

7th Commandment: Evangelism with an Adulteress

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Jesus had a conversation with an adulteress that resulted in a conversion (*John 4*). I had one that didn't go that well, it seemed, but I pray one day it will bear fruit...

She was someone I'd known for years. I heard from others that she was seeing a married man. Suddenly he died! I asked her how long she had known him- she said he had moved in 6 months ago and he was trying to get the divorce finalized- she'd known him intimately for 4 years. I asked her if she thought it was wrong for him to get a divorce and move in with her, and she denied wrongdoing- it was all his wicked wife's fault.

The Lord urged me to speak truth to her situation, even though I was concerned with persecution. I quoted her what Jesus said about divorce and remarriage- that it is adultery (*Matt 18:8-9*). She continued to maintain that it was his wife's fault and that she had done nothing wrong. The Lord reminded me of 2 scriptures, which I shared with her with pleading in my voice (*Prov 30:20, 5:3-5*) and I asked her if she had repented of her sin. She said, "Why? He's dead!" I pleaded with her, "I don't want you go to hell, I beg you to repent and trust in Christ as your Savior for forgiveness". She told me she didn't want to hear it anymore, and I left.

Undoubtedly there will be some reading this that will judge "my way" of evangelism with this woman as harsh. If you saw a blind man heading toward a cliff, would you warn him? If it were 3 a.m in the morning and you looked over at your neighbor's house, knowing they were home, and it was on fire, would you beat on the door and shout, warning them of the fire? I'd say you don't love your neighbor if you didn't! "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the 2nd death." (Rev 21:8) God warns us much more often about hell than He talks about heaven- because He longs that none would perish, but all would come to the knowledge of the truth (2 Pet 3:9, John 3:16). God told Ezekiel that if he didn't warn the Israelites of their impending judgment and condemnation that their blood would be on Ezekiel's hands (Ezek 3:18-21, 33:7-9).