



I Can Only Imagine

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1. Suffering harm or abuse

¹³ I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. **Philippians 3:13-14 NLT**

2. Forgiveness is not optional for followers of Christ

- A monumental task
- Pray for them
- Choosing to let go of the past and move forward with God

¹⁴ "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins. **Matthew 6:14-15 NLT**

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."... **Luke 23:34 NLT**

Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. **Ephesians 4:32 NLT**

3. Forgiveness doesn't change what happened in the past, but it can change what happens in your future

Continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. **1 Peter 4:8 NLT**

Next Steps:

- ☐ Today, I choose to forgive _____
- ☐ Commit to focus on my calling to live for Christ and put the past behind
- ☐ Ask God to forgive me for my sins and fill me with his love ☐ First time
- ☐ Re-read today's Bible verses this week
- ☐ _____