

The Art of Gentleness

One of the amazing things of Jesus' ministry was His ability to be gentle during difficult times.

Earliest manuscripts of John do not include this story. Is it because it didn't happen, because the subject matter, or the debatable content?

When the woman caught in adultery was brought before Jesus, who was He teaching and what was His lesson?

Gentleness was Jesus' choice when . . .

Teaching

What did the Pharisees need to learn?	<i>What did the woman need to learn?</i>
* Don't be quick to _____.	* <i>She had <u>Value</u> in God's sight.</i>
* The need for _____.	* <i><u>Loved</u> though a sinner.</i>
* Changed by God's _____.	* <i><u>Forgiveness</u> is possible.</i>

Confronting

As the teachers tried to push Jesus into a trap.
He did not speak,
but bent down and said nothing, right away.

Correcting

Harshness applied to *failure* creates further _____.

Gentleness applied to *failure* brings healing and _____.

He did address the sin and her need to leave that lifestyle.

Gentleness can be our response
when grace and sufficient direction
are needed after a mistake.

The Pharisees had 3 motivating energies:

Anger that wanted to _____ Jesus.

Pride that wanted to _____ the woman.

Judgment that hoped to justify their _____.

These three emotions are common motivators
in arguments.

Next Week: "A Life Changing Day"
Jesus healed the man with a legion of demons.