

"Forgiveness Is..."

Forgiveness is rebelling against the hierarchy of vengeance,
there is no getting even,
Forgiving is allowing yourself to become one with the grace that God has given you,
Giving your spirit freedom to rid itself of all the iniquities laden upon it by the oppressors of the world,
Forgiveness is taking the step in the direction of healing,
Not allowing the change of bitterness to take place and hold a grudge,
Forgiveness is kin to hope,
A passport on a journey to a better life without the burden.

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Thank You FOR READING!

Below is a question to reflect on from this piece. Feel free to also use it as a conversation starter with a fellow reader, or even a loved one on the outside!

What do you think Asia means when she writes, “there is no getting even”?

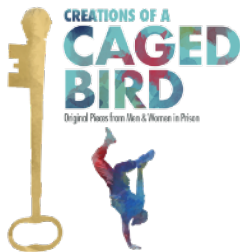
Do you agree that choosing vengeance, instead of forgiveness, creates another kind of burden for the person who tries to “get even”?

Have you ever experienced that kind of burden?

We'd love to hear what you thought of the piece, or if you've had any meaningful conversations as a result. Or perhaps you'd like to share an expression of your own (visual art or creative writing). You are always welcome to write to us at Shining Light at P.O. Box 267, Annville, PA 17003.

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