

*Christmas*  
*is For-giving*



# CHRISTMAS IS FOR- GIVING

## ■ WHEN I'M HURT

### 1) CHOOSE TO PRAY.

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

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**What do you pray?**

- \* Pray for God to heal their hurt.**
- \* Pray for God to forgive them.**
- \* Pray for God to bless them.**

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*...bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. - Luke 6:28*

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## 2) CHOOSE TO FORGIVE.

- *For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. Matthew 6:14-15*

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*Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times seven."*

Matthew 18:21-22

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- WHO IS IT THAT YOU HAVEN'T FORGIVEN?
- HOW DO YOU FORGIVE?
- FOCUS ON HOW GOD'S HAS FORGIVEN YOU.

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- *Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*  
Colossians 3:13

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## 3) CHOOSE TO BLESS.

*Do not take revenge...On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink...Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:19a-21*

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*...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

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*So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God... Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them... Genesis 45:1, 14-15a*