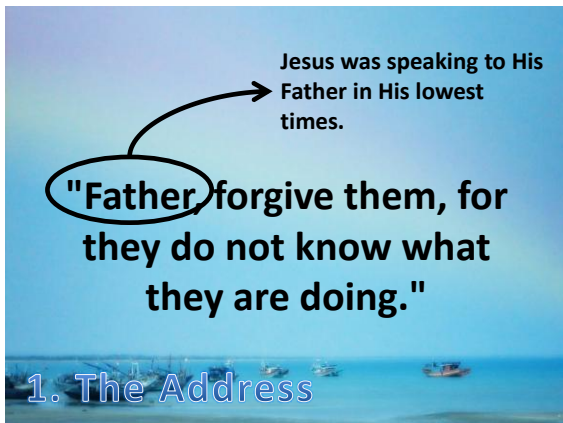




Luke 23:32-34

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.**" And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

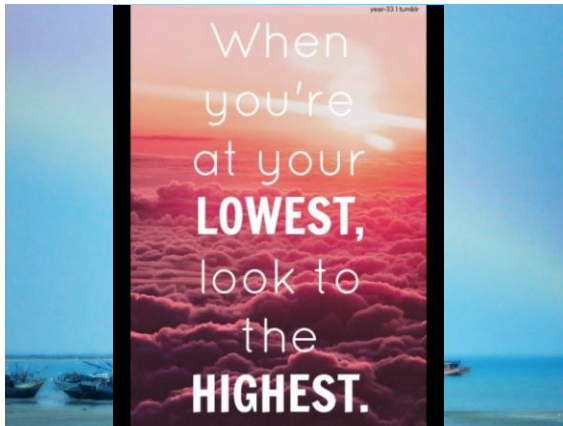


**You can still talk to
God in your deepest
times. He is
listening.**

**It is not easy to take
offense and suffer.**

Pain hurts.

**But when you look
up to heaven, you'll
see God smiling
upon you.**



Romans 8:15

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we **cry**, "Abba, Father."

Cry – ζω (krazō)
- Means to scream, to call aloud, to cry out, exclaim

"Father, **forgive them**, for they do not know what they are doing."

2. The Appeal

Luke 23:34 (NASB)

But Jesus **was saying**, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

In the original Greek, the word "saying" means that it is repeated several times. Jesus repeated his appeal.

Why Appeal?

1. Fulfillment of a prophecy.

Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (Isaiah 53:12)

Why Appeal?

2. Practice what he preached.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." (Matthew 18:21-22)

Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. (Luke 6:37)

Why Appeal?

3. The Purpose of His Death

Forgiveness is what the cross is all about. Forgiveness is not cheap, it is very expensive.

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

3. The Argument

This does not literally mean that they do not know what they are doing.

What does this people do not know?

1. They do not know that He is Messiah.
2. They do not know their actions is the fulfillment of a prophecy.
3. They do not know the gravity of their sins.

The Answer

1. SALVATION

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:4-5)

The Answer

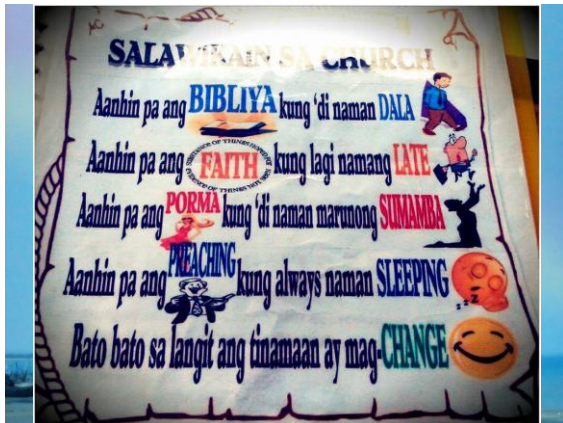
2. FORGIVENESS

You are forgiven from your sins, past, present and future.

5. The Application

“Christianity has an image problem.”

–Kinnaman and Lyons, UnChristian



Hindi ba kayang magpatawad ng mga Kristyano?

We can forgive because of Jesus' example of forgiveness.

RADICAL EXAMPLE.

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

**Forgive because
you can't forget.**

- 1. Recognize that you are hurt.**
- 2. Decide to forgive.**
- 3. Pray to release forgiveness to those who hurt you and release blessings in their lives.**

LET IT GO!

