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Wow! I just experienced the most moving story of forgiveness I think I've ever heard (apart from that of Calvary). It takes place in a small roomful of very damaged people. If these people can say they are sorry, can't we forgive lesser offenses done to us? Would not our lives be more at rest if we did? And kudos must go to the interviewer, who kept probing and got this story out, perhaps despite how she hoped the interview would go.

I'll warn you, however, that you need 40 minutes of quiet time, alone or with others, if you want to experience this as a redemptive moment, which starts building momentum about 14-15 minutes into the story. The next 20 minutes are stunning. A holy moment, really. If you're a Christian, think of the entire 40 minutes as devotional time.

So if you're just going to have the story playing in the background while you're busy doing other stuff, please don't bother to listen. It would be an insult to the people in the room. Sorry to sound tetchy about this, but it's probably better to ignore the cross, to walk on by, than to be fooling around in its presence, as some lost souls once did with their dice.

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