

**The Word Of Forgiveness: 1 of 7**  
**“Famous Last Words”**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
**Pastor Ed Turley**  
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**Big Idea:** By examining the final words of Jesus, we will better understand His grace and mercy.

“Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”** And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.” **Luke 23:32-35 (NIV)**

“He **canceled the record** of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.” **Colossians 2:14 (NLT2) Remember Verse**

### **What Do We Usually Do With Our Guilt?**

#### **1. We Bury It**

“Blessed is he whose **transgressions are forgiven**, whose sins are **covered**. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD **does not count against** him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I **kept silent**, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.” **Psalms 32:1-4 (NIV)**

#### **2. We Blame Others**

“A man's **own folly** ruins his life, yet his **heart rages** against the LORD.” **Proverbs 19:3 (NIV)**

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#### **3. We Beat Ourselves Up**

“My **guilt** has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear... I am bowed down and brought very low; all day long I go about mourning.” **Psalms 38:4,6 (NIV)**

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## ***What Does Jesus Want Us To Do?***

### **1. Repent**

“Let us **examine** our ways and test them, and let us **return** to the LORD.”  
**Lamentations 3:40 (NIV)**

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is **patient** with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to **repentance.**” **2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)**

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### **2. Ask For Forgiveness**

“Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”-- and you **forgave the guilt** of my sin.”  
**Psalms 32:5 (NIV)**

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we **confess** our sins, He is **faithful** and **just** and will **forgive** us our sins and **purify** us from all unrighteousness.” **1 John 1:8-9 (NIV)**

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### **3. Confess Jesus As Your Lord And Savior**

“If you **confess** that **Jesus is your Lord**, and you **believe** in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved.**” **Romans 10:9 (NIV)**

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## **➤ Have I received forgiveness from God?**

**My next right step, I will:**

- Accept responsibility for my sins**
- Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior**
- Follow Jesus in Believer’s Baptism May 1**

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**[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss]**

**Big Idea:** By examining the final words of Jesus, we will better understand His grace and mercy.

**Open in Prayer.**

**Ice breaker:** What do you want to be the story of your life?

**Read Luke 23:32-35**

What obvious sins were the people at the crucifixion guilty of?

What are some of the sins of our culture now?

How does the word of forgiveness demonstrate the heart of Jesus for people?

Review **Colossians 2:14** as a **Remember Verse**.

**What Do We Usually Do With Our Guilt?**

**1. We Bury It**

**Read Psalm 32:1-4**

This is one of seven Psalms that King David wrote in his desire to repent.

What was his problem and outcome of verses 3 & 4?

What is the problem of rationalizing or comparing our sins?

**2. We Blame Others**

**Read Proverbs 19:3**

What are some moments of your past that would be considered foolishness?

Have you ever blamed God for something you did? Share.

**3. We Beat Ourselves Up**

**Read Psalm 38:4,6**

Have you ever been self-destructive instead of seeking help? Why?

## ***What Does Jesus Want Us To Do?***

### **1. Repent**

#### **Read Lamentations 3:40**

If you were to examine your life, what would you want to turn over to God?

#### **Read 2 Peter 3:9**

How patient has God been with you?

Is there something you need to repent from?

### **2. Ask For Forgiveness**

#### **Read Psalm 32:5**

When King David finally confessed his sin, how did he feel?

#### **Read 1 John 1:8-9**

What must we do?

What does God promise?

### **3. Confess Jesus As Your Lord And Savior**

#### **Read Romans 10:9**

What must we do to be saved?

Which is more challenging for you:

Confess Jesus as Lord? Or

Believe God raised Jesus from the dead?

When did you become a Christian?

Have you been baptized as a believer of Jesus?

**Close in Prayer:** Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.