

## 不再定罪

如今那些属于基督耶稣里的人，就不被定罪了。—— 罗马书 8:1

嗨，孩子们！想象一下以下这三种情形：一是遇见你的朋友，二是陌生人，三是不喜欢的人时，你的态度和反应会是怎样？哇，当遇到朋友时，相信你会大老远就打招呼：“嗨！”然后甚至你和你的朋友来个击掌或拥抱，对吧！但如果你出门时遇到一位陌生的邻居，你们彼此并不真正了解对方，我想你可能会快速地向对方点点头，或者只是走过去而已。但是如果遇到不喜欢的人，甚至更糟糕的情形，一个不喜欢你的人，你会如何反应？你会把头扭向另一边当作没看见？或者你会双手抱胸并且怒视对方？哦，我希望不是这种情形。



但是你知道吗？在圣经里就有两种人是这样的。你能猜到他们是谁吗？答案是犹太人和撒玛利亚人！在耶稣时代，犹太人和撒玛利亚人并不喜欢彼此。这意味着如果撒玛利亚人或犹太人在路上看到对方时，他们可能不会互相微笑或打招呼。在那段时间里，犹太人和撒玛利亚人并不是朋友，他们双方都想方设法要避开对方。今天的圣经故事从耶稣和祂的门徒来到撒玛利亚开始，就是撒玛利亚人居住的地方。耶稣和祂的门徒都是犹太人。那么他们到撒玛利亚做什么呢？让我们一起来了解一下。

约翰福音第 4 章告诉我们，耶稣和祂的门徒进入撒玛利亚后，他们来到一个井边。由于是午饭时间，门徒们决定去买点吃的，留下耶稣独自一个人坐在井旁。这时，一位撒玛利亚妇女来打水。“你好，”耶稣说，“你能给我一杯水吗？”这位撒玛利亚女人惊呆了！“我？”她说：“我是撒玛利亚人，而你是犹太人。你怎么向我要水呢？”令她惊讶的是，耶稣说：“你不知道我是谁。如果你知道我是谁，你就会求我给你活水。”这女人更加困惑了。“你怎么能给我活水呢？你连打水的水桶都没有，又如何从这口井里取水？”女人以为耶稣想喝水是因为祂渴了，但这根本不是耶稣的意思。



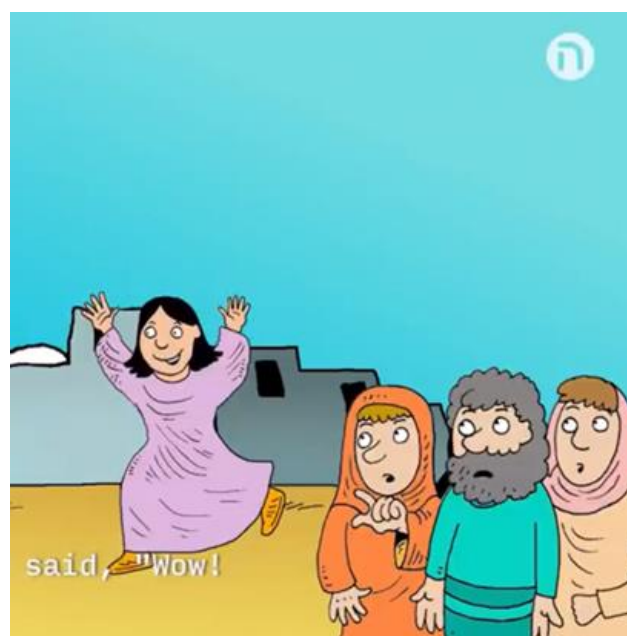
你看，耶稣不但知道这女人的人生是多么的悲哀和孤独，耶稣也了解这女人这辈子所做的所有错误选择导致了她的人生是如此糟糕。她做了一些让别人皱眉头的事，大家都在她背后说她的闲话和坏话。“啧啧~啧啧~啧啧！你看她。”想必他们这样鄙夷的议论她：“她应该为自己感到羞耻！她怎么有脸出来见人？”那天，耶稣亲切地和这女人说话。耶稣并没有看不起她，更没有说她的坏话。如果耶稣只是出于礼貌而表现出对她友善，那么这会令她心想：“哦，他只是个陌生人而已，他并不知道我到底是谁，更不知道我过去做了什么。”但耶稣去撒玛利亚并不是仅仅为了和这女人友好地闲谈，祂是去帮助她解脱她的耻辱和孤独。



