

## BECOMING FORGIVING PEOPLE

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The Power and Complexity of Forgiveness, part 10

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*When God reminds you that you need to forgive, what do you do?*

*Is God trying to mold us into forgiving people?*

**BIG IDEA: Jesus' approach to life, struggle and offense sketches the outline of a forgiving person.**

**BASELINE:** Practice the discipline of FORGIVING.

“Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing.” **Luke 23:34** CSB

**1. Constantly \_\_\_\_\_ with God.**

“Father!” **Luke 23:34**

**2. Stay \_\_\_\_\_, instead of protected.**

“John, take care of my mom.” **John 19:26-27** (paraphrase)

“Today, you’ll be with me in paradise” **Luke 23:43**

*“Help me understand what you’re feeling...”*

[Matt 18:15; John 8:1ff]

**3. Get \_\_\_\_\_ by looking below the surface of things.**

*“Why are they doing what they’re doing?”*

“the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.”

**Matthew 12:34**

**4. Remember \_\_\_\_\_.**

“Blessed are those who show mercy. They will be shown mercy.” **Matthew 5:7** NIV

“If you’d known what this saying means: Mercy, not sacrifice, is what I really want—you wouldn’t have passed judgment on blameless people.” **Matthew 12:7** NTE