

**SEEING THE OFFENDER'S WEAKNESS IS AIDED BY SOME BASIC QUESTIONS:**

- How hard did he try not to sin?
- What was the power of the forces that assailed him?
- To what degree has he suffered as a result of his sin?
- What particular influences made him vulnerable to sin?
- What would we have done under the same circumstances?

C. He desired \_\_\_\_\_ not retaliation.

*Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?* MATTHEW 26:53

*Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.* GALATIANS 6:1

### 3. THE ENVISIONED GOD'S HIGHER \_\_\_\_\_ IN ALLOWING HIS PAIN.

*Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.* 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-6

*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.* HEBREWS 12:2

CONCLUSION: \_\_\_\_\_

*Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:* ROMANS 12:21



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#### LESSON 13: HOW DO I FORGIVE?

*Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.* COLOSSIANS 3:13

INTRODUCTION: \_\_\_\_\_

*Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.* JAMES 4:17

*Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.* 1 JOHN 4:17

#### CHRIST IS OUR ULTIMATE EXAMPLE:

- In humble service  
*If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.* JOHN 13:14
- In holiness  
*But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;* 1 PETER 1:15
- In love  
*And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.* EPHESIANS 5:2
- In forgiveness

*Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.*

COLOSSIANS 3:13

## 1. HE SUFFERED THE SINS OF \_\_\_\_\_ .

*And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;*

*Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; COLOSSIANS 2:13-14*

*Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. ISAIAH 53:4-6*

*Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. JOHN 15:20*

*Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 2 TIMOTHY 3:12*

*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*

*But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*

*And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.*

JOHN 13:16

*Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:*

*Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?*

*And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.*

*So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.*

MATTHEW 18:32-35

*Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

1 JOHN 3:16

**QUOTE:** "The beginning of Christlike forgiveness is to emulate His willingness to forgive from His heart the suffering imposed upon Him by the acts of sinful men."—Jim Binney

## 2. HE PRAYED FOR HIS \_\_\_\_\_ .

*But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; MATTHEW 5:44*

*Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. LUKE 23:34*

A. He \_\_\_\_\_ to God on their behalf.

*Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. ROMANS 8:34*

B. He focused on their \_\_\_\_\_ instead of their wickedness.

*Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. LUKE 23:34*

*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? JEREMIAH 17:9*

*And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. ACTS 3:17*

*Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

1 CORINTHIANS 2:8

*Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 1 TIMOTHY 1:13*