

**GOD
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HOLY
BIBLE

Examining Common
Statements That You
Will Not Find in the Bible

PRAYING

FOR

OTHERS

- Pray silently for the prayer request printed in your worship guide.
- Our Interns
- Our small group led by Ben and Melissa Knight
- The Community Prayer Center
- Neighboring church service this morning at Hosanna Houston Church
- Our mission teams traveling to Vietnam & Azerbaijan
- The Makas*ar of Indonesia
- Conflicts in the Middle East, Africa and Eastern Europe

We ask all this for the glory of Your name.

THANK YOU for an amazing Fire on the Altar! North Katy Campus hosted two days of worship and prayer last Friday and Saturday. It was a beautiful time soaking in the presence of the Lord. Thank you for pouring out!

Victory Over The Darkness Class – Starting Sunday, May 17 from 4 - 6PM: Are you in need of Freedom, Healing, Hope or Community? Realize the Power of Your Identity in Christ - Renew Your Mind in Biblical Truth - Find Freedom from Your Past and Spirit-Led Transformation. More info and registration at WhatIsGrace.org/Prayer

Passionate about Prayer? Contact April at AWelsh@WhatIsGrace.org about how to get involved.

Scan the QR code for the full schedule of prayer opportunities.



Dios nunca dijo eso

“Perdona y Olvida”

Juan 2:23-25 – 17 de Mayo de 2026

DIOS NUNCA DIJO ESO		
<i>Examinando afirmaciones comunes que no encontrará en la Biblia</i>		
Fecha	Título	Texto Bíblico
Abril 4/5	Dios ayuda a los que se ayudan a sí mismos	Efesios 2:1-9
Abril 12	Dios quiere que seas feliz	2 Corintios 12:2-10
Abril 19	Dios no te dará más de lo que puedas soportar	1 Corintios 10:13
Abril 26	El dinero es la raíz de todos los males	1 Timoteo 6:6-19
Mayo 3	Sé fiel a ti mismo	Lucas 9:23-26
Mayo 10	El cielo necesitaba otro ángel	Romanos 12:15
Mayo 17	Perdona y olvida	Juan 2:23-25

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- Encuesta de Barna sobre el perdón: 1 de cada 3 adultos cree que no se puede perdonar verdaderamente a alguien a menos que también se olvide la ofensa.
- Solo entre el 11 % y el 20 % de los estadounidenses han leído la Biblia completa.
- Más del 57 % de los adultos estadounidenses están «desvinculados de la Biblia» (definido como interactuar con la Biblia rara vez o nunca).
- **Oseas 4:6** – *Mi pueblo es destruido por falta de conocimiento.*

¿Qué dice la Biblia sobre perdonar y olvidar?

1. Es _____

- La frase exacta no aparece en ninguna parte de la Biblia.
- **Hebreos 8:12** — *Porque perdonaré su maldad y no recordaré más sus pecados.*
- Esto no significa que Dios olvidará nuestros pecados, sino más bien que Él absolverá nuestros pecados.
- “No recordaré más” (לֹא אֶזְכָּר *lo ezkhar*) es un término legal de pacto, no una declaración de amnesia divina.
- Significa que Dios no **nos imputará nuestros pecados**. Él elige no presentar nuestros pecados como prueba de condenación. Esto es gracia, no olvido.
- **2 Corintios 5:17** — *Por lo tanto, si alguno está en Cristo, es una nueva creación. Lo viejo ha pasado; he aquí, lo nuevo ha llegado.*
- **Romanos 8:1** — *Por lo tanto, ahora no hay condenación para los que están en Cristo Jesús.*
- **Salmos 103:12** — *Tan lejos como está el oriente del occidente, así de lejos aleja Él de nosotros nuestras transgresiones.*

- Dios no olvida nuestro pecado, Él sustituye nuestro pecado: “Expiación Sustitutoria”. ¡Cristo toma nuestro pecado sobre sí y, en su lugar, nos da gracia inmerecida!
- **2 Corintios 5:21** — *Al que no conoció pecado, por nosotros lo hizo pecado, para que en Él llegáramos a ser la justicia de Dios.*
- **Aplicación #1a** — Si aún no has recibido el perdón de Dios, hazlo hoy depositando tu fe en Jesús.

Señor Jesús, confieso que he pecado y que no puedo salvarme a mí mismo. Pongo mi confianza en Ti, Jesús, y en Tu muerte, sepultura y resurrección. Te invito a entrar en mi vida. Recibo Tu PERDÓN TOTAL de mis pecados y recibo el don gratuito de la vida eterna. Ahora, haz de mí una persona nueva. Elijo seguirte.

