

**SPIRITUAL URBAN LEGENDS**

**LESSON 2**

**FORGIVING MEANS FORGETTING**

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**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**

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**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.

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**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**

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**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**

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**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**

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**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**

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**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**

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**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**

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**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

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**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**

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