

A Good Forgettery

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

How good is your *forgettery*? “Well,” you say, “what do you mean?” I mean, do I let my memory bank hold what people said or did to me? It’s amazing, you might have forgotten what you went to do when you walked in a room or what you were going to say to your child, but, for some reason, you are holding that thing that was said to you from years ago! You are literally bound, because your forgettery doesn’t ever quit. You’re always remembering; you’re always thinking about things.

We can’t withhold forgiveness from anyone, and that includes ourselves. Sometimes we can’t believe we did something! “Oh, I thought I was better than that! Could you imagine I did that terrible thing?” You go back and you go back and you go back to it and the Lord says, “What more do you expect from your flesh than that?” It’s the pride that doesn’t let us forgive. Therefore, it’s terribly important to understand that God is saying, “I can’t do a work through you, because you’re all bound up on the matter of forgiveness. There isn’t the free flow of My Spirit through you.” We can’t withhold forgiveness from anyone. Have you been withholding this from anyone? I’m talking about someone who might have yes, even raped, or attacked, or

brutalized and done something hideous. It is essential that you settle this matter before the Lord. Give this matter to God and in the Name of Jesus, forgive them, for they are bound – bound in their own sin and self.

In **Philippians 3: 13 and 14**, we read in the Amplified Bible -

13 . . . forgetting what lies behind and straining to what lies ahead. . . *Forgetting what lies ahead and straining to what lies ahead.* Do realize, we are to use all that is in us to:

14 . . . press forward to that mark of the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus. (KJV) and not to be bound by thinking always about yesterday. Forgiveness doesn't belong to you; it belongs to God. God gave us forgiveness while we were guilty even before we acted and without our repentance. Therefore, in **Colossians 3:13**, we read: **Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.** Only through God's grace, we can forgive, forget, and love each other.

Then, instead of losing precious fellowship with God and becoming a prisoner to my own isolation by repeating and accusing and resenting, I let the Lord have first place in my life. I don't know if you realize, but when you are going back over things as you share it with another, you are spreading infection. The infection is worse than some of the

plagues and diseases that you might not realize are all around you, perhaps even a common cold you might have spread to those about you; but infection by demonic activity comes by repeating what we will not let another be forgiven for. We go over it and over it and over it. Then, in the middle of something, years later, it suddenly pops out and we wonder why we don't have this intimate relationship with the Lord. But, even as I'm speaking, you know that incident. You've never let God deal with it; you have never sought forgiveness. Forgiveness, by the way, is always in the circle of the offense. If I've done something and it's involved a group of people, then I have to ask the Lord to forgive me and make it right with those people, and those who hear have to forgive. On the other hand, if there isn't a group of people involved but just the one person, then you make it right. It's terribly important to understand that this has to be dealt with, because it's going to cause horrendous damage to your spiritual growth; it's going to stop the fresh infilling of the Spirit of the Lord.

There's a beautiful section in **Micah 7: 18 and 19** which says,

18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth in mercy.

19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

The Lord has forgotten all we have ever done against His will. Through His Holy Spirit, we can have the power to forget if we're willing to forgive, just as God has forgiven us.

Father in Heaven, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, whatever Your Spirit is putting Your finger upon in my life right now, I ask that I will handle this before You. And yes, Lord, forgive me. May I forgive others and may the love of God fill my life and a beautiful work of Your Spirit be able to work on past this situation, forgetting those things which are behind and urging and pressing toward the mark which is before me.

*For the glory of the mighty Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.*