



# Forgives Sinners

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<sup>32</sup> Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. <sup>33</sup> When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.”  
**Luke 23:32-34 NLT**

## 1. Our forgiveness is conditional

- **God forgives us as we forgive others**
- **God won’t forgive us if we won’t forgive others**

<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us... <sup>14</sup> “If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

**Matthew 6:12, 14-15 NLT**

## 2. How to forgive others

- **Pray for those who hurt you**
- **Forgive as you’ve been forgiven**

<sup>43</sup> “You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. <sup>44</sup> But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!  
**Matthew 5:43-44 NLT**

<sup>47</sup> So I tell you this. Her many sins have been forgiven. She has shown that she understands this by her great acts of love. But whoever has been forgiven only a little loves only a little.”  
**Luke 7:47 NIRV**

<sup>13</sup> Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you.  
**Colossians 3:13 NIRV**

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor other people. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people’s wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken. <sup>7</sup> It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up.  
**1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NIRV**

### Next Steps:

- Seek forgiveness from God for disobeying his word and hurting others
- Commit to Love Like Jesus and forgive my enemies: \_\_\_\_\_
- Spend time reflecting on the forgiveness that I have received from God
- Pray for those who have hurt me
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