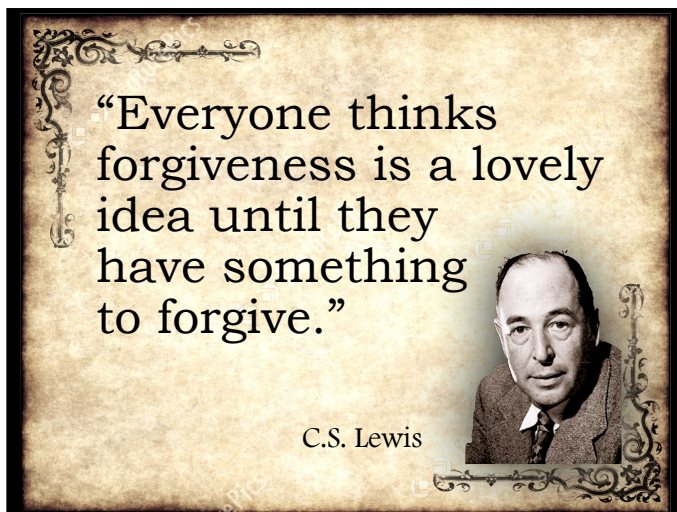




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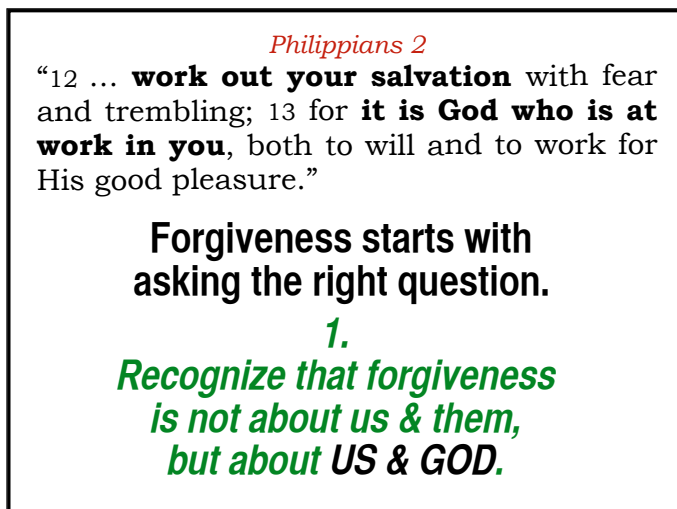
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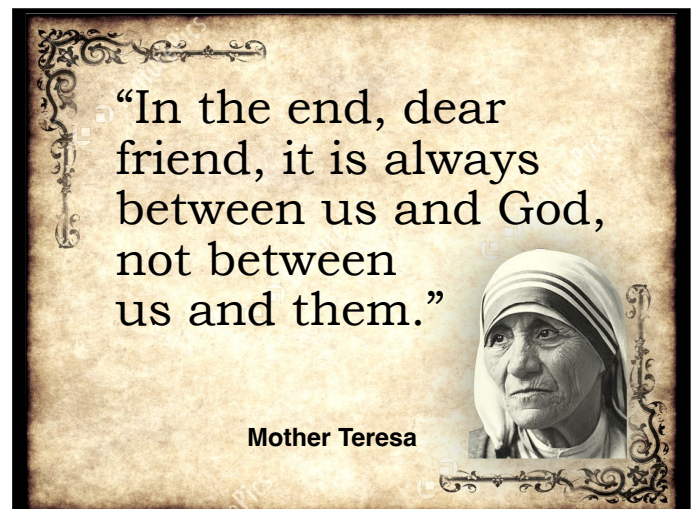
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God's post-its to His anxious children

"Are you after My job AGAIN?"

"I am not asking for your advice."

"Don't Worry I've got it covered."

"This is not heaven."

"You're missing a learning moment."

"I can help if you will Just listen"

"My Son came to save your soul not your plans."

"I thought we already settled that."

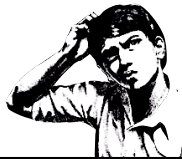
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who first
had to make
room for it.

Injustice and the pain that it produces comes from:

God's **image** in us pointing to
God's **message** to us, about
God's **love** for us, through
God's **grace** upon us, in
God's **Son** given to us.

"He who has an ear to hear
let him hear!"



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2. Let injustice lead to INSIGHT.

Ephesians 4

"26 **Be angry, and yet do not sin**; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and **do not give the devil an opportunity.**"

Anger & anxiety are windows
to a life changing response.



3. **Let your RESPONSE to life's circumstances define your future.**

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Life is not about wining or losing but about how we respond.

Claim the fame

"Mistakes were made, but not by me."

PASS THE BLAME

"You make my life miserable."

WEAR THE SHAME

"I can't get anything right."



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Satan delights in our sensitivity
to right and wrong

so long as it leads
no further than to
**fear, pride,
vengeance,
or depression.**



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"30 And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption... 32 And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, **forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.**"

The sign of God's Spirit in us
is seen in our liberation from our guilt
and our forgiveness of others



4. **Take BAPTISM seriously because God does.**



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"To be a Christian means
to forgive the inexcusable
because God has forgiven
the inexcusable
in you."

