***Romans 12: 19-21, NKJV, “*****Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance *is* Mine, I will repay,”[says the Lord. 2Therefore“If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”**

Forgiveness is, perhaps, the most difficult task on this earth! To absolve, exculpate, exonerate, exempt, excuse, or 'give amnesty to' is **"pretty near impossible"** without God's help. The Apostle Paul reminds us in Romans 12 that God is perfectly able to handle any revenge or repayment for transgressions which will, ultimately, affect us. What this New Testament writer purposes and demands is more "out of the ordinary," unprecedented, unimaginable, uncommon, uncharacteristic, unusual and unconventional than any human could naturally imagine. (***Can you say: “bury the hatchet,” “wipe the slate clean,” “let bygones be bygones,” and “make a fresh start”?)*** More simply “spelled out”:

***“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him a drink."***

***(Are you kidding me)?***

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And, here's the "end game strategy" for now........Think on the "unthinkable," try the "untried," and move into the "unmovable" while you

***"heap coals of fire on his (your offender's) head."***

***Jesus said it, Paul wrote it, and we still read it today, this “Serving God” Sunday, “Do not take revenge, my dear friends!"***

***Instead, take hope in the freeing forgiveness of our great Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as we purposefully imitate the mercy of His liberating love.***

***It is always,***

***Because of Him,***

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**Dear Lord God, help me be more forgiving. Show me how to give mercy and understanding and compassion and sympathy and leniency and benevolence. Let me be more like You. For those experiencing sickness, let healing appear. For those involved in addictions and sin, let purity of heart overtake them. For those in need, let them find fulfillment though You. Remind me today to feed the hungry, offer drink to the thirsty, provide shelter for the homeless, and encouragement to the down-hearted. Make my walk steady and sure and my time well-managed. Protect Jerusalem, my Soon-Coming King! Thank You for Your great goodness. I love You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

**And, here’s how you overcome evil—you trust in Jesus! If you don’t know Him as Savior, email me…..let’s talk ![C:\Users\Linda\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\NRV9JYOK\MC900441523[1].wmf]()!**