

Northeastern District ALLIANCEWOMEN

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Letting Go

By Terri Groh, District Director

"Father forgive them because they do not know what they are doing."

I am amazed at Jesus' ability to see through the behaviors and actions of that shouting mob and look straight at the heart. As he hung suffering on the cross, listening to the mocking and the hate that was spewing out of the mouths of his executioners, he looked straight through to their heart and saw what was behind the words.

"Father forgive them because they do not know what they are doing."

When my accusers poke fun at me, or gossip about me or snub me can I do the same? Can I look past their hurtful words and attitudes and see them through God's eyes? When I feel hated and hurt, despised and rejected, am I able to forgive?

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It's hard isn't it? I play and replay conversations over and over again. I create scenarios where I'm able to speak my piece so eloquently. I imagine situations where I'm able to share exactly how hurt I am. But often, those conversations can never happen and to be honest, most should never happen. So what is my response? Is it to continue to feel hurt and resentment? Or is it to see the person through the eyes of our Lord who hung mutilated and bleeding for me, as well as the one who is doling out pain to me?

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This past weekend at Fall Refocus, we heard time and again from our speaker
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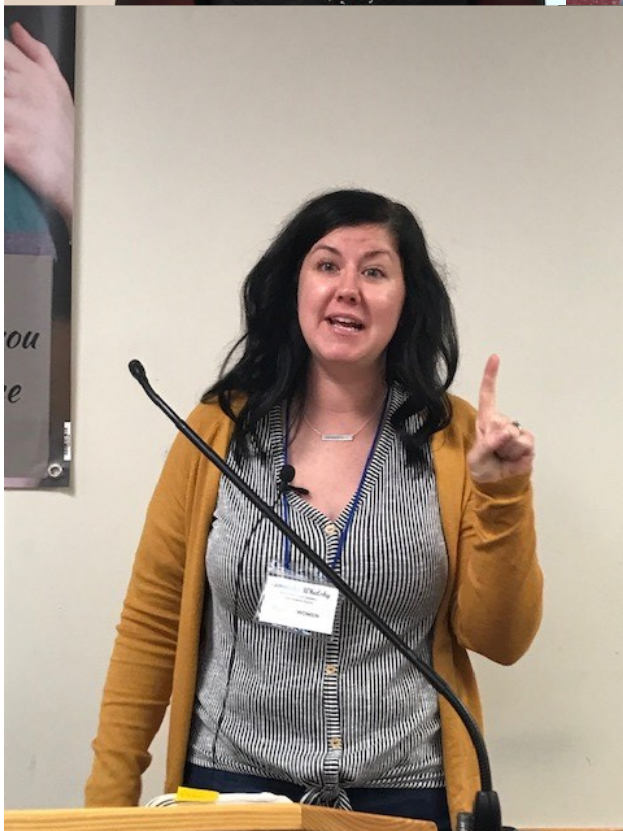
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Fall Refocus Pictures





Ouagadougou Guest Home Project 2019-2020 Project

**A new stove—\$500; 10 stand fans—\$500; Pots and
pans and utensils**

Goal for 2019-2020 —\$1,500.00

Total Amount to Date — \$150.00

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ers about the necessity of being set free from unforgiveness. As a believer forgiveness is not just something nice to do, but is critical for my own walk with the Lord. I desire to forgive when others hurt me. I want to keep my focus on the Lord. I want to share in His suffering so that I may grow. I want to push past my fears, anxieties, hurts, anger, frustrations and all the other negative emotions that seem to want to rise up every day of my life. I want to be free and learn to forgive, even when forgiveness is not sought out by the one inflicting the wounds.

Because that's the point of this, isn't it? Christ forgave them even though they didn't understand and even though they didn't repent. They didn't look up at his bruised and bloodied body and feel remorse. They kept right on cursing and taunting and mocking.

"Father forgive them because they do not know what they are doing."

My prayer, and I hope it is your prayer as well, is to forgive others for the little slights and unintentional hurts as well as those major things. Because if we cannot forgive, then we make meaningless the sacrifice of the Lamb. If we can't let things go, then Christ's death is worthless. Forgiveness comes with a price. It was the price of His sacrifice. But we also experience a benefit. It is the release we feel when we can let go of the hurt inflicted, and leave it in God's hands.

Let go of the hurt. Let go of the rejection. Let go of the wounds. Let go of the words.

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National Goal—\$250,000
Northeastern District Goal—\$16,000

Year-to-date Amount— \$1,383.00

Help break their chains so they can be SET FREE!

July 2019 \$1,095.00	August 2019 \$225.00	September 2019 \$63.00

2019-2020 National Project

Bosnia - Herzegovina

Roma people and women coming out of prison to be set free from heroin adiction

Cambodia

Help and a home for those seeking to be set free from drug and alcohol addiction

Paraguay

Reaching youth through camp ministry to be set free to follow Jesus

Uruguay

Encounter retreats for well-educated women in a spiritually-resistant culture to be set free from emptiness