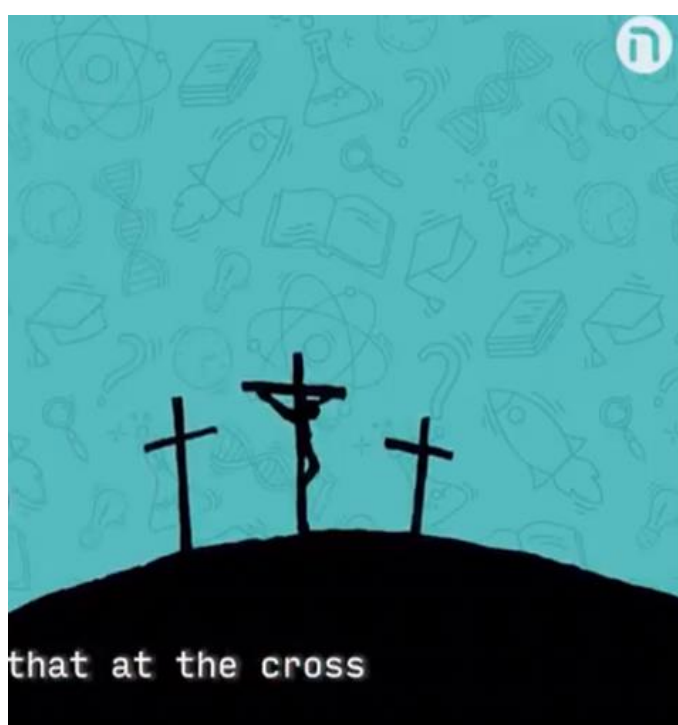
那天，耶稣让这女人知道，尽管祂知道她过去所做的所有糟糕的选择和错误，但耶稣非但没有像其他人一样令她感到难堪和悲伤。相反，耶稣令她感到被爱。“哇！”这女人自言自语的说：“祂知道我的一切，但祂仍然关心我！”就这样，女人开始觉得非常非常开心。像水装满空桶一样，耶稣对她奇妙的爱充满了她干渴的心。正像水能洗去污垢一样，耶稣的爱将她心中所有的不好的和丑陋的东西都洗净了！



这位撒玛利亚女人是如此的激动，她一下子撇下水桶不管了，一路飞奔回到城里，兴高采烈地对大家说：“嘿，大家快来看这个人，祂告诉了我我所做过的一切！”人们看到这女人反常的举动，纷纷感叹说：“哇！她怎么了？她怎么这么开心？”你知道答案吗？是的。答案是：耶稣对她的爱使她变得坚强起来和快乐起来！可是等等，这是不是就是说，不该做的事，她都可以做呢？是不是意味着就因为耶稣爱我们，所以做错事和做坏事都无所谓呢？答案是：“不”！绝对不会是这样。因为做错事和做出愚蠢的选择总是会带来糟糕的后果。

