

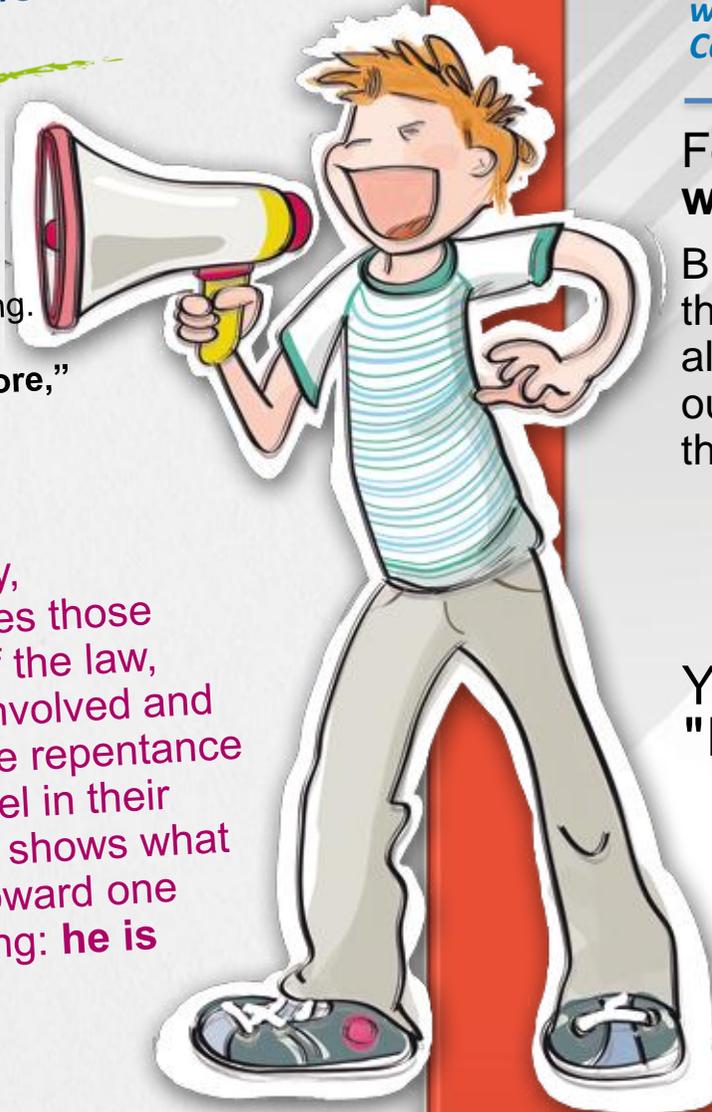
«Let the one among you who is without sin, be the first to throw a stone at her»
(John 8:7)

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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.

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.**



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“I often have to turn the other cheek to forgive one of my friends. But I also want him to understand that his way of acting is wrong. Can you give me any ideas?”

For sure,
we must always forgive!

But the same Gospel that speaks of forgiving also says that **we must warn** our brother or sister when they are doing something wrong.

“**Forgiving and warning**”

You must say:
"Look, this is not okay..."

If you don't do this, if we don't do this, we become responsible for the evil that the others do. So we must be careful: the Gospel wants both of these things.

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“Revenge!” “No, I forgive”

Dionisio - Angola

“I was playing with a friend of mine when another boy arrived and – for no reason – started to hit me on the head”.

He had a glass bottle in his hand, so I soon had so many injuries that I had to be taken to the hospital immediately.

They bandaged me up, but going back home the pain was so strong that I had only one thought: to take revenge.

The next day the boy’s father came to my house to apologize for what had happened and he told me: “I give you permission to do to my son what he did to you. Maybe then he will understand how badly he behaved!”

But just as he was telling me this, I remembered the Word of Life: we must love even our enemies.

So I immediately answered: “I won’t do anything to your son, because I’ve already forgiven him.”

He didn’t expect such an answer, which turned his own way of thinking upside down.

Very happy, he called his son. Even he was surprised and very happy. **We forgave each other and now we’re at peace.**

And you? How would you have acted if you had been in Dionisio’s place?

