

FORGIVING LIKE JESUS

Why You Should and How You Can

“Father, forgive them, because they don’t know what they are doing.” Luke 23:34

1. Forgiveness is: _____

“I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” Matthew 5:44

“They were stoning Stephen as he called out... ‘Lord, do not charge them with this sin!’ And saying this, he fell asleep.” Acts 6:59-60

HOW DO I FOLLOW JESUS IN HIS PATTERN?

2. _____ to forgive

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.” Ephesians 1:7

“... accepting one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so then you must forgive.” Colossians 3:13

3. Because You Need _____

“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors... For if you forgive people their wrongdoing, your heavenly Father will forgive you as well. But if you don’t forgive people, your Father will not forgive your wrongdoing.” Matthew 6:12, 14

“Shouldn’t you also have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you? And his master got angry and handed him over to the jailers until he could pay everything that was owed. So my heavenly Father will also do to you if each of you does not forgive his brother from his heart.” Matthew 18:33-35

4. Forgive for its own _____

“But love your enemies, do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great...” Luke 6:35

“Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven – for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little.” Luke 1:47

5. Forgive Those _____

“And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and comes back to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him. The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’” Luke 17:3-5

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“And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.” Ephesians 4:32