

# **LOOKING BACK LOOKING FORWARD**

(22nd Anniversary)

## **LOOKING BACK**

### **A. A way to maintain perspective**

1. Makes you more gracious to others
2. Encourages gratitude to God and those who have helped you along the way

### **B. A way to maintain foundational values**

1. Staying on course requires intentionality (*2 Corinthians 13:14 NKJV*)

## **JESUS VERSES RELIGION** (*John 8:1-12 NKJV*)

### **A. Man-made religion can be harsh**

1. Proving a point was more important than restoring a person
2. The weaker party, the woman, was singled out but where was the man?
3. Attempt to back Jesus into a corner to accuse Him

### **B. The help of the Holy Spirit**

1. Jesus operated as a man empowered by the Holy Spirit (*Isaiah 11:2 NKJV*)
2. He gave them the one response they could not work around

### **C. The grace of the Lord**

1. Jesus did not condone or condemn her - He was compassionate

### **D. The love of God**

1. He restored the woman to a good place - she acknowledged Him as Lord
2. He loved her enough to call her to change

## **LOOKING FORWARD**

### **A. The help of the Holy Spirit** (*John 16:7 NKJV*)

1. Our advantage - the Helper has been sent to
2. He has not been sent to make you strange but to make you strong, not weird but wise

### **B. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ**

1. What God has done for us through Jesus
2. A wide spectrum of grace - that saves, strengthens heals and provides  
(*2 Timothy 2:1 NKJV*)

### **C. The love of God**

1. More than emotion, it's a valuation - He valued us by giving His son
2. We value Him