

RED LETTER

CHALLENGE

Monday, October 6, 2025

Day 1: Read [Matthew 2:12](#). Where do you believe God might want to work more closely in your life with Him and with others?

Day 2: Read [Hebrews 11:6](#). Looking forward invites you to trust God to work it out. As you look backwards, how do you see God work things out in your life?

Day 3: Read [Matthew 2:2](#). In order to find Jesus, every one of us needs direction. The good news is that God gives it through His Word. What are your plans for spending time in God's Word on a regular basis?

Day 4: Read [Matthew 2:4-6](#). God's Word leads us to Jesus. What are some of the major life lessons you learned from God's Word? Are you ready for the [Red Letter Challenge](#)? Do you have the book to start day 1 on January 14th? Have you chosen the service you will attend each weekend starting October 5th? Have you signed up for the Sunday Morning Small Group?

Day 5: Read [Matthew 2:11](#). Think of the gifts you give to Jesus of your time, talents and treasure, how do they declare who Jesus truly is? In what area might God be calling you to grow in giving gifts to Him in the year ahead? What will your next step be?

Day 6: Read [Matthew 2:10](#). Not just filled with joy, but the wisemen take joy to a new level – mega-joy. It turns out that worship is not just when you bow before the Christ child, but when you celebrate that God is leading you to Him each day and each moment. His signs aren't to merely get you to the destination. His signs are to help you realize He is with you every day and every moment of the year ahead. When it comes to worshiping God, what filled your heart with mega-joy in the last year? As you look ahead to this year, what mega-joy do you anticipate?

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WEEK 1: WHY THE RLC? ting God's words literally into practice,

Tuesday - Day 1. Read [Psalm 46:10](#). "Be still and know that I am God..."

Wednesday - Day 2. Read [Ephesians 2:8-9](#). "For by grace you have been saved through faith..."

Thursday - Day 3. Read [1 Peter 3:15](#). "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

Friday - Day 4. Read [John 3:16](#). "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..."

Saturday - Day 5. Read [John 20:21](#). "Just as the Father has sent Me, so I am sending you."

Sunday - Day 6 (Begin Week of Being). Read [John 8:31](#). "Abide in My Word."

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WEEK 2: BEING

Red Letter Challenge: Being

Monday, October 13, 2025

Monday - Day 7: Read [Matthew 9:38](#) -- *Pray earnestly.*

Tuesday - Day 8: Read [Luke 4:8](#) -- *Worship the Lord your God.*

Wednesday - Day 9: Read [Mark 6:31](#) -- *Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.*

Thursday - Day 10: Read [Matthew 6:17](#) -- *And when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face.*

Friday - Day 11: Read [Luke 15:23](#) -- *Let us eat and celebrate.*

Saturday - Day 12: Read [Mark 2:27](#) -- *The Sabbath was made for man.*

Sunday - Day 13 (Begin Week of Forgiving): Read [Mark 1:15](#) -- *Repent and believe the Good News.*

“If God is known for grace, how can we, His followers, be known for judgement, the exact opposite?”

- [Zach Zehnder](#), [The Red Letter Challenge](#)

Red Letter Challenge - FORGIVING (WEEK 3)

Monday, October 20, 2020

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WEEK 3:
FORGIVING

Monday (Day 14): Read [John 8:7](#) - Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Tuesday (Day 15): Read [Matthew 7:1](#) - Judge not.

Wednesday (Day 16): Read [Luke 6:36](#) - Be merciful.

Thursday (Day 17): Read [Matthew 6:12](#) - Forgive others their trespasses.

Friday (Day 18): Read [Matthew 5:44](#) - Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Saturday (Day 19): Read [John 8:11](#) - Go now and leave your life of sin.

Sunday (Day 20 - Begin week of Serving): Read [John 14:15](#) - If you love me, you will obey my commands.

RED LETTER CHALLENGE - WEEK 4 - SERVING

Monday, October 27, 2025

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WEEK 4: SERVING

SUNDAY (DAY 20) CHALLENGE PREP:

Pray for a “Because you say so, I will” (BYSSIW) attitude. Leave sticky notes around your house, on the bathroom mirror, in your car, and at your workplace to remind you that all you do gives glory to God, your Father.

MONDAY READING (DAY 21) & SERVICE CHALLENGE:

Read [Mark 9:35](#) - “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant to all.”

Find a way to put someone else’s needs before yours today. Here are some examples of how this might look:

- Be compassionate, even when you don’t want to be.
- Give your snack that you eat on your drive, to the homeless person on the corner.
- Ask someone “How can I make your day better?”, and then do it.
- Instead of deciding on what restaurant YOU want to go to, ask a friend if you can take them to dinner somewhere – THEIR CHOICE.

TUESDAY READING (DAY 22) & SERVICE CHALLENGE:

Read [Luke 14:13](#) - “When you give a dinner, invite the poor, crippled, lame, etc.”

