

## FROM THE CROSS | FORGIVENESS WAVE CHURCH SD | APRIL 3, 2022

**Luke 23:32-34 (ESV)** <sup>32</sup> Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”**

**Luke 23:34-39 (ESV)** <sup>34</sup> And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

### WHAT WE DO WITH OUR SUFFERING MATTERS

**Matthew 6:14-15 (ESV)** <sup>14</sup> For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

### HOW TO FORGIVE LIKE JESUS

#### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HURT YOU

**Luke 6:27-31 (NIV)** <sup>27</sup> “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup> And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

**Matthew 5:43-45 (ESV)** <sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

## CONFESS THAT IT’S GOD’S JOB TO GET VENGEANCE, NOT MINE!

**Deuteronomy 32:35 (ESV)** Vengeance is mine, and recompense, for the time when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and their doom comes swiftly.’

**Romans 12:19-21 (ESV)** <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Luke 23:39-43 (ESV)** <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

### GIVE MERCY

**Mercy** | compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.

**Colossians 3:12-13 (ESV)** <sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

## CONNECT

### EASTER | April 17<sup>th</sup>

Spring is here, and that means Easter is just around the corner. As we prepare our hearts for this joyous celebration of our resurrected Savior, this is a great time to extend an invitation to church to your family, a friend, or a neighbor. We will have a wonderful morning of praise and worship, followed by an Easter message, and an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids after service!

### LADIES' DESSERT NIGHT | May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Calling all Wave Ladies! We are getting together for a Dessert Night on May 6<sup>th</sup>, and we hope you can all be there! Bring a drink or dessert to share, and we will have a much-needed evening of fellowship with one another. Register today via the Newsletter or on our Website at [wavechurchsd.com/events](http://wavechurchsd.com/events).

### WAVE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Want to keep up with all that is going on at Wave? Simply fill out your communication card and write **'Newsletter'** to get a weekly email update from Wave!

## SERVE

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY | Nursery Volunteers

We have a healthy and thriving Children's Ministry here at Wave, and as our classrooms grow, so does the need for new leaders. If you have a heart for children, we would ask you to consider volunteering with our kids once a month. Please fill out a communication card if you are interested, and Pastor Steven will be in touch!

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Service teams are a great way for you to connect at Wave, serve our amazing God, and our church community. If you are interested in helping or finding out how you can serve, please contact [info@wavechurchsd.com](mailto:info@wavechurchsd.com).

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