



How to Live through a Bad Day
Pt. 1 – Forgive Others

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“Your greatest test in life will be how you respond to bad situations and react to people who mistreat you.” – Pastor John

1. _____ has bad days, even Jesus.

Hebrews 2:17-18 (MSG), “That’s why he had to enter into **every detail of human life**. Then, when he came before God as high priest to get rid of the people’s sins, he would have already **experienced it all himself** – all the pain, all the testing – and would be **able to help** where help was **needed**.”

John 16:33 (NLT), “I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth **you will have many trials and sorrows**. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV), “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him **endured the cross**, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

2. Jesus _____ first.

Luke 23:34 (NIV), “Jesus said, ‘**Father, forgive them**, for they do not know what they are doing.’”

Matthew 5:43-44 (NIV), “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: **Love your enemies** and pray for those who **persecute** you.”

3. The _____ forgive.

Mark 11:25 (NLT), “²⁵ But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.”

Matthew 6:12 (NLT), “And forgive us our sins, **as we have forgiven those** who sin against us.”

4, Forgiveness builds _____, not walls.

Romans 12:17-21 (NIV), “¹⁷ **Do not repay anyone evil for evil**. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, **as far as it depends on you**, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ **Do not take revenge**, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “**It is mine to avenge; I will repay**,” says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him, if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will **heap burning coals on his head**.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

5. Forgiveness comes from an _____ perspective.

1 Peter 4:1 (NCV), “Since Christ suffered while he was in his body, strengthen yourselves with the **same way of thinking** Christ had.”

Ephesians 4:30-32 (NLT), “³⁰ And do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, **guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption**. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another**, just as God through **Christ has forgiven you**.”

