

RED LETTER DAY
FATHER FORGIVE THEM
Luke 23:32-34

- **The words spoken by Jesus are contrary to human logic and understanding.**
 - A normal response to persecution and certain death is not _____ and _____.
 - A normal response might be “how dare you” or “why me?”
 - A proper response might be to demand _____.

- **The response Jesus gives is an example to us all when we are persecuted or mistreated.**
 - When we are persecuted we should _____.
 - When we are persecuted we should _____.
 - When we are persecuted we should have _____.
 - Those who intend to hurt us do not see God’s _____.
 - Those who intend to hurt us do not know God’s _____.
 - Those who intend to hurt us do not understand God’s _____ for their lives.

 - When we are persecuted we need to remember that God _____ me so I’ll must forgive _____.
 - Jesus _____ forgiveness.
 - It is _____ that if our sins are forgiven we also have forgive those who have sinned against us. (Matthew 6:12)
 - It’s a natural outflow of the believer to be a _____.

- **What lesson do we learn from the forgiven servant? (Matthew 18:21-35)**
 - The debtor can’t always _____ their debt.
 - When we are _____ we hold that feeling of forgiveness close so we are _____ toward others.
 - We all have debt that we _____ repay. (Romans 6:23)
 - We can only earn _____. (Romans 6:23)

- The offended can always show _____.
- The offended do not need to demand their rights and _____.

- **The consequences of _____ can be catastrophic.** (Matthew 18:32b-35)
 - The resentment of unforgiveness puts us in a _____ of our own making.

What can we do when the offense against us seems too large to forgive?

- We need to cling to the _____ of Christ.
 - The entire purpose of the cross is _____ for all who call upon the name of Jesus.
- Jesus’ love is greater than any _____ if we let Him heal us.

So What Now?

- When we want to grapple for our rights, we need to remember the place God took us from to get us to the point we are at now.
 - That kind of grace is what then needs to flow through us to others.
 - We need to hold the forgiveness of God close to us so we can remember the feeling we had when we were forgiven.
 - Share that with others!
- Break free from the prison of unforgiveness.
- Start this week by talking with someone you trust.

Discussion topics or things to ponder.

- What has someone forgiven you of that you are most grateful for?
- How have you been aware of being imprisoned by your own unforgiveness in the past?
- How has withholding forgiveness poisoned your relationships?
- Who are the people you haven’t forgiven that you would commit to pray for regularly?