

DEALING WITH HIDDEN WOUNDS

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Jesus – “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”
Luke 23:34 (NIV)

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I. WHAT FORGIVENESS IS NOT

1. It is not _____.

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6. It is not _____.

II. HOW SHOULD I FORGIVE?

1. RECOGNIZE _____.

“There is not a single person in all the earth who is always good and never sins.” Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NLT)

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

2. RELINQUISH _____.

“Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord.”
Romans 12:19 (NIV)

“Then Peter came to him and asked, ‘Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?’ ‘No,’ Jesus replied, ‘seventy times seven!’” Matthew 18:21,22 (NLT)

3. RESPOND _____.

Jesus – “...do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” Luke 6:27, 28 (NIV)