**Mark 11:24-26, NKJV, “**Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them,* and you will have *them.*“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, **forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.** But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.””

**(That sounds pretty conditional to me! "Ya Think?!?")**

**It is well-understood that one of the hardest things on this side of eternity is learning to forgive. To administer mercy, pardon, amnesty, clemency, compassion and grace is elusive, effortful, difficult, ‘against human tendency,’ and demanding. Depending on which side of "leniency" one is on, whether the "giver" or the "getter," it is a most challenging, severely puzzling concept. God demands it; "the earthly self" balks at the thought of it. But, central to the concept of Jesus' atoning grace, sits FORGIVENESS, right smack dab in the middle of a hill called Golgotha, on a battered, bruised, “perfect God” body. According to Mark (and Matthew, and Luke, and Jesus), "Forgive…..that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.” Tough, taxing, trying, and testing, ‘leniency’ is foreign to our “get even” human nature. ("Dummying" it down a bit.....if we forgive others, God will forgive us!) In fact, Jesus stressed that the direct path to receiving grace, is specifically related to our attitude of benevolence to others. Tenderness and "turning the other cheek" prompt the Father in Heaven to react in same kind. Awesome, awe-inspiring autumn’s morn! May exoneration and exculpation hail ‘front and center’ as you bring pardon and pity forth into your life’s ‘FORGET ABOUT IT’ mantra of ‘reprieve and remission.’**

**Forgive…always….**

***Because of "His great love,"***

***Lindi***

**Dear Heavenly Father, teach me how to forgive better and more freely. Let me administer mercy and grace today. Take me deeper into Your Word that I might be a witness and a faithful follower. For the families suffering death and loss, remind them of heaven. For individuals who need healing, show them the stripes on Your back. For the needs, necessities, and requirements of this life, Lord God, be our all. Thank You for the bounty and benevolence of Your goodness. Send the shield of Your blood protection to my family and friends against terrorism, fright and horrific evil! Take us deeper into Your Holiness! Forgive me. I love You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**