

JANUARY 13

**“I CAN’T LOOK DOWN
ON THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD
UNTIL I RISE ABOVE THEM.”**

READ

John 8:3-12

The Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman caught in adultery. They said she should be stoned to death. Jesus said, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw the first stone.” Everyone left because they were convicted of their own sins. Jesus did not condemn the woman. He told her to “Go and sin no more.” There was no finger pointing or “I told you so.” The church often has pride when we see others sin. When we become arrogant, we are useless to the Kingdom. Grace will be removed from us. We must never forget how miserable and foolish we were in our own sins. We must show others what a mighty Savior can do. Sin is not what we do, it is what we are. You can’t come to Christ defending yourself or blaming others. We must confess and repent. When you ask for forgiveness, it is possible to say “no” to sin because of God’s mercy and grace. The Holy Spirit brought you to the foot of the cross. Jesus stooped down and raised you up.

PRAY

Lord, thank You for forgiving me. Thank You for Your mercy and grace. Today, I kneel once again at the cross. As You raise me up, help me to walk in Your light.