

# T H E OVERCOMING LIFE

## Overcoming Unforgiveness Jimmy Evans

*Philippians 4:13; 1 John 5:4; Revelation 12:11, 2:7, 2:17, 2:26–28, 3:21; Matthew 18:21–35*

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### A. Three Shocking Truths Concerning Unforgiveness

1. It is shocking how seriously God takes the issue of forgiveness.

*Ephesians 4:26–27; Matthew 6:15*

2. It is shocking how petty unforgiveness seems from God's perspective.

3. It is shocking how much different we are from God when it comes to the issue of forgiveness.

*Psalms 103:8–14*

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### B. Understanding the Meaning of Forgiveness

1. Permanently forgiving all debt and bringing the balance to zero.
  2. Permanently forfeiting the right of reproach.
  3. Permanently forgoing all expressions of private and public judgment.
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### C. How to Forgive from the Heart

1. We must remember that our sins cost Jesus His life!
2. We must remember that God loves our offender as much as He loves us.
3. We must make a permanent release of their debt to us and release their judgment to God.

*Romans 12:17–19*

**4. We must bless them and pray for them.**

*Luke 6:28*

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**5. We must resist Satan.**

- a. Don't go to bed angry!**
- b. Deal with offenses and hurts every day, and don't take up other people's offenses!**
- c. Don't rehearse and nurse the hurts. Reverse the hurts by forgiving, blessing, and loving your enemies.**
- d. Don't justify unforgiveness or allow self-pity or bitterness.**

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*What is the Holy Spirit saying to me through this message?*

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*Scripture is from the New King James Version of the Bible.*