

FORGIVING THE UNFORGIVABLE

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FORGIVING THE UNFORGIVABLE A Short Primer On Biblical Forgiveness

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(B) Why It's So Important

Mark 11:25/ Matthew 6:12-15/ Matthew 18:21-35

- Forgiveness is not an **option**, it's a **requirement**
- It impacts how God treats our **sins**
- Failing to forgive hurts us worse than the **one we won't forgive**

(C) How To Forgive The Unforgivable

Colossians 3:13/ Matthew 6:12/ 1 Peter 2:20-23, Romans 12:19 & 1 Timothy 1:20

- (1) Start with a long **look in the mirror**
- (2) Make sure you understand **biblical forgiveness**
- (3) Turn the situation **over to God**
- (4) Give your feelings **time to catch up**

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