

Are you judging or loving?

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A reader sent me a poem she wrote that spoke to my heart. It refers to the story of Jesus Christ forgiving an adulterous woman whom her accusers wanted to stone to death ([John 8:4-11](#)). Jesus did not stone her. He loved her and reformed her.

Are you a lover or a stoner?

STEPPING STONES

He knelt and wrote in the sand.
Too busy watching him,
I did not see the others leave.
I was the only one left standing,
casting mental stones...too many....
my posture, less than humble.
He knelt to pray while I threw
stones at politicians, governments,
others and ours, even at church policies.

The list goes on.

Everyone could see my self-righteousness,
casting a shadow over the one praying.
I was adulterating God's allness,

my cast stones, stepping-stones
away from Him. Tired of my stance
I knelt with him and prayed.
From the kneeling position
I saw God more clearly
and saw us both as His.

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