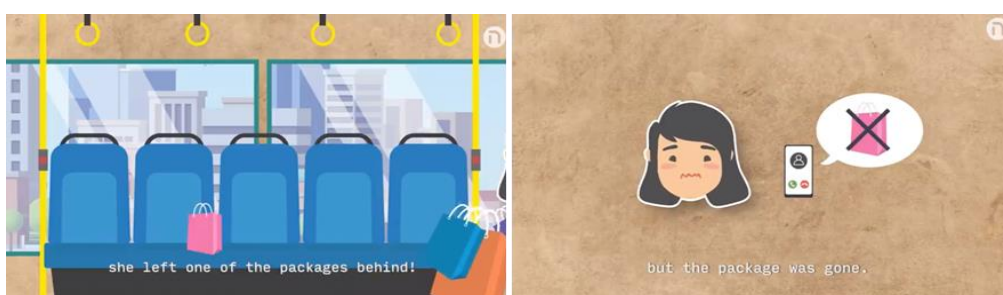


圣经告诉我们，犯罪必会受到惩罚！那么，耶稣怎么可以仍然爱和接纳这个过着罪恶生活的女人呢？让我们将圣经翻到罗马书 8 章第 1 节来查找答案，圣经说：“如今那些属于基督耶稣里的人，就不被定罪了。”“不定罪”与“无罪”的意思相同。正如耶稣知道这个女人所做的所有过错一样，祂也知道祂很快就会为这女人所做的一切上十字架。耶稣知道祂将要在十字架上为这女人所有的过错和错误的选择而付出代价；祂知道，祂将会替代这女人接受她应得的惩罚，惟有这样才能让这女人享受所有她不应得的爱和仁慈！那天，耶稣的爱和接纳使得这位撒玛利亚女人变得如此坚强，使得她一直以来的羞耻感一扫而光，她是如此的如释重负，她兴高采烈地向大家宣告说：“大家快来看看这个人，祂告诉了我我所做过的一切！”

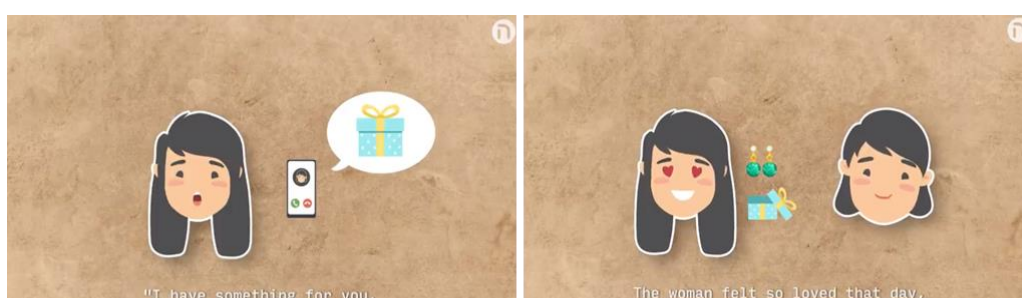
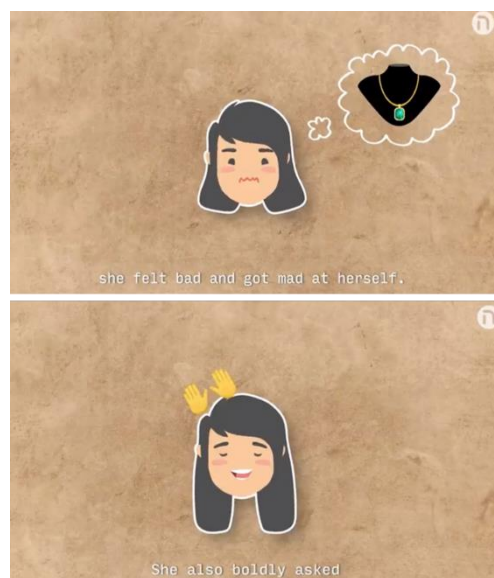


哇！好消息是，神对那位撒玛利亚女人不再定罪，同样，神对现在的我们也不再定罪了。因着耶稣在十字架上已经为我们一生所做的一切过失、错误和失败都付出了代价，所以现在无论我们做了什么，我们信靠祂的人都不会被定罪。因此，当我们失败或陷入困境时，不要羞愧地低下头，而是，我们仍然可以大胆地接受祂的爱，使我们从错误失败中得解脱，重新得力坚强勇敢地生活。

