

# Navigating Tough Times: HOPE

John 8:1-11

**We can have hope in troubled times because of Jesus.**

## **A. The Picture**

- Jesus was teaching the people in the temple.
- The religious set a trap for Jesus, seeking to accuse Him of breaking the law.
- They are all carrying rocks.

## **B. The People**

- The people in the temple.
- The scribes & Pharisees.
- The accused.
- Jesus.

## **C. The Problem**

- The woman had been caught in the act of unfaithfulness.
- The punishment according to the law of Moses was death by stoning.
- Her situation seemed hopeless.

## **D. The Power of the Peculiar**

- Jesus stoops and writes on the ground with his finger.
- Jesus stands up & makes a powerful statement.
- Jesus stoops again to draw in the dirt.
- Rocks fall. The religious leaders depart.

## **E. The Proclamation**

- Go and sin no more.

## **PERSPECTIVE**

- Life is full of circumstances & situations that seem void of hope.
- Jesus can bring hope from a messy life or situation.
- When abundant grace is given, new-found hope arrives.
- Our hope is Jesus. He is the author of hope.