#### **WORDS ON THE CROSS**

"Whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple." LK 14:27

God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. GAL 6:14

#### IT ALL STARTS HERE

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

#### **HOW TO FORGIVE**

It is not easy.

It is not simple.

It is not quick.

The flesh cannot do it (but it relives it can).

It is more than a decision.

It is a supernatural process.

#### FIRST:

# APPEAL TO THE HEAVENLY FATHER ON THEIR BEGAKF

INTERCEDE FOR THEM

REMEMBER WHAT AGAPE LOVE IS:

THINKS NO EVIL

DOES NOT REJOICE IN INIQUITY

**BEARS ALL THINGS** 

**ENDURES ALL THINGS** 

HOPES ALL THINGS

LOVE **NEVER** FAILS

#### SECOND:

CONSIDER THE OTHER PERSON OR SITUATION

WHAT REALLY MOTIVATED THEIR BEHAVIOR?

WHAT REALLY CAUSED THE SITUATION?

COULD IT BE ANCESTRAL?

#### THIRD:

CONSIDER WHY YOUR REACTED LIKE YOU DID

PAST TRAUMA AND HURTS?

**FEARS** 

SELF PROTECTION - LACK OF TRUST
NEED FOR DELIVERANCE/HEALING
FEELING YOU ARE OWED SOMETHING

### FOURTH:

CHOOSE TO ACCEPT WHAT HAPPENED AND TO LET IT GO - CHOOSE TO FORGIVE

#### THE SECOND WORD

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

Luke 23:43

- <sup>39</sup> Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."
- <sup>40</sup> But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."
- 43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

### THE CROSS EXPERINCE THE PLACE OF TRUE MINISTRY

- \* TOTAL LOSS OF SELF...
- \* NOT DISTRACTED BY THE MOB.
- \* SENSITIVE TO NEEDA OF OTHERS.
- \* WILLING AND ABLE TO MINISTER IN SPITE OF ULTIMATE PERSONAL WEAKNESS, EXTREME PAIN AND PERSONAL NEED.
- \* FULL COMPREHENSION OF SPIRITUAL REALITY AND SITUATION.
- \* FULLY AWARE AND CONFIDENT OF FUTURE OUTCOME STILL MOVING IN FAITH.