

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Love the One You Judge

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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.' Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there." **John 8:7b-9 (NIV)***

*"You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?" **Romans 2:1-4 (NIV)***

Fundamental Attribution Error

You can't look up at God and down on people at the same time.

*"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." **1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NIV)***



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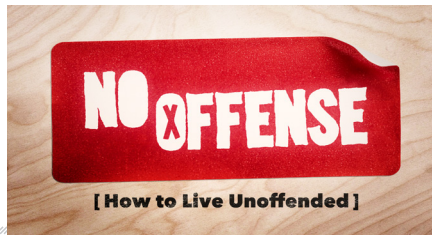
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"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

Matthew 7:1-5 (NIV)

Reflection Questions:

1) Read Romans 2:1-4. Knowing this is directed at believers, what are your thoughts around Christians judging others?

2) Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4. How is your life aligned with this passage and what are areas where you see yourself misaligned?

3) Do you have names of people that you need to approach and seek forgiveness from for your attitudes and/or actions that have not been aligned with Jesus?