

## **What Would Jesus Say to....Lance Armstrong**

### **John 8:1-11**

#### ***How would Jesus deal with Lance Armstrong***

*“No one, Lord,” she answered. “Neither do I condemn you,” said Jesus. “Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.”* (John 8:11, HCSB)

Jesus would restore him (Neither would I condemn you...)

Jesus would give him hope (Go...)

Jesus would inspire him (Do not sin anymore...)

***Jesus gives us the pattern about how to deal with people who have sinned against us.***

#### **Restore**

*“Brothers, if someone is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual should restore such a person with a gentle spirit, watching out for yourselves so you also won’t be tempted.”* (Galatians 6:1, HCSB)

#### **Share hope in Jesus**

##### ***Past hope (in the promise given by God which was fulfilled)***

*“And now I stand on trial for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers,”* (Acts 26:6, HCSB)

*“in the hope of eternal life that God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.”* (Titus 1:2, HCSB)

##### ***Present hope (in the Holy Spirit)***

*“This hope will not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”* (Romans 5:5, HCSB)

##### ***Future hope (in the return of Jesus Christ)***

*“while we wait for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.”* (Titus 2:13, HCSB)

As a result this certain hope, (a hope that is firm), we can go from sharing this hope in Jesus to actually inspiring others.

*“And our hope for you is firm, because we know that as you share in the sufferings, so you will share in the comfort.”* (2 Corinthians 1:7, HCSB)

*“but honor the Messiah as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.”* (1 Peter 3:15, HCSB)

#### **Inspire**

*“But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin’s deception.”* (Hebrews 3:13, HCSB)