



Grace Assembly Of God

## RESTORED TO WHOLENESS DEVOTIONAL

Scripture: **Luke 23:34** Title: **Forgiveness – the Key to Freedom**

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Key Principle: **To understand that forgiveness is God's master key to set us free from our bondage.**

Key Verse(s) NLT **How does it speak to me?**

*Jesus said,  
"Father, forgive  
them, for they  
don't know  
what they are  
doing."*

In the last 2 years, for some unknown reasons, my neighbour turned nasty. Police were called in almost every month. Honestly, I don't know what we have done to antagonize him. We don't even know what he's angry about. I kept asking the Lord to intervene as I found the situation very distressing. Many times, in my prayer, the Lord would say, "Forgive him." To forgive a man who has done injustice to me and to my family was very, very hard. The Lord said that if we choose not to forgive those who have hurt us, we put ourselves under their control, if we are under their control, we are living in bondage, not in freedom. When we choose to forgive, it opens the door to God's healing, it releases the power of the Holy Spirit into my life, and it restores my soul. Only when we have truly forgiven others will we be able to pray, "Father, forgive them" from our hearts. Forgiveness of others is the first BIG step that leads us to be freed from the chains of anger and bitterness, from the chains of our wounds and hurts.

### APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult: Why do we find it so hard to forgive?  
When we choose not to forgive, how does that affect us?  
Who are these people who have hurt you in your growing up years?

Youth: Why do we find it so hard to forgive?  
How does it affect us when we choose not to forgive?  
Write down on a list of people who have hurt you or betrayed you (in your growing up years and school years, or church...)

Child: How have people hurt you?  
Are you willing to forgive them for what they did or said?

### PRAYER

Praying Scripture: Dear heavenly Father, I thank You that You already had a salvation masterplan from Old Testament times to its fulfilment through Jesus Christ. Involve me in Your salvation masterplan to build Your church and to bring Your salvation message to others.

Thanksgiving Prayer: I/We thank You for \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)

Intercessory Prayer: I/We want to pray for \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)

Salvation Prayer: I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones \_\_\_\_\_ (add one name per day).  
In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.