

Love Affair IV After the Affair

¹But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ²Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. ³Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, ⁴they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act."

John 8:1-4 (NKJV)

FOUR STAGES OUT OF AN AFFAIR

1. Revealing Stage

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Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

Matthew 10:26 (NKJV)

2. Reacting Stage

⁵Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say? ⁶This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear.

John 8:5-6 (NKJV)

The stages are:

- Denial
- Anger
- Bargaining
- Depression
- Acceptance
- Moving on

THE IMPACT OF AN AFFAIR

- Loss of identity
- Loss of uniqueness
- Loss of self-respect.
- Loss of control over your feelings and thoughts
- Loss of perspective
- Loss of faith
- Loss of Connectivity to others
- Loss of purpose

3. Reviewing Stage

⁷So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." ⁸And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

John 8:7-8 (NKJV)

"O Lord, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you will be put to shame. Those who turn away from you will be written in the dust because they have forsaken the Lord, the spring of living water."

Jeremiah 17:13

4. Recovering Stage

⁹Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. ¹⁰When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

John 8:9-11 (NKJV)

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

John 20:23 (NKJV)

To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:
A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted;
A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up;
A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away;
A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NKJV)