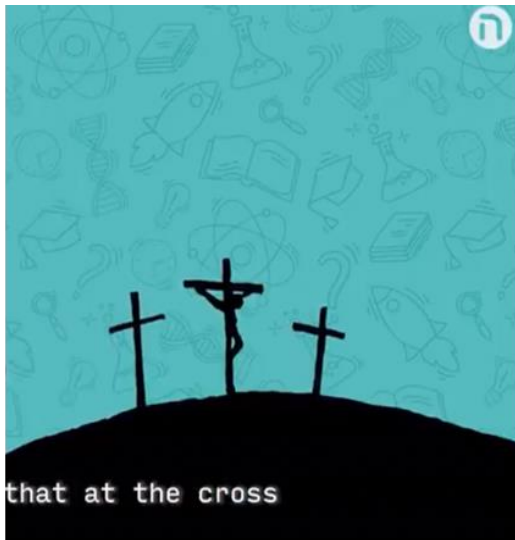
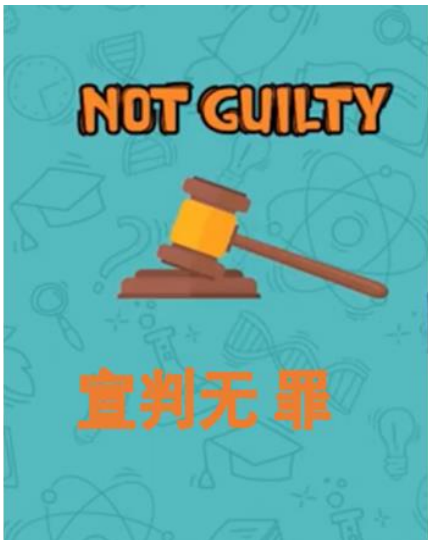
接下来我们来分享一个见证。就是我们教会的一位女士，她丢失了一件非常宝贵的东西所发生的事。一天，她在商店里看到一件她非常喜欢的珠宝，于是她决定存钱把它买下来。当她所存的钱足够时，她很开心，马上去那商店把那件珠宝买下。她离开商店后，坐上一辆公共汽车回家。由于回家的路很长，于是她把在商店买的所有包裹都放在她旁边的座位上。到站下车的时候，她不小心落下一个袋子在车上，那正是装那件珠宝的袋子。她发现后马上打电话给巴士公司，但那个袋子还是不见了。



每每想起这件事，她就觉得很难过，生自己的气，“我怎么会这么粗心？做这种蠢事！”几年过去了，但每次想起那件丢失的珠宝，她还是会难受，一次又一次得恼怒自己。直到今年，她决定原谅自己的粗心大意，“**我已经被宽恕了。耶稣都不责怪我了，所以我也不要再责怪自己了！**”那天，她感谢主对她这么好，她还大胆地求主再赐一份同样贵重的珠宝给她。就在接下来的一周，她妈妈给她打电话，说：“我有东西给你，你过来取吧。”你能猜到那是什么吗？是的！是一件漂亮的首饰！她妈妈说：“这个我保存了很多年，但现在我想让你拥有它。”那天，这位女士感到如此被爱，不仅是来自她的妈妈，还有来自主的爱！



孩子们，今天我们听到了多么棒的好消息啊！我们学习到因为我们属于耶稣，所以我们可以从过失导致的定罪和耻辱中得到解脱和释放。让我们再来回顾一下今天的背诵经文，请把你的圣经翻到罗马书 8 章 1 节，你可能也想把它标记出来，“如今那些属于基督耶稣里的人，就不被定罪了。”“不定罪”这是什么意思呢？这是在说：耶稣知道关于你的一切，祂仍然爱你和接纳你本来的样子。这意味着当祂看着你时，祂在对你说：“不再有定罪了！你已经从失败和耻辱中得释放了，因为我已经为你付出了代价！”



