

“ Last year one of my classmates told me that she went too far with a guy she met through a social-network. She had never seen him before.



A DIFFERENT VIEW

- On previous occasions, I had tried to discourage her from acting that way. I told her that it wasn't the right thing to do and that she was giving away something very important. I was powerless to do anything else to influence her, and in the end, she didn't change her mind and didn't want to think about the consequences of her choice. **I felt really sad.**
- **This year**, we were still in the same class, and I tried not to lose our friendship, even though we don't always share the same ideas.
- One day– this was truly unexpected – she came to me and said: **“You know, I understood that I made a big mistake last year. I'm really sorry, I have a different view of my body now.”**
- At that moment I realized that I did the right thing by speaking up and that my words hadn't been useless.
- **This experience made me realize that we must never give up, even when we're the only ones who stand up for certain truths.**”

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«Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her»

(John 8:7)

With these words, Jesus certainly isn't trying to be indifferent about wrongdoing. His words: **“Go, and from now on do not sin anymore,”** clearly express **God's commandment.**

Is this the way that Jesus is showing us how to act?

Speaking in this way, Jesus also addresses those who, in the name of the law, ignore the person involved and don't think about the repentance that sinners may feel in their hearts. This clearly shows what Jesus' attitude is toward one who has done wrong: **he is merciful.**

How can I put the mercy that Jesus talks about into practice?

In all our dealings with others, let's remember that we are sinners too.

Sometimes I think: «And if that happened to me? What would I have done in their shoes?»

We too, sometimes, have broken the bond of love that was meant to unite us to God. We too have been unfaithful to him.

Let's forgive..., but is it easy to forgive?

We must learn how to forgive and forget. We should have compassion toward everyone, resisting those thoughts that drive us to condemn others without mercy.

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WE SHOULD SEE EVERY PERSON AS “NEW” IN EVERY MOMENT.

IF OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION TOWARD ALL, RATHER THAN JUDGMENT AND CONDEMNATION, WE WILL HELP OTHERS TO BEGIN NEW LIVES, TO FIND THE COURAGE TO START ANEW.

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