- **Aplicación #1b** — Si ya has aceptado a Cristo, vive en la libertad de saber que has sido plenamente perdonado.
 - Medita en Salmos 103:8-12 esta semana e imagina cómo tus pecados son llevados lejos.
 - Reemplaza “No puedo creer que haya hecho eso” por “¡No puedo creer que Dios haya decidido absolver eso de mi historial!”.

2. Totalmente correcto: Perdonar plenamente y _____ _____ (Juan 2:23-25)

- **Juan 2:23-25** — *Ahora bien, cuando él estaba en Jerusalén durante la fiesta de la Pascua, muchos creyeron en su nombre al ver las señales que realizaba. Pero Jesús, por su parte, no se confiaba a ellos, porque conocía a todas las personas y no necesitaba que nadie le diera testimonio acerca del hombre, pues él mismo sabía lo que había en el hombre.*
- La palabra *confiar* (griego: *episteusen*) proviene de la misma raíz que la palabra *creer*.

Perdón	Confianza / Reconciliación
Enfoque: Ofensa pasada	Enfoque: Riesgo presente y futuro
Cuando: Puede ser inmediato	Cuando: Gradual, a lo largo del tiempo
Control: Depende enteramente de ti	Control: Depende de ambas partes
Condición: Incondicional	Condición: La confianza se gana; requiere un cambio de comportamiento
Costo: Renunciar a la justicia	Costo: Renunciar al control
Objetivo: Liberar el resentimiento y lograr la sanación personal	Objetivo: Construir seguridad e intimidad

- Dr. Henry Cloud (*Fronteras* / *Límites*): "Perdonar no significa tolerar la persistencia del mal. Los límites y el perdón no son opuestos; funcionan de manera conjunta".
- **Génesis 37-50:** *José perdonó a sus hermanos, pero también los puso a prueba para ver si existía un cambio de corazón verdaderamente arrepentido.*
- Dallas Willard: «La gracia no se opone al esfuerzo; se opone al mérito. El perdón es una gracia, pero aplicar la sabiduría a la forma en que depositamos nuestra confianza nunca constituye una traición a esa gracia».
- Posibles peligros de la actitud de "perdonar y olvidar"
 - **Prepara una trampa para la revictimización:** Si usted cree que debe olvidar una ofensa para perdonarla verdaderamente, en la práctica elimina la información necesaria para establecer límites saludables. Sin el recuerdo del daño, es muy probable que vuelva a caer en la misma situación insegura.
 - **Facilita la conducta del ofensor:** La actitud de «perdonar y olvidar» a menudo exige que la víctima actúe como si el pecado nunca hubiera ocurrido; esto elimina las consecuencias naturales para el ofensor e implica que la relación debe volver de inmediato a su estado original. Esto impide que el ofensor perciba el peso de sus acciones y puede obstaculizar su propio arrepentimiento. Crea un entorno en el que el comportamiento tóxico puede prosperar bajo el pretexto de la gracia.
 - **Genera falsa culpa y vergüenza espiritual:** Cuando se le dice a una víctima que debe olvidar —y el recuerdo inevitablemente resurge—, a menudo siente que le ha fallado a Dios o que no ha perdonado realmente. Esto crea un ciclo de vergüenza.
 - **Impide una sanación genuina:** La sanación requiere procesar el dolor, y no se puede procesar aquello que se intenta ignorar u olvidar.
- Aplicación # 2
 - Lea el libro *Límites* (Boundaries), de los doctores Henry Cloud y John Townsend.
 - Hágase la "pregunta de José": ¿He observado un cambio genuino y demostrado a lo largo del tiempo, o solo una disculpa momentánea?
 - Hable con alguien de su confianza y trabajen juntos para establecer límites saludables.
 - Escriba una "carta de liberación": Describa exactamente lo que le hicieron y cómo le hirió. Luego, al final, escriba: "Libero esta deuda. No la cobraré". Ore sobre lo escrito y, a continuación, triture o queme el papel como gesto simbólico de entregárselo a Dios.

