

# **THE ADVANTAGE**

## **Part 1: The Peace Advantage**

### **LIVING FOR GOD MATTERS**

- ❖ **Two vital components**
  - ◆ Improves the quality of your life
  - ◆ Makes you a better person
- ❖ **The peace advantage (*2 Thessalonians 3:16 NKJV*)**
  - ◆ A personal involvement from the Lord of peace Himself
  - ◆ He offers us peace in every situation

### **PEACE IN A PRESSURE PACKED SITUATION (*John 8:2-12 NKJV*)**

- ❖ **Two people under pressure**
  - ◆ The woman
  - ◆ Jesus
- ❖ **Jesus does not blink**
  - ◆ Answers the question on His time - despite their continual asking
  - ◆ He flips the tables on these religious leaders - they never saw this coming
- ❖ **Relief for the woman**
  - ◆ Peace from the fear of a potentially harmful situation
  - ◆ Jesus chooses not to condemn her
  - ◆ Peace from the shame of condemnation

### **THE PROGRESSIVE PEACE ADVANTAGE**

- ❖ **You have peace with God (*Romans 5:1 NLT*)**
  - ◆ A gift to you because of what Jesus has done - grace
  - ◆ Ends the struggle of being accepted by God
  - ◆ Ends the fear of being punished by God
- ❖ **Peace of God in life's worrisome moments (*Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV*)**
  - ◆ Another verse indicating it's God's desire that you are not anxious and troubled
  - ◆ You have a part in seeing God's peace activated in your life
  - ◆ There is a peace that transcends our understanding
- ❖ **Peace as a guide on life's path (*Colossians 3:15 NKJV*)**
  - ◆ An outstanding advantage in making decisions
  - ◆ Rule - act as an umpire (ref)