

## RED LETTER CHALLENGE ... FORGIVING (John 8:1-11)

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As followers of Jesus we are always asking, "What is my purpose?" We ask the question, but do we really want the answer? What if the answer is to forgive that person who has wounded you deeply? What if the answer is to put down your self-righteous stones that make you feel better than others? What if Jesus is calling His followers to be known for our forgiveness?

**40 Days with Jesus: Let's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7 (NLT)*

### "THE COUCH"

**Everyone is in need of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous--not even one. - Romans 3:10 (NLT)*

**To grasp \_\_\_\_\_ you must release \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**Every \_\_\_\_\_ has a past & every \_\_\_\_\_ has a future.**

*I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live I live by believing in God's Son, who loved me and took the punishment for my sins. Galatians 2:20 (GW)*



### Questions for individual or group reflection:

What are some of the "weirdest" things that have fallen into your couch cushions?

Have you ever gotten a driving ticket?

Have you ever been "let off the hook" for a ticket or other violation?

Discuss the significance of breaking God's Laws & Commands?

Why do we so often want "justice" for others, but grace for ourselves?

Discuss the statement: "In order to grasp the future, you must release the past." Do you agree or disagree?

When we forgive sins in others, does that mean we condone sin?

What is unexpected about the grace that Jesus offers?

When it comes to your eternal judgment, who is your accuser, and who is your advocate? Whose testimony/case is stronger?

Why is it so healthy to forgive others? To forgive yourself?

Re-read the Gospel: John 7:53 to John 8:11. How does it move you?

Compare that to Matthew 18:21 to 35.

Why does Jesus command us to forgive others?

**Pray: Lord, thank you that you have forgiven me all of my sins. Help me to forgive myself ... and help me to forgive others. Lord, where people have hurt me and I'm not ready to forgive, soften my heart and cause me to be able to forgive. Help me to spend more time in your Word so that I appreciate who I am as your child, and so that all I seek to do for you grows out of my relationship with you. And help me to understand and appreciate the forgiveness you have won for me that has restored my relationship with my Heavenly Father. In Jesus' Name. Amen!**

**Do: Make a list of "rocks" you are holding in your hand – ready to throw at other sinners ... then drop them.**

**Memory Verse: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." – Ephesians 4:32**

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## Red Letter Challenge Thoughts from Pastor Augie

<p>DAY 12</p> <p>IF GOD TAKES A DAY TO ENJOY HIS CREATION, SHOULDN'T WE?</p> <p><a href="#">+HIDE/VIEW COMMENTS</a></p>	<p>DAY 11</p> 	<p>DAY 10</p> 	<p>DAY 9</p> 
<p>DAY 8</p> 	<p>DAY 7</p> 	<p>DAY 6</p> 	<p>DAY 5</p> 
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Image of adulterous woman brought to the courtyard.





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*“In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. - John 8:5-6*



Image of Jesus writing in the sand in the courtyard.



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*“When they kept on questioning him, he  
straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of  
you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone  
at her. - John 8:7*





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*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” - John 3:16*



*“For God did not send his Son into the world  
to condemn the world, but to save the world  
through him.” - John 3:17*



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*“Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”*

- John 15:10-11





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