

# **TWENTY SIX YEARS AND GRATEFUL**

## **THE ARK CHURCH**

- Things that have changed
  1. The environment the church exists in
  2. The community
  3. The perspective of leadership - Father of 3, Grandfather of 6
- Things that have stayed the same
  1. The mission of The Ark (***Hebrews 11:7 NKJ***)
  2. The heart of The Ark

## **JESUS OUR EXAMPLE** (***John 8:2-12 NKJ***)

- The ways of man - dark
  1. Unjust / unfair - where was the man
  2. Being right valued higher than a person - willing to sacrifice this woman
  3. Punishment not restoration
- Jesus' ways of grace and truth
  1. He did not yield to wrong pressure
  2. He did not condemn the accusers - never went to their level
  3. He offered a guilty woman a chance to make things right
- Jesus revealed who He was
  1. The light of the world - a contrast with the darkness of man's ways
  2. He offers His followers an opportunity to live in the light

## **FOLLOWING JESUS TODAY**

- We follow Him with our message (***2 Corinthians 13:14 NKJ***)
  1. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
  2. The love of God
  3. The fellowship of the Holy Spirit
- We follow Him with our motivation
  1. We are lights in a dark world
  2. We are not rock throwers