**R856 (R122) \_Rumination for June 20, 2021 (**AFather’s Day Rumination)by K.C. Ung

The **T**heme: **Father Forgive**[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *Then said Jesus,* ***Father****,* ***F****orgive them; for they know not what they do.* Lk. 23:34

*Jesus…said,* ***Father****, into Thy hands I commend My spirit.* Lk. 23:46

The **T**hots:

Intro:Jesus **C**ried out seven times on the **C**ross. His first and last were cries to His Father.

1. **The Son’s Appeal to the Father – *Father****, forgive them; for they know not what they do*. **Lk. 23:34**
2. **Could the Father Forgive them?** They were **C**rucifying His Son on the **C**ross**!**
   1. **C**onsider the Father’s Love for the Son: *This is My Son, Whom I love.* Mt. 3:17, NRSV

*Thou art My beloved Son*. Mk. 1:11; Lk. 3:22, KJV

* 1. **C**ompare it with Abraham’s Love for his son, Isaac. Gen. 22:2

*Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest.*

* + 1. Jesus was God’s **S**on – *This is My beloved Son.* Mt. 3:17
    2. Jesus was God’s only Son – H*e gave His one and only Son* Jn. 3:16, NRSV
    3. God loved His Son – *This is My Son, whom I love* Mt. 3:17, NRSV
  1. **C**ontrast this with Abraham’s **S**acrifice of his **S**on.
     1. Isaac was **S**pared – there was a ram **S**ubstitute. Gen. 22:13

*Abraham...took the ram, and offered him up…in the stead of his son.*

* + 1. Jesus was not **S**pared – there was no **S**ubstitute. Rom. 8:32

*He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all*

1. **Could the Father Forgive them?** It was for this **S**ole purpose that He **S**ent His **S**on**.**
   1. The Father loved His **S**on, but He also loved the **S**inners in the world. Jn. 3:16

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son*

* 1. The Son would have to be the Sinner’s **S**ubstitute to **S**ave them from their **S**ins. I Pet. 2:24

*Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree*

1. **The Son’s Accomplishment for the Father. Lk. 23:46**

*Jesus…said,* ***Father****, into Thy hands I commend My spirit: and having said thus, He gave up the ghost.*

1. **The Father could Forgive, but First,** He had to **F**orsake His Son. Mt. 27:46

Jesus’ **F**ourth cry was: *My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me*?

* 1. The **F**ather of Love had become the God of Justice and He had to forsake His Son.
  2. The **S**on Whom He loved was made…***S****in for us, Who knew no sin;* II Cor. 5:21

*that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him*.

* 1. It was the darkest **H**our in **H**istory for the Father, the Son and the world: Mt. 27:45

*From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.*

1. **Now the Father could Forgive,** the Son had **F**inished what He was sent to do**.**
   1. Jesus sixth cry was: ***It is finished****: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost.* Jn. 19:30
   2. Jesus last cry was: ***Father****, into Thy hands I commend My spirit.* Lk. 23:46

Thus, **F**inished was the work He was sent, and came, to do. **Now the Father could Forgive!**

Our Blessed Savior sev’n times spoke When on the cross our sins He took  
And died lest men should perish. Let us His last and dying words In our **remembrance** cherish.

“**Father, forgive** these men; for, lo, They truly know not what they do.”

So far His love extended. Forgive us, Lord, for we, too, have Through ignorance offended.

Now to the contrite thief He cries: “Thou, verily, in Paradise  
Shall meet Me ere tomorrow.” Lord, take us to Thy kingdom soon Who linger here in sorrow.

To weeping Mary, standing by, “Behold thy Son,” now hear Him cry;

To John, “Behold thy mother.” Provide, O Lord, for those we leave; Let each befriend the other.

The Savior’s fourth word was “I thirst.” O mighty Prince of Life, Thy thirst  
For us and our salvation Is truly great; do help us, then, That we escape damnation.

The fifth, “**My God, My God, O why Forsake Me?”** Hark, the awful cry!  
Lord, Thou wast here forsaken That we might be received on high; Let this hope not be shaken.

The sixth, when victory was won, “**’Tis finished!”** for Thy work was done.  
Grant, Lord, that, onward pressing We may the work Thou dost impose Fulfill with Thine own blessing.

The last, as woe and sufferings end, “**O God, My Father**, I commend  
Into Thy hands My Spirit.” Be this, dear Lord, my dying wish; O heavenly Father, hear it.

Whoe’er, by sense of sin oppressed, Upon these words his thoughts will rest,  
He joy and hope obtaineth And through God’s love and boundless grace A peaceful conscience gaineth.

O Jesus Christ, Thou Crucified, Who hast for our offenses died,

Grant that we e’er may ponder Thy wounds, Thy cross, Thy bitter death, Both here below and yonder.

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**Reflections for the Week R. 856**

1. On this Father’s Day, if you happen to have children who have wronged against you,

someone you love who has hurt you or a brother or sister in Christ who has spoken ill of you, can you forgive? Would you forgive if the one below was your very own? **REFLECT**.

***Far from Finished Forgive Me Father***

Forgive me father for I've sinned  
It's been 3 whole days since my last glass of gin  
The ones that I old dear say it's getting to my head  
If I can't have me liquor lord I might as well be dead  
Forgive me father for I fear I've gone all wrong  
I slept beside many a dame and never once returned  
I've raised my hands in anger and put down my fellow man  
And I fear no penance I could receive could save me from the damned  
  
Can you help me father for I'm falling  
My heart is weary and I'm beginning to feel faint  
He smiled and he looked into my eyes  
And he said son, you ain't nothing but a tortured saint.  
  
Forgive me father for I know not what I do  
'Ya see I left home when I was just fifteen  
Never had the guidance of a loving father  
Just bar flies and whores, no brother to bother

[Far from Finished Lyrics](http://www.lyricsdir.com/far-from-finished-lyrics.html)

1. If you were a son or a daughter, would you forgive your father if he had neglected you all these years; what if had had even given you away when you were a child?

The following report appeared in the local newspaper The STAR’s front page on 30th May, 2007:

**Woman’s reunion with dad turns fatal**

…the man’s daughter, who had been residing in Singapore, confronted her father at his Rifle Range flat at 11.45p.m. on Sunday.

She started scolding him and asking why he had given her away when she was a baby.

He could not answer her and went to the kitchen to pick up a knife.

He then stabbed himself five times in the abdomen in front of her.

She was so shocked that she could only scream for help.

The man, who was divorced, was taken to hospital where he was admitted to the intensive care unit but died at 10.30a.m. the next day.

On this Father’s Day, if you have been hurt by your father’s attitude or actions towards you in the past, will you forgive him? Better, why not take this opportunity to show love to and honour your father this day. **REFLEC**T on what you will do and do it.

**A BLESSED FATHER’S DAY**

***To All Fathers,***

***May Your Day Bring Much Joy to you All***

***As You Spend It with Your Beloved Wife and Children***

***And Above All,***

***May God, the Father, Bless You All Richly.***