

Last Words - Part 1 - A Word of Forgiveness Mark Rouse - March 4, 2018

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. – Hebrews 12:2

Memory Verse:

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." - Luke 23:34

Lesson #1 - FORGIVE those who have done me wrong.

- BETRAYAL
- FALSE ACCUSATION
- REJECTION
- ABUSE
- HUMILIATION

Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many. - Hebrews 12:15

FATHER FORGIVE THEM

1. PRAY for them.

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Matthew 5:43-44

2. BLESS them.

But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. - Luke 6:27-28

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
- Romans 12:14

3. DO GOOD to them.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 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. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. - Romans 12:17-21

• The <u>FORGIVEN</u> forgive.