

Urgent Concern

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[John 8:3-9](#) ***The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her. Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.***

This past week Kip McKean received a letter that was signed by many brothers in our fellowship. Due to its length and scope, as well as the seriousness of the accusations, each Portland House Church Leader, Staff Member and Elder-In-Training will review the document and pray to God for humility and wisdom as we determine how to respond. The letter was prefaced by a request to reply within three days. In order to satisfy that deadline, we will take time to pray for a biblical, godly, and righteous response as opposed to a reactionary or retaliatory one. We are grateful for how God has blessed our ministry and for all the sacrificial ways that Kip and Elena has served our congregation. Our ultimate goal is to honor God and to please Him.

At this point we will post this critical letter on both of our websites for three reasons; First, to inform others, Secondly, because it has already been sent to most recognized and regarded evangelists worldwide, and three due to the fact that we were informed it would be posted on "Disciples Today" by Friday.

As soon as feasible, a more thorough response will be written and posted. Please consider what has been written and pray for us and the McKeanes.

In Humility,
Bob Bertalot and Tony Untalan
Elders in Training