He Gets Us

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"That Day"
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He gets **us** because He **lived** as one of us.

We must always remember that Jesus' death on the cross was an execution.

On the cross, Jesus chose to **forgive**.

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

When we are wronged, we have a choice between <u>resentment</u> and <u>forgiveness</u>.

I. Resentment leads to **hostility...**Forgiveness leads to **healing.**

"Resentment kills a fool, and envy slays the simple." (Job 5:2)

"He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed." (I Peter 2:24)

"Repent then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord," (Acts 3:19)

II. Resentment leads to <u>retaliation</u>...Forgiveness leads to <u>reconciliation</u>.

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also." (Matthew 5:38-39)

"When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly." (I Peter 2:23)

"For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross." (Colossians 1:19-20)

God does not **resent** you. He **loves** you and wants to **forgive** your sins.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

<u>Follow</u> His example and **<u>forgive</u>** someone today.