Serve someone who will not be able to give you anything in return. Here are some examples:

- Host a dinner party for some people you know who could use a break.
- Offer to watch someone’s children while they have a date-night or just a nap.
- Team up with some people to feed the homeless.

WEDNESDAY READING (DAY 23) & SERVICE CHALLENGE:

Read [Matthew 22:39](#) - “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Do something for a neighbor. Show them you care, no strings attached. Here are some examples:

- Cut their lawn (not if it's artificial grass).
- Take them Starbucks.
- Bake them cookies.
- Take their garbage bins back from the street for them.

THURSDAY READING (DAY 24) & SERVICE CHALLENGE:

Read [Matthew 19:14](#) - "Let the little children come to me."

Serve a child who is in your life today and let this child know how important he or she is to you. Here are some examples:

- Take a kid out to eat (after asking the parent's permission first!).
- Give a special gift.
- Listen to their stories and engage in conversation.
- Welcome them as Jesus welcomed the little children, letting them know they are not a bother.

FRIDAY READING (DAY 25) & SERVICE CHALLENGE:

Read [Matthew 25:35-36](#) - "I was sick and you took care of me."

If you know someone sick, visit that person. Here are some examples of how to do that:

- Encourage, support, or call him/her.
- If you can't do that, then send a gift or message to someone who is sick or recovering.
- If you don't know anyone personally who is sick, look at the page in the bulletin of who we are praying for, and write out a card and prayer for them.

SATURDAY READING (DAY 26) & SERVICE CHALLENGE:

Read [Matthew 5:16](#) - "Let your light shine before others."

- Serve God today in one of the following ways:
- Sign-up for the Hospitality/Greeter Team on Sunday at the church office.
- Sign-up to join a Sunday Welcome Team at the church office.
- Volunteer at a food pantry or soup kitchen
- Volunteer with your local Habitat for Humanity.

SUNDAY READING (DAY 27 - 1ST DAY OF GIVING):

Read [Luke 6:35](#) - "Lend, expecting nothing in return."

Red Letter Challenge: Giving (Week 5)

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WEEK 5: GIVING

Monday (Day 28): Read [Mark 6:37](#) - "You give them something to eat."

Tuesday (Day 29): Read [Matthew 25:35](#) - "For I was hungry and you gave me food."

Wednesday (Day 30): Read [Matthew 25:36](#) - "I was naked and you gave me clothing."

Thursday (Day 31): Read [Matthew 23:23](#) - "Do not neglect the tithe."

Friday (Day 32): Read [Mark 10:21](#) - "Sell all that you possess and give to that poor."

Saturday (Day 33): Read [Acts 20:35](#) - "It is better to give than receive."

Sunday (Day 34 - Begin week of Going): Read [Luke 8:39](#) - "Return to your home and declare how much God has done for you."

Going! (Week 6 of the Red Letter Challenge)

Monday, November 10, 2025

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WEEK 6: GOING

SUNDAY (Day 34): At some point today, gather your family or roommates or friends and share what God has done for you. This might be over dinner. Pray with your family and have everyone in the family pray at least one sentence. Try doing this as a family for a week. If you don't know what to pray, start by thanking God for all He has done.

MONDAY (Day 35): Read [Matthew 25:35](#) - "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Say hello to some neighbors you haven't met yet. Get in a new social circle and meet new people. Try talking to someone you've seen before, but haven't taken the time to really get to know yet.

TUESDAY (Day 36): Read [Acts 1:8](#) - "You will be my witnesses." Write down your testimony. Think of this as your "elevator pitch". You have a limited amount of time to tell a story – make that time count! Here's an example of what you can focus on (you can use this as a template):

- What your life was like before Christ (or what it *would have been like*).
- How you came to know Christ.
- Point to the Gospel. Share that Christ alone, not works, has saved you.
- How your life is different today because of Christ.
- Share a passage of Scripture which means a great deal to you.

WEDNESDAY (Day 37): Read [Luke 9:60](#) - "Go and proclaim the Kingdom of God." This is a hard one. We want you to record a video of the testimony you wrote yesterday. That takes guts – because you're putting yourself out there. Remember, Jesus goes with you in all things. Don't underestimate what God can do through you and your story.

THURSDAY (Day 38): Read [Mark 16:15](#) - "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Write down five people in your life who do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Talk to one of those five today about your testimony. Make a plan over the next month to speak with the other four. This should go without saying, but make sure when you talk with them that you are also there to listen to them about anything they may be going through.

FRIDAY (Day 39): Read [John 15:16](#) - "You did not choose Me, but I chose and appointed you." Just as God chose you before you ever did anything to please Him, choose someone today who hasn't done anything to earn your favor and find a way to bless that person.

SATURDAY (Day 40): Read [Matthew 28:19](#) - "Go therefore and make disciples." Identify one to two people who are mature disciples of Jesus and ask them to mentor you. If you are already a mature follower of Jesus Christ, seek out one or two people to whom you could be a mentor.

WHEN WE FOLLOW JESUS AND HIS WORDS,
WE FIND THE LIFE WE WERE MADE FOR.