

WORDS ON THE CROSS

“Whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.” LK 14:27

God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. GAL 6:14

IT ALL STARTS HERE

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

HOW TO FORGIVE

It is not easy.

It is not simple.

It is not quick.

The flesh cannot do it (but it relives it can).

It is more than a decision.

It is a supernatural process.

FIRST:

APPEAL TO THE HEAVENLY FATHER ON
THEIR BEHALF

INTERCEDE FOR THEM

REMEMBER WHAT AGAPE LOVE IS:

THINKS NO EVIL

DOES NOT REJOICE IN INIQUITY

BEARS ALL THINGS

ENDURES ALL THINGS

HOPES ALL THINGS

LOVE **NEVER** FAILS

SECOND:

CONSIDER THE OTHER PERSON OR
SITUATION

WHAT REALLY MOTIVATED THEIR
BEHAVIOR?

WHAT REALLY CAUSED THE SITUATION?

COULD IT BE ANCESTRAL?

THIRD:

CONSIDER WHY YOUR REACTED LIKE YOU DID

PAST TRAUMA AND HURTS?

FEARS

SELF PROTECTION - LACK OF TRUST

NEED FOR DELIVERANCE/HEALING

FEELING YOU ARE OWED SOMETHING

FOURTH:

CHOOSE TO ACCEPT WHAT HAPPENED AND TO LET IT GO - CHOOSE TO FORGIVE

THE SECOND WORD

Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Luke 23:43

³⁹ Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."

⁴⁰ But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

⁴³ And Jesus said to him, "**Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.**"

THE CROSS EXPERIENCE THE PLACE OF TRUE MINISTRY

- * TOTAL LOSS OF SELF..
- * NOT DISTRACTED BY THE MOB.
- * SENSITIVE TO NEEDS OF OTHERS.
- * WILLING AND ABLE TO MINISTER IN SPITE OF ULTIMATE PERSONAL WEAKNESS, EXTREME PAIN AND PERSONAL NEED.
- * FULL COMPREHENSION OF SPIRITUAL REALITY AND SITUATION.
- * FULLY AWARE AND CONFIDENT OF FUTURE OUTCOME - STILL MOVING IN FAITH.