C.S. Lewis



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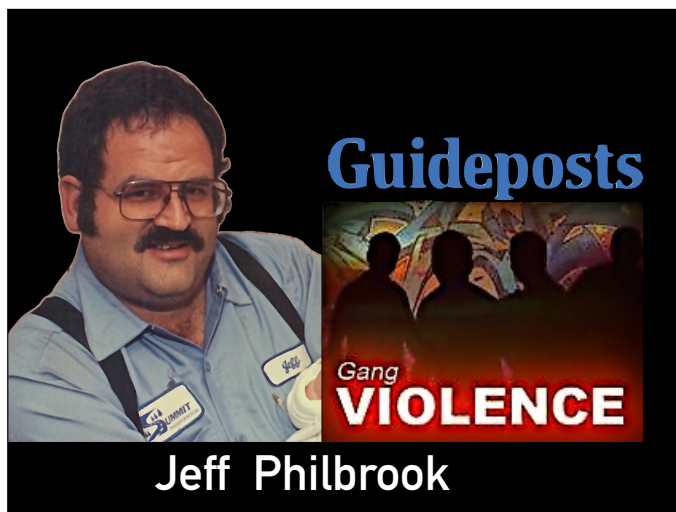
2 Corinthians 1

"3 ... the God of all comfort; 4 who comforts us in all our affliction **so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction** with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

Injustice invites us to bear witness to the Gospel through our response.

5. Seize the OPPORTUNITY to let injustice set the stage to showcase faith, hope, & love.

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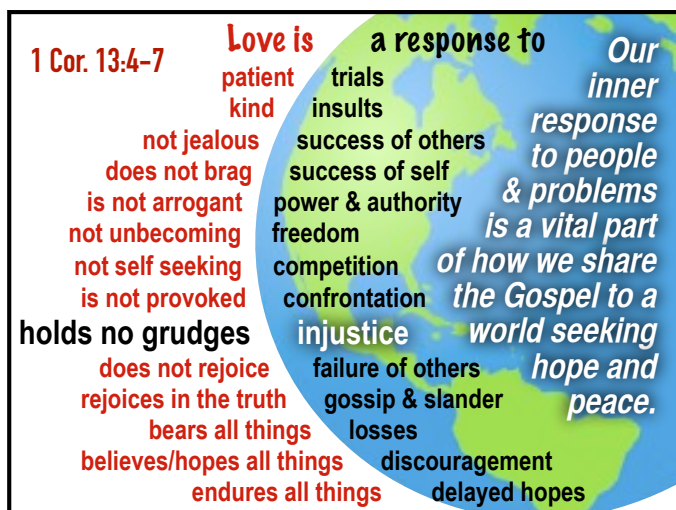


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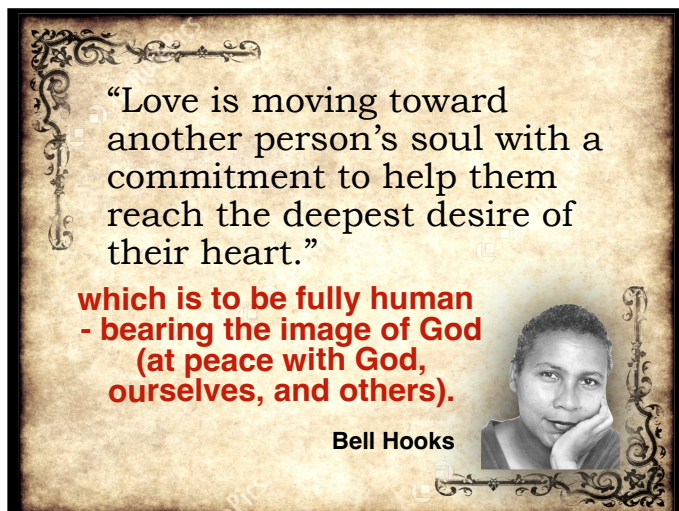
QUESTION

Should our comfort & courage come from believing that God is in control of all that happens, or that God anoints us to respond to whatever happens?

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If you don't know how to do this then watch someone who does.

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Has become COMMON NEWS

There have been 574 school shootings in the U.S. from 2000 through 2024, leading to 462 deaths and 844 injuries.

- **Sandy Hook Elementary School (2012):** A 20-year-old gunman killed 26 people—20 children aged six and seven, and six adult staff members. [Wikipedia](#)
- **Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas (2022):** A shooter killed 19 fourth-grade students and two teachers. [Wikipedia](#)
- **Columbine High School (1999):** Two students killed 13 people (12 students and one teacher) and injured over 20 others before taking their own lives. [Wikipedia](#)

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I come before You with a heavy heart. You know the pain I'm carrying — the hurt, the anger, the confusion. Lord, I don't want to be bound by this any longer. I want to walk in the freedom that You offer through Jesus. Right now, I choose to forgive those who have hurt me in what they have done. I acknowledge that what they did was wrong, and it hurt me deeply. But I am releasing this burden to You.

I'm not excusing what happened, but I'm choosing to let go of my right to revenge or bitterness. I trust You to deal with it in Your perfect justice.

Lord, please help me with the parts I still struggle with. Heal the wounds in my heart. Restore what was lost or broken.

I pray for those who have hurt me, because they are made in your image and need to see that only you can satisfy their deep longings for life.

Teach us all to walk in forgiveness daily. Give me strength, wisdom, and peace. And help me become more like Jesus, who forgave even while He was being crucified.

I surrender this to You now. Thank You for forgiving me, and for giving me the power to forgive others.

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