

# IT'S NOT OVER

## “Father Forgive Them...”

**WITHOUT CHOOSING FORGIVENESS, ALL RELATIONSHIPS EVENTUALLY DIE.**

<sup>32</sup> Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. <sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”** And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>35</sup> The people stood watching, and **the rulers even sneered** at him. They said, **“He saved others; let him save himself** if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also came up and **mocked him**. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup> and said, **“If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”** <sup>38</sup> There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there **hurled insults** at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” **Luke 23:32-39 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.” <sup>2</sup> Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. **Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil.** <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. <sup>4</sup> And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was **very angry, and his face was downcast.** <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord said to Cain, **“Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?”** <sup>7</sup> **If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”**  
**Genesis 4:1-7 (NIV)**

**3 Types of Anger:**  
**1. Situation Specific**

## 2. Displaced

**OUR ANGER IS ALWAYS PLUGGED INTO SOMETHING.**

## 3. Chronic

**ABC's of Handling Anger:**

**Admitt You're Angry.**

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

**Backtrack to the 1st emotion.**

**Confess it appropriately.**

**THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT YOU WILL DO ON THIS PLANET:**

- **BE FORGIVEN BY GOD**
- **FORGIVE OTHERS**

<sup>32</sup> ***Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)***

**THE FORGIVENESS PATH:**

**HURT ⇒ HATE ⇒ HEALING ⇒ HOMECOMING**

**FORGIVEN PEOPLE FORGIVE PEOPLE**

**FORGIVEN PEOPLE FORGIVE PEOPLE...BY THE POWER OF GOD**

<sup>23</sup> ***"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. **First go and be reconciled** to them; then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)***

***Jesus: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."***

***Us: "Father give me the power to forgive them just as you have forgiven me."***