

**Liberty Bible Church is committed to  
the ministry of the Word of God  
through authentic relationships,  
so all would mature in Jesus Christ  
for the glory of God.**

**Gospel-saturated,  
heart-level relationships  
in the home,  
in the church,  
in the community**

### **The Importance of Covering Sin**

- 1. We need God to forgive us.**
- 2. We need to forgive one another.**

### **Two Approaches to Covering Sin**

- 1. Overlook the sin**
- 2. Confront the sin**

## **Overlooking Sin**

**We must imitate God.**

**We must tend toward forbearance.**

## **When to Confront Sin**

**When Others Have Been Sinned Against**

**When the Offender Might Be Hurt If Not  
Confronted**

**When the Church Might Be Scandalized**

**When Relationships Need to Be Restored**

## The Nature of Forgiveness

Forgiveness is not . . .	Forgiveness is . . .
Excusing sin	Dealing honestly with sin
Ignoring guilt	Removing guilt
A feeling	A promise of the will
Based on forgetting	Choosing not to remember against someone

## The Nature of Forgiveness

I will not dwell on this incident.	Good thought
I will not mention this incident to you again to use it against you.	Hurt you not
I will not talk to others about this incident.	Gossip never
I will not allow this incident to stand between us or hinder our personal relationship.	Friends forever

## **The Goal of Forgiveness**

**Forgiveness culminates in reconciliation.**

## **Soul Searching**

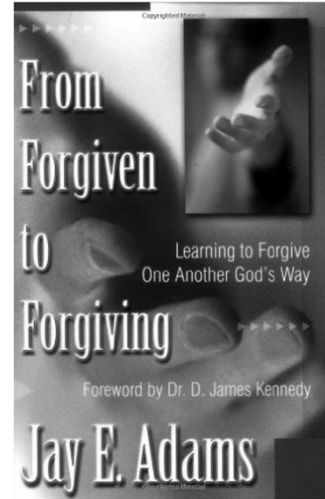
**What persons have you wronged from whom you have not sought forgiveness?**

**What persons have you not approached over wrongs they have done that have separated you?**

**What persons have you refused to forgive?**

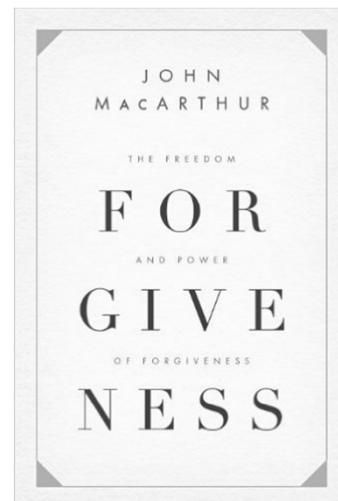
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Conflict***

