

WHAT IT
MEANS TO BE A

CHRISTIAN



LOVE DEFINED
AND LIVED OUT

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if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.”

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“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8



Love in our lives
often does not look like love
as Jesus defines it.



Christian love has no caveats.

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

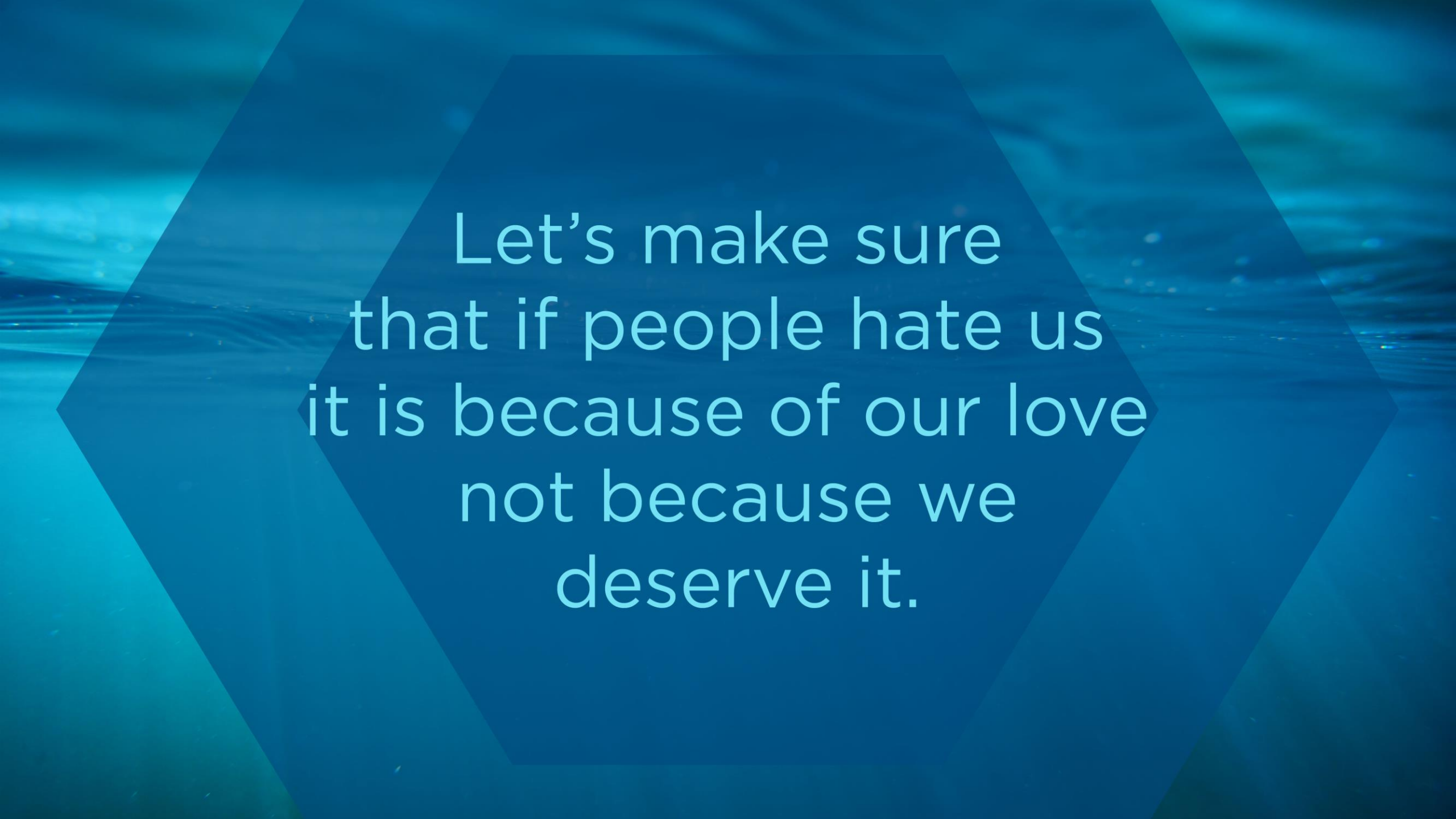
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that if people hate us
it is because of our love
not because we
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Hate:

to dislike intensely
or passionately; feel extreme
aversion for or extreme
hostility toward;
detest

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.”

