

# SERMON NOTES

February 25 & 26, 2023

## Am I the Problem? Thou Shall Not Judge

Matthew 7:1-2

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2. Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_ the spirit of condemnation and judgmentalism and \_\_\_\_\_ to humanity. **Luke 15:2 | Luke 11:39-40,42,44-45 | John 3:17 | Romans 8:1**

3. Jesus is not saying:

a. Give up \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

b. Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

c. Put up with \_\_\_\_\_

4. I have been \_\_\_\_\_ by the kingdom of earth to pass judgment as a way to \_\_\_\_\_ others and \_\_\_\_\_ my own desires.

5. I judge others because \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 15: 29-30**

6. Action Steps:

a. I will ask God to \_\_\_\_\_ my spirit of judgment with a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.

b. I will judge others with a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mathew 7:2**

c. I will judge evil with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 8:1**

# Life Steps

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## Monday

**Matthew 7:1-2**

**Reflect:** Using your own words, what is the essence of Jesus' teaching in these two verses? How does judging, whether we are the judge or the judged, affect our relationship with God? With others?

**Prayer:** God, make me an oasis of acceptance in a desert of condemnation.

## Tuesday

**Luke 11:38-46**

**Reflect:** In these verses, Jesus seems to go against his own teaching about judging. How do you reconcile His words? What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

**Prayer:** God, make me an oasis of acceptance in a desert of condemnation.

## Wednesday

**Luke 15:1-2**

**Reflect:** What is the flaw with the Pharisees' perception of Jesus and those with whom he associates? Evaluate yourself when it comes to judging others. How consistent is it with what Jesus asks His followers to do? Explain.

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## Thursday

**John 3:16-17**

**Reflect:** How does John describe Jesus' mission? If that is Jesus' mission, and we are followers of Jesus, how does that impact how we relate to others?

**Prayer:** God, make me an oasis of acceptance in a desert of condemnation.

## Friday

**Romans 8:1-2**

**Reflect:** What is the extent of God's forgiveness for you because of Jesus' death and resurrection? How secure are you in God's opinion of you and His judgement of you? Explain.

**Prayer:** God, make me an oasis of acceptance in a desert of condemnation.

## Saturday

**John 13:37-38 | John 21:1-19**

**Reflect:** Jesus never condemned Peter. Why did Jesus foretell Peter would fall? How does Jesus respond to Peter's failure? How can this help you as you sin?

**Prayer:** God, make me an oasis of acceptance in a desert of condemnation.

## Sunday

**Luke 15:11-30**

**Reflect:** How does the older son show judgment of his younger brother? How does he show judgment of his father? How does the father's attitude toward each of his sons demonstrate Jesus' teaching about not judging?

**Prayer:** God, make me an oasis of acceptance in a desert of condemnation.