

**Reflections**  
**Part V; March 17, 2019**

**“Forgiving Like Jesus”**

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. – Luke 23:34 (NLT)

**“Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive!”** – C. S. Lewis

**Five Things Forgiveness Is Not:**

**Forgiveness is not denial.**

**Forgiveness is not acquittal.**

**Forgiveness is not reconciliation.**

**Forgiveness is not easy.**

**Forgiveness is not optional.**

**“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”**  
– Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT)

**Sometimes it’s the LITTLE THINGS  
that are the hardest to let go of!**

**“Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you.”** – Colossians 3:13a (NLT)

**Sometimes we’re not just being unforgiving.  
We’re being PETTY!**

**To help you give a GIFT of forgiveness,  
focus on your DEBT of forgiveness!**

“You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. **He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.**”  
– Colossians 2:13-14 (NLT)

“Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”  
– Colossians 3:13b (NLT)

**When we forgive, we set OURSELVES free!**

**“In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.”**  
– Ephesians 4:26-27 (NIV)

**The funny thing about carrying a grudge is  
YOU are the one doing all the heavy lifting!**