Matthew 5:21-22

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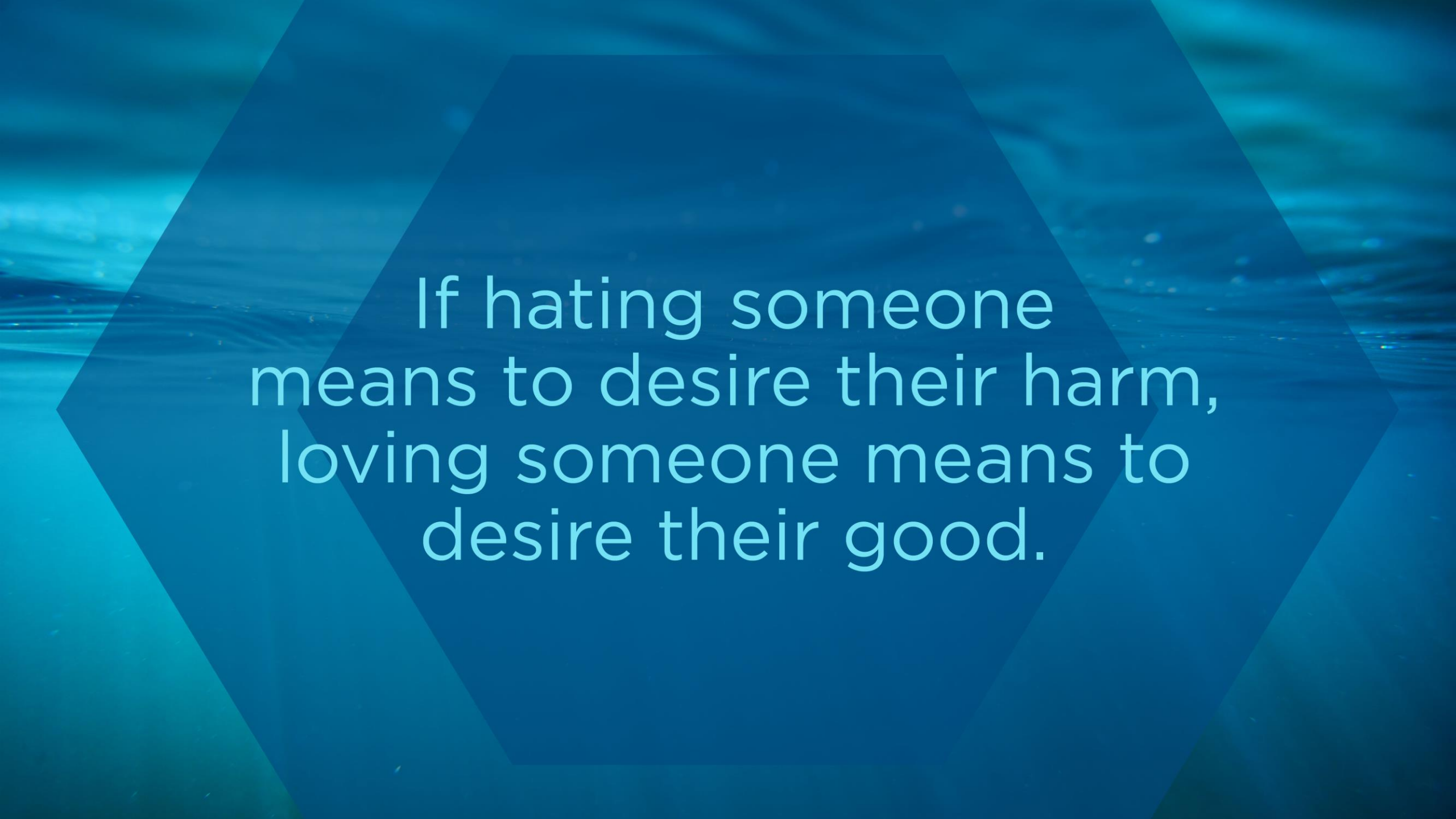
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If hating someone
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loving someone means to
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“Jesus said, “Father, forgive them,
for they do not know what they are
doing.”

Luke 23:34