



STEPPING INTO SPIRITUAL WARFARE

UNOFFENDABLE | WEEK 2
DAVE D'ANGELO

Key Points

- Anger is at the root of all offense, but the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God (James 1:20).
- Forgiveness is spiritual warfare; unforgiveness allows Satan to outwit us and divide the church.
- Satan's goal is to steal, kill, and destroy through keeping believers bound in unforgiveness.
- Forgiveness is not a one-time event but a layered process that happens over time.
- Forgiving someone doesn't let them off the hook; it entrusts them to God as the righteous judge.
- Forgiveness doesn't require the offender to apologize, change, or make restitution first.
- Forgiveness is not weakness but meekness—it makes us more like Jesus and demonstrates strength.
- You can still experience hurt while having forgiven; Jesus heals our wounds while we extend forgiveness.
- True freedom cannot be found through boundaries and distance alone; it requires forgiveness.
- Forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting or automatically restoring the relationship; reconciliation in our hearts is what God requires.
- We forgive not in our own strength but by calling on God's power, just as Jesus did on the cross.

Seven Lies About Forgiveness

LIE

1. Forgiveness is a one-time event.
2. Forgiveness condones or excuses what they did.
3. Forgiveness first requires that they _____.
4. Forgiveness is weakness.
5. Forgiveness means I no longer feel hurt.
6. Forgiveness is not required for me to move on.
7. Forgiveness means forgetting and returning to what was.

TRUTH

- Forgiveness is a layered process.
- Forgiveness entrusts your offender into God's hands.
- Forgiveness flows from being forgiven, not because they earn it.
- Forgiveness makes us more like Jesus.
- Forgiveness is acknowledging our loss and asking Jesus (not our offender) to heal our pain.
- Forgiveness brings freedom to your heart.
- Forgiveness is turning internal cursing into blessing.

Scripture References

James 1:20
2 Corinthians 2:10-11
1 Peter 5:8
John 8:44
John 10:10
Matthew 18:21-22
James 4:12

Romans 12:19
Ephesians 4:32
Matthew 6:11-12
Matthew 11:28
Hebrews 12:15
Romans 12:18
Isaiah 43:25
Luke 23:34

Discussion Questions

1. How does understanding forgiveness as spiritual warfare change your perspective on the offenses you're currently holding onto?
2. In what ways have you experienced anger masquerading as righteous offense, and how might God be calling you to respond differently?
3. Which of the seven lies about forgiveness resonates most with your current struggle, and what truth from Scripture can you use to combat it?
4. What would it look like in your life to forgive someone without requiring them to apologize, change, or make restitution first?

