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One of the greatest pictures of forgiveness in the Bible is that of the woman caught in adultery and brought to Jesus for judgment. Those that brought her before Jesus were shocked and awed both by His response of compassion toward her and His introspective way of revealing to them their own shortcomings and sins. His lesson was two-fold: Mercy is greater than judgment, and if not for the grace of God, there go I.

A short time later Jesus completed His message of forgiveness and grace as He hung on the cross of Calvary. He died for that woman in adultery and for those who crucified Him as well as for you and I. His words still ring through the ages...*"forgive them Father for they know not what they do."* As we carry the Gospel message forward, we should do so with the same attitude Jesus expressed on the cross. When we preach on sin, we should be merciful and always assume they didn't mean to do it.

Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for forgiving me and always thinking the best of me. Help me to reflect that same attitude of grace toward others today so that they, too, may come into the knowledge of Your love.

Scriptures for Today

Luke 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. (KJV)

Matthew 7:1 Judge not, that you be not judged. (NKJV)