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Part 1: "Forgiveness"

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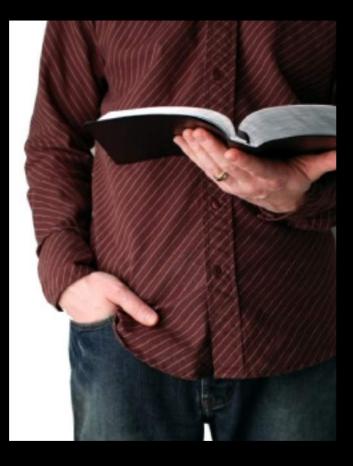
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"Amos Jackson was born 5 days ago, June 3rd @ 1734. That's my boy! Call dad today and ask about fixing the bike. New church, new baby, new life. God, help me be a good husband and father; help me be a man on mission; to lead a woman on mission; to lead a boy on mission."



- "Lord, help my poor soul." (Edgar Allan Poe, 1849)
- "Don't let it end like this. Tell them I said something." (Pancho Villa, 1923)
- "I have offended God and mankind because my work did not reach the quality it should have." (Leonardo da Vinci, 1519)
- "I die hard but am not afraid to go." (George Washington, 1799)
- "Go away. I'm all right." (H. G. Wells, 1946)
- "All my possessions for a moment of time." (Elizabeth I, 1603)





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"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

"Woman, behold your son!" "Behold your mother!"

"My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?"

"I thirst."

"It is finished!"



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Reminds us of our greatest need

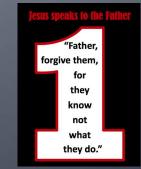


"If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator; If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist; If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist; If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer; But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior."









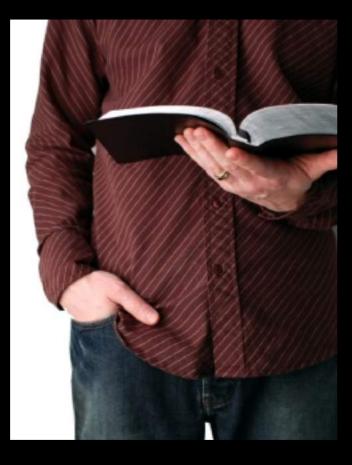




This "last word"

2. Reminds us of our greatest blessing





Romans 8:1 (page 808)



This "last word" . . .

3. Reminds us of His <u>role</u> as our <u>Intercessor</u>





Hebrews 4:14-16 (page 862)







This "last word" . . .

Reminds us of the <u>example</u> we are left to <u>follow</u>





Ephesians 4:29-32 (page 838)



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- Forgiving frees your spirit from the shackles of bitterness



