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Great crowds trailed along behind Him, including many grief-stricken women Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with Him. Finally, they came to a place called The Skull. All three were crucified there – Jesus on the center cross, and the criminals on either side. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

What We Usually Do With Our Guilt

1. We _____.
2. We _____.
3. We _____.

What God Wants Us To Do With Our Guilt

1. _____ it.

The Lord gave us a mind and a conscience. We cannot hide from ourselves. (Proverbs 20:27)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8)

Life Lesson

To stop *defeating* myself,
I must stop *deceiving* myself.

2. _____ responsibility.

"I recognize my faults; I am aware of my sins..." (Psalm 51:3)

Life Lesson

You will never learn
from something you refuse to see.

3. _____ forgiveness.

If we freely admit that we have sinned, we find God utterly reliable ... He forgives your sins and makes you thoroughly clean from all that is evil. (1 John 1:9)

All of us have sinned, yet God declares us “not guilty” if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in His mercy freely takes away our sin. (Romans 3:23-24)

Life Lesson

**It doesn't matter what you've done.
What matters is what Jesus has done for you.**

What God Does With My Guilt

1. He forgives _____.

God is merciful and quick to forgive. (Isaiah 55:7)

2. He forgives _____.

He has forgiven ALL your sins. He has utterly wiped out the evidence of broken commandments which always hung over our heads, and has completely annulled it by nailing it to the cross! (Colossians 2:13-14)

3. He forgives _____.

Jesus is always interceding on our behalf. (Hebrews 7:25)

4. He forgives _____.

For by the sacrificial death of Christ, we are set free – that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God! (Ephesians 1:7)

What happiness for those whose guilt has been forgiven! What relief for those who God has cleared their record! (Psalm 32:1-2)