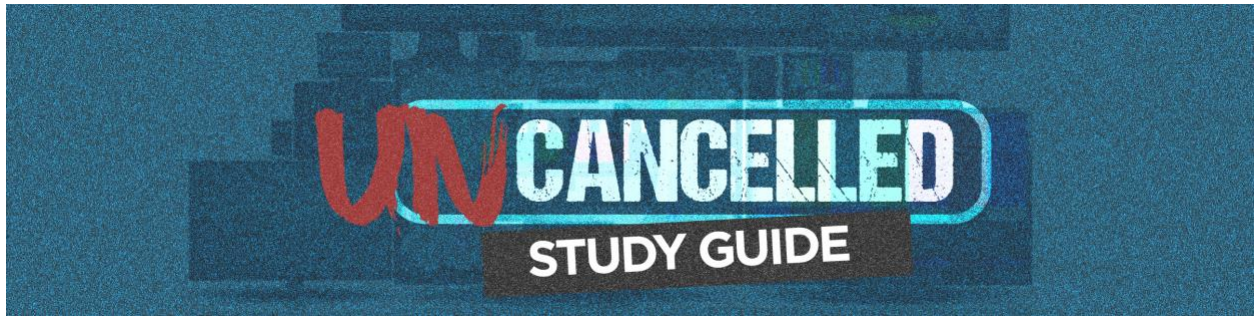
## 2. REFLECT

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Pastor Watley continues his new sermon series this week entitled “Uncancelled.” Pastor is using the story in the 8th chapter of the Gospel according to John to teach us these points from being uncancelled. Last week he preached a listing of the entire scripture. However, this week he will use only verses 7-9. Pastor’s title for today’s sermon is “Stone Throwers Wanted.” In his introduction, Pastor reminds us that this scripture is popular today, the term “He who is without sin let me cast the first stone.”

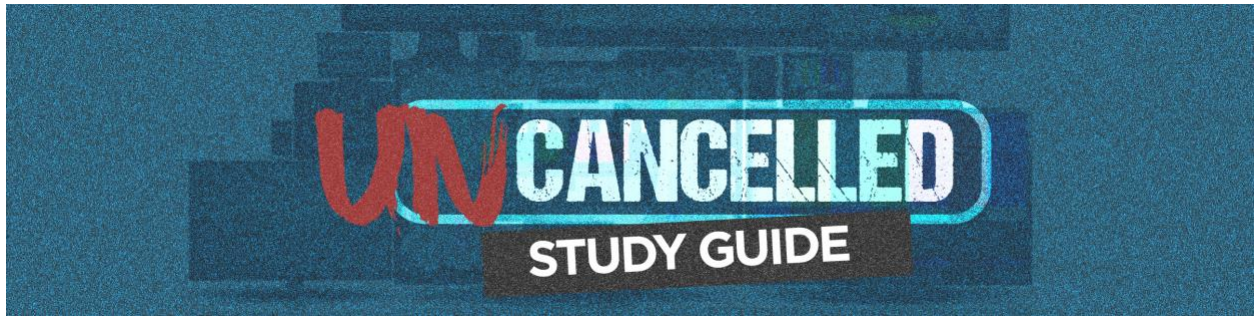
- Pastor explains that this can lead us to: A culture of moral relativism
- Which can lead to hyper pluralism
- And that can lead to secular humanism



When you end at secular humanism, you're at the place where you believe that you can police yourself and that, as we know, isn't true. Pastor shares that if we end here in secular humanism, we also believe that we do not need God. The truth is we're all sinners, and we need God. Pastor explains this with these points:

- **Jesus acknowledges that she is a sinner** – this is in that statement "he who is without sin cast the first stone." Pastor reminds us of several moments throughout the Bible of Sin from Genesis 3 with Adam and Eve to the coming of Jesus and now.
  - Types of Sin Pastor listed
  - Individual sins
  - Ceremonial sins
  - Sins of the heart
  - Linguistic sins
  - Sexual sins
  - Pastor reminds us that we are ALL sinners and that Paul stated this in his text in Romans the 7th chapter verses 13 to 25.
- **Jesus recognizes she is a sinner and that sin demands a penalty.**
  - Pastor makes the statement, "Sin pays by direct deposit." We deserve death because of our sin, but this isn't a physical death. It's a spiritual and connection with God death.
  - Pastor points out that the fact that we are alive is an example of God's amazing grace. We deserve death, but God decided to send Jesus for us.
- **Jesus does not declassify sin, nor does he nullify the punishment for sin,** but instead, He seeks someone qualified to render the punishment.
  - Pastor shares with us the Jesus didn't try to save her from her sin but wanted to find someone qualified enough to punish her.
  - There was none, so they all left, from the oldest to the youngest.

There was no one left to judge this woman outside of Jesus, and He didn't judge her but told her to go and sin no more. Jesus couldn't have any stone-throwers because we are all sinners, but thanks be to God for God's grace.



## 1. RESPOND

### **Introspective Questions**

- ï In what ways have you been judged but now know that God has given you grace?
- ï In what ways have you judged others but know that they also deserve the grace that God has given you?

### **Discussion Questions**

- ï What do you think the younger people watching this scene thought when they saw the older men leaving one after another?
- ï What do you think Jesus was writing down in the ground in front of the men ?