今天，如果你仍然为自己说过或做过的事情感到难过或生气，请不要让自己困在那个孤单、内疚和耻辱的角落。因为耶稣，今天我们可以自如地从错误或失败中走出来，并且大胆地接受祂对我们的所有爱。让我们一起祷告说：“感谢主耶稣，感谢你为我所做的一切！感谢你在十字架上承担了我应得的所有惩罚和耻辱，并给了我配得的爱和仁慈。因为你在十字架上所完成的工作，我不再有内疚和耻辱，我被宽恕了，我是被爱的，我是蒙福的！所有孩子一起说‘阿们！’”

孩子们，如果你正在听这个故事，你从来没有邀请耶稣进入你的生命，成为你的主和救主，你现在可以这样做，跟着我重复这个祷告：“亲爱的主耶稣，感谢你为我死在十字架上。你是神的儿子，你死了，也被埋葬，第三天又复活了。你宝血洗去了我所有的罪，使我得以永远与阿爸天父在一起。我请求你现在进入我的生命里，成为我的主和救主，我永远是个义人，永远是有福的，永远是神的孩子。奉耶稣的名，阿们！”

## **NO CONDEMNATION**

**There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus ... -- Romans 8:1, NKJV**

Hey Rock Kidz! What do you do when you see a friend? You smile and say, "Hi!" And if you can, you might even greet each other with an elbow bump or a high-five! But what if you're not friends? Hmm. Well, if you don't really know each other, you might do a quick nod, or simply walk on by. Here's another question. What do you do if you meet someone you don't like? Or worse, someone who doesn't like you? Do you look the other way? Or do you fold your arms and scowl at each other? I hope the answer is neither.

But did you know two groups of people in the Bible who did just that? See if you can fill in the blanks to find out who they were. The Jews and the Samaritans! During the time of Jesus, the Jews and the Samaritans did not like each other. This meant that if a Samaritan or a Jew saw each other on the road, they probably would not smile at each other or say "hi". During that time, the Jews and Samaritans were not friends and tried their best to avoid each other. Today's Bible story starts with Jesus and his disciples in Samaria, the land of the Samaritans. Jesus and His disciples were Jews. So what were they doing in Samaria? Let's find out. John 4 tells us that in Samaria, Jesus and His men came to a well. Since it was lunch time, the disciples decided to go buy some food. Jesus was sitting by himself at the well when a Samaritan woman arrived to get some water. "Hello," Jesus said, "can you please give Me a drink of water?" The Samaritan woman was shocked! "Me?" she said, "I'm a Samaritan and You're a Jew. How can you ask me for water?" To her surprise, Jesus said, "You don't know who I am. If you knew who I really am, you would ask Me to give you living water." This confused the Samaritan woman even more. "How could you give me living water? You don't even have a bucket to get water from this well!" The woman thought that Jesus wanted a drink because He was thirsty. But that was not what Jesus meant at all.

You see, Jesus knew that the woman was sad and lonely. He also knew that the reason was because of all the bad choices she had made in life. The woman had done things that made other people frown and talk behind her back. "Tsk, tsk, tsk, tsk! Look at her." They probably said. "She should be ashamed of herself. How dare she come here?" That day, Jesus spoke kindly to the woman. He did not look down on her or say bad things about her. Now, if that was all Jesus did, be kind and polite to the woman, then the woman would have said to herself, "Oh, He's just a stranger, He doesn't know who I am and what I have done." But Jesus did not go all the way to Samaria just to have a friendly chat with the woman. He was there to help her break free from her shame and her loneliness.

That day, Jesus let the woman know that He knew all the bad choices and mistakes she had made. But instead of making her feel bad and sad like everyone else, Jesus made her feel loved. “Wow!” the woman said to herself, “He knows everything about me, but He still cares for me!” Just like that, the woman started to feel very, very glad. Like water filling an empty bucket, His amazing love for her filled her dry and thirsty heart. And just like water that washes dirt away, Jesus’s love pushed out all the bad and ugly things in her heart.

