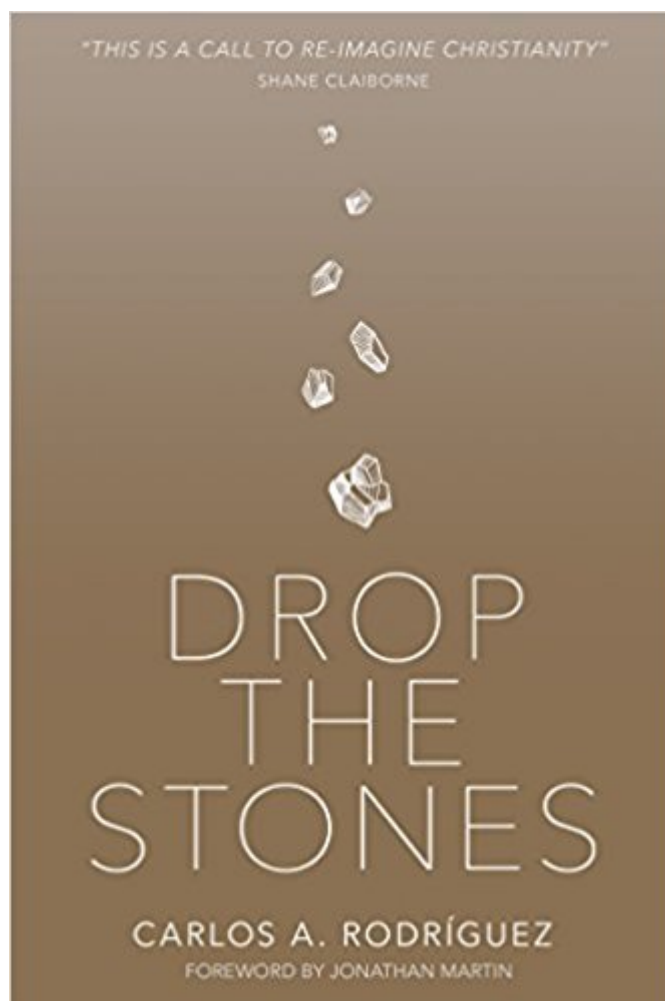


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# Drop The Stones: When Love Reaches The Unlovable



## Synopsis

When a woman caught in the act of adultery was thrown down at Jesus's feet, the bloodthirsty crowd filled their hands with rocks and demanded she be put to death. That confrontation still reverberates in our lives today. Surely we can relate with the shame of the woman and her exposed sin. Unfortunately, we can also relate with the hypocritical crowd, reveling in the rejection of the other. • But can we fully relate with Christ, the God who intervened to save her? For those who've become wary of tired and sometimes even offensive Christian dogmatism, Carlos Rodríguez may be the spark that ignites the flames of faith in the true Jesus. He tells it like it is, with a desire to motivate those who feel ready to engage the world around them, not through political or religious agendas, but through grace and love. *Drop the Stones* invites followers of Jesus to drop their religious rocks, and, with open hands, engage in the rewarding lifestyle of a Jesus-styled love.

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## Customer Reviews

• Carlos Rodríguez writes with grace, and about grace. His book is a stunning invitation to look into the face of Jesus and see that the only One who had any right to throw a stone had no desire. We see in Jesus that the closer we are to God, the less we should want to throw stones at other people. This is nothing short of a call to reimagine Christianity as a faith that fascinates the world with love. • "Shane Claiborne, author and activist • I have a new favorite book and a new favorite writer. This book overflows with wisdom, honesty, joy, insight, and Jesus. It will fill your

heart, right after kicking you in the backside. After you read it, I hope you'll buy a dozen copies to give to all your friends, because we all need Drop the Stones.

• Brian D. McLaren Author, *The Great Spiritual Migration*

• Carlos Rodríguez writes with honesty and urgency as he calls the church to live up to its high calling to embody the love of Jesus. Drawing on his own pastoral experience, and touching on contemporary issues from ISIS to mass incarceration, *Drop The Stones* invites followers of Jesus to let go of culture war clichés and do the hard things of Jesus-styled love.

• Brian Zahnd Pastor, Word of Life Church, St. Joseph, MO Author, *Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God* and *A Farewell to Mars*

• Having been a student of Jesus and Scripture for nearly thirty years, I have come to the conclusion that the more conservative our belief in Scripture—that is, the more deeply we believe that every word of it is true—the more liberal we will be in the way that we love. The more faithfully we walk the narrow path of Jesus, the more broad our embrace of fellow sinners will be. It is not in spite of our faith in Jesus that we love, listen to, and learn from those who do not share our faith, but precisely because of it. In a time when Christianity is often confused with separation, judgment, scorn, and exclusiveness, books like *Drop the Stones* are a needed correction, not to mention a welcome breath of fresh air. May we listen carefully to Carlos's words. More importantly, may we order our lives around them.

• Scott Sauls Senior pastor, Christ Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN Author, *Jesus Outside the Lines*, *Befriend*, and *From Weakness to Strength*

• In *Drop the Stones*, Carlos Rodríguez has, with candid and culturally relevant language, confronted the practical atheist in every professing Christian. The latent Pharisee in me was exposed more than once as I read the powerful and poignant stories contained within these pages. Thank you, Carlos, for re-minding us with the mind of a loving and nonjudgmental Christ.

• Dr. Randall Worley Author, *Brush Strokes of Grace and Wandering and Wondering*

• *Drop the Stones* is a heart-wrenching, personal, funny, and terrifying look into the judgment toward others each of us harbors in our own soul. I'll be insisting all my friends read this!

• Carl Medearis Author, *Muslims, Christians, and Jesus*

• Carlos Rodríguez shares powerful stories of transformation we all need to hear. He provides inspiration for what's truly possible when we respond to the Holy Spirit. You'll find great encouragement through these pages.

• Margaret Feinberg Author, *Fight Back with Joy*

• Difficult days require honest and candid conversations from brave voices. This book is filled with wisdom and courage, able to guide us through the rough waters.

• Brady Boyd New Life Church, Colorado Springs Author, *Addicted to Busy*

• I deeply value the message and timing of *Drop the Stones*. In this book, Carlos Rodríguez brings us back to the simple gospel by reminding us that if we want to see God clearly, we must watch Jesus closely.

• Seth Dahl Children's Ministry Director, Bethel

Church, Redding, CA

A pastor, teacher, blogger, and conference speaker, Carlos Rodríguez was ordained at a young age and has more than fifteen years of full-time ministry experience. Carlos has served as youth pastor, church planter, worship leader, and outreach director. He presently serves as a pastor at Catch the Fire in Raleigh, North Carolina, as well as executive director for Catch the Fire Missions in Latin America and chief editor of HappySonship.com, which attracts more than 250,000 readers each month. He has written several articles for Relevant magazine and Revival magazine. Carlos and his wife, Catherine, have two gorgeous boys and are awaiting a baby girl through adoption.

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Already looking forward to reading a second time. Really thankful for Carlos & his transparency & vulnerability in his writing. So glad he shared all this & am excited for many to read & respond accordingly. This book reads a bit like a devotional, which is good because it is all heart/thought provoking & life changing. Lots of nuggets of Wisdom all throughout. Enjoy. Peace.

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