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How hard would it have been to simply forgive them as Christ has also forgiven you?

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What would it have taken for you to forgive them?

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What would it have taken for you to forgive them?

What quality do you lack that would make forgiveness your default response?

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Am I to love them also?

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And what if I don't?

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What will it cost me if I refuse to love and forgive the “others” in my life who have caused me great pain, heartache, and suffering?

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And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to
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