She became so happy that she left her water pot and ran all the way back to town. “Hey everyone! Come see a Man who told me everything I ever did,” the happy woman said. When the people saw this, they said, “Wow! What happened to her? Why is she so happy?” Did you know the answer? Yes. The answer is that Jesus’ love for her made her strong and happy. But wait. Does this mean that it was alright for her to do all the things she shouldn’t have done? Does doing wrong and behaving badly become okay just because Jesus loves us? The answer is “no!”. Doing wrong and making foolish choices always come with bad consequences.

The Bible tells us that sin has to be punished. So how could Jesus still love and accept the woman who had lived sinful life? Let’s flip our Bibles to Romans 8: 1 and find out. It says, “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus ...” “No condemnation” means the same as “not guilty”. Just as Jesus knew about all the wrong the woman had done, He also knew of all that He would soon do for her at the cross. Jesus knew that at the cross, He would pay the price for all her mistakes and bad choices. He knew that He would take the punishment that she deserved so that she could enjoy all the love and kindness that she did not deserve. That day, Jesus’ love and acceptance made the Samaritan woman strong. Instead of feeling ashamed all the time, the woman became so free of guilt that she announced, “Come! Meet a Man who told me everything I ever did!”

Wow! What was true for the Samaritan woman, is true for us as well. Because of what Jesus has done for us at the cross, no matter what we have done, there is therefore now no condemnation for us who put our trust in Him. So instead of hanging our heads in shame when we fail or mess up, we can boldly receive His love that gives us the power to break free from our mistakes and live our lives strong and bold.

Let me tell you what happened to a woman from our church who lost something very valuable. There was a piece of jewellery that she really liked. She saved her money and when she had enough, she happily bought it for herself. She left the shop and got on a bus. It was a long ride home. So she put out a bag and the packages on the seat beside her. When it was time to get off, she left one of the packages behind! It was the one with the expensive piece of jewellery. She called the bus company, but the package was gone.



Each time she remembered what happened, she felt bad and got mad at herself. "How could I have been so careless? What a foolish thing to do!" Years passed, but each time she thought about the lost jewellery, she felt upset and annoyed with herself all over again. Then this year, she decided to forgive herself for her careless mistake. "I am forgiven. Jesus doesn't blame me. So I shall stop blaming myself." That day she thanked the Lord for being so good to her. She also boldly asked that she would get back the same amount she had lost. The very next week, her mother called her. "I have something for you. come and get it." Can you guess what it was? Yes! A beautiful piece of jewellery! Her mother said, "I've kept this for many years, but now I want you to have it." The woman felt so loved that day, not just by her mum, but by the Lord as well.

Hey Rock Kidz, what good news we have heard today! We heard that because we belong to Jesus, we are free from condemnation and shame. Let's look at our memory verse again today. Do highlight it in your Bibles as well. Romans 8: 1. "There is therefor now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus ..." "No condemnation", what does that mean? It means that Jesus knows everything about you, and He still loves and accepts you for who you are. It means that when He looks at you, He says, "Not guilty! You are free from failure and shame because I have paid the price for you!"

Today, if you're feeling bad or mad at yourself for something that you have said or done, don't stay in that lonely place of guilt and shame. Because of Jesus we are free to step away from that mistake or failure, and boldly receive all of His love for us today. Let's do that right now. Say this with me, "Thank you Lord Jesus, for all that You have done for me. Thank you that at the cross You took all the punishment and shame I deserve, and gave me Your love and goodness which I do not deserve. Because of Your finished work at the cross, I am free from guilt and shame. I am forgiven. I am loved. I am blessed." And all the the Rock Kidz say, "Amen!"

**Hey Rock Kidz, if you are listening to this story and you've never asked Jesus to come into your life to be your Lord and Saviour, you can do so now. Just repeat this prayer after me, "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me. You are the Son of God, who died, was buried and on the third day, you rose again. Your precious blood washed away all my sins making me forever right with Daddy God. I ask You now to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. I am forever righteous, forever blessed, forever a child of God. In Jesus' name," and everyone say, "Amen."**