

SPIRITUAL URBAN LEGENDS

LESSON 2

FORGIVING MEANS FORGETTING

FORGIVING IS NOT AN OPTION

TOUGH TO DO

LOOK AT HOW VIEW FORGIVENESS

Pretend nothing ever happened
Never ending series of second chances
Fresh start with all consequences removed
Immediate and full restoration of relationship
Forgiving means really forgetting what happened

ACT OF SELF INDUCED AMNESIA

NOT HOW GOD FORGIVES

HEBREWS 8:12

For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

FORGET AND REMEMBER

Opposites

GENESIS 8:1

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.

**RENEWS WORK WITH PERSON OR SITUATION AT
HAND**

SINS OF SAINTS AND SUBSEQUENT FORGIVENESS

BIBLICAL STORIES

Abraham's lies, David's adultery, Peter's denial

Did God forgive?

If he forgot, how were stories inspired?

NO LONGER RESPONDS TO US IN LIGHT OF SINS

FEEL CANNOT FORGET NOT TRY TO FORGIVE

**PEOPLE MESSED UP, ASKED FOR FORGIVENESS
STILL MESSED UP**

**FORMER TAX CHEAT CANNOT SHAKE IRS,
ALCOHOLIC NEVER GET KIDS BACK, FORMER
PORN ADDICT NEVER REGAIN WIFE'S TRUST**

**ASSUME FORGIVING MEANS FORGETTING
EVERYTHING SHOULD BE FIXED**

WHEN NOT GET MAD AT GOD

**WRONGED SOMEONE, THEY SHOULD
FORGET IT AND GET PAST IT**

PLACES BURDEN ON ONE WRONGED

PAIN MAGICALLY DISAPPEAR

**MAKES FORGIVENESS SEEM OUT OF
REACH**

**PAINFUL MEMORIES CANNOT BE WILLED
AWAY**

THE FATHER'S DILEMMA

**SON BRUTALLY MURDERED BY ANGRY
STEP-FATHER**

**WENT TO PREACHER – I CAN NEVER
FORGET**

**FEARED REFUSAL TO FORGET DAMN SOUL
IF FORGET, DISHONOR HIS SON**

**FORGIVENESS NOT REMOVE
CONSEQUENCES**

DAVID 2 SAMUEL 11-12

**Sword never depart from house, Son would
dishonor him in public, temple left for
another, son would die**

**NOT ASKED TO PRETEND NOTHING
HAPPENED**

COULD PURSUE JUSTICE

DOES MEAN SECOND CHANCE

**David not doomed life of hopeless regret
Could become something else in eyes of God
than murdering adulterer**

**MUST OF DAVID BEST POETRY WRITTEN
AFTER THESE EVENTS**

LEARNING TO FORGIVE

STOP KEEPING SCORE

Lane change

GET A GOOD MIRROR

**REBUKE WHEN WRONGED, FORGIVE WHEN
ASKED**

LET GOD BE GOD

Forgiveness only given those who ask

Revenge Romans 12:17-21

BECOMING LIKE JESUS

FORGIVING IS A BIG DEAL

WITHOUT IT NO SALVATION

MURDERER, UNFAITHFUL HUSBAND

**FORGIVE THOSE HAVE NO EXCUSE AND
FOR THINGS WORLD CONSIDER
UNFORGIVABLE, BECOME MORE LIKE
GOD**