3. El perdón no es un sentimiento, es un _____.

- **Mateo 18:21-22** – *Entonces Pedro se acercó a Jesús y le preguntó: “Señor, ¿cuántas veces perdonaré a mi hermano o hermana que peca contra mí? ¿Hasta siete veces?”. Jesús respondió: “Te digo que no siete veces, sino setenta y siete veces”.*
- **Efesios 4:31-32** – *Quítense de ustedes toda amargura, enojo, ira, gritería y calumnia, junto con toda malicia. Sean amables unos con otros, compasivos, perdonándose mutuamente, así como Dios en Cristo los perdonó a ustedes.*
- **Colosenses 3:13** – *...perdónense unos a otros; así como el Señor los ha perdonado a ustedes, así también deben perdonar ustedes.*
- C.S. Lewis: “Todos dicen que el perdón es una idea hermosa, hasta que tienen algo que perdonar... Ser cristiano significa perdonar lo imperdonable, porque Dios ha perdonado lo imperdonable en ti”.
- Aplicaciones #3
 - ¿Hay alguien a quien necesite perdonar? No olvidar. No excusar. No confiar ciegamente. Sino liberar: elegir no retener la deuda.
 - Si la herida es profunda, busque apoyo. Un consejero cristiano puede ayudarlo a procesar el duelo por lo perdido y, al mismo tiempo, caminar hacia la libertad. Conéctese con nuestro Ministerio de Cuidado en WhatIsGrace.org/Care
 - Haga la oración de Corrie Ten Boom: “Jesús, no puedo perdonarlo. Dame tu perdón”.

God Never Said That

“Forgive and Forget”

John 2:23-25 – May 17, 2026

GOD NEVER SAID THAT		
<i>Examining Common Statements That You Will Not Find in the Bible</i>		
Date	Message Title	Bible Text
April 4/5	God Helps Those Who Help Themselves	Ephesians 2:1-9
April 12	God Wants You to Be Happy	2 Corinthians 12:2-10
April 19	God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle	1 Corinthians 10:13
April 26	Money is The Root of All Evil	1 Timothy 6:6-19
May 3	To Thine Own Self Be True	Luke 9:23-26
May 10	Heaven Needed Another Angel	Romans 12:15
May 17	Forgive and Forget	John 2:23-25

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- Barna survey on forgiveness: 1 in 3 adults believe you cannot truly forgive someone unless you also forget the offense.
- Only 11-20% of Americans have read the entire Bible.
- More than 57% of American adults are “Bible disengaged” (defined as rarely or never interacting with the Bible).
- **Hosea 4:6** – *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*

What does the Bible say about Forgive and Forget?

1. It is _____

- The exact phrase does not appear anywhere in the Bible.
- **Hebrews 8:12** - For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.
- This is not saying that God will forget our sins, rather that He will absolve our sins
- “Remember no more” (לֹא אֶזְכָּר lo ezkhar) is a covenantal legal term, not a statement of divine amnesia.
- It means God will **not hold our sins against us**. He chooses not to bring our sins forward as evidence of condemnation. This is grace, not forgetfulness.
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** – *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*
- **Romans 8:1** – *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*
- **Psalm 103:12** – *As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

- God doesn't forget our sin, He substitutes our sin: "*Substitutionary Atonement*" Christ takes on our sin and in its place gives us unmerited grace!
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*
- Application #1a – If you haven't received forgiveness from God, do it today by placing your faith in Jesus.

Lord Jesus, I confess that I have sinned and that I cannot save myself. I place my trust in You Jesus and Your death, burial, and resurrection. I invite You into my life. I receive Your FULL FORGIVENESS of my sins, and I receive the free gift of eternal life. Now, make me into a new person. I choose to follow You.

- Application #1b – If you have accepted Christ, live in the freedom that you're fully forgiven.
 - Meditate on Psalm 103:8-12 this week and imagine your sins being carried away.
 - Replace "I can't believe I did that" with "I can't believe God chose to absolve that from my record!"

2. Fully Right: Forgive Fully and _____ (John 2:23-25)

- **John 2:23-25** - *Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.*
- The word entrust (Greek: episteusen) is the same root word as "believe."

<i>Forgiveness</i>	<i>Trust / Reconciliation</i>
Focus: past offense	Focus: present and future risk
Timing: Can be immediate	Timing: Gradual over time
Control: Entirely up to you	Control: Dependent on both parties
Condition: Unconditional	Condition: Trust is earned, requires a behavior change
Cost: Letting go of justice	Cost: Letting go of control
Goal: To release resentment and personal healing	Goal: To build safety and intimacy

- **Dr. Henry Cloud (*Boundaries*):** "*Forgiveness does not mean tolerating the continuation of evil. Boundaries and forgiveness are not opposites, they work together.*"
- **Genesis 37-50** Joseph forgave his brothers, but he also tested them to see if there was a truly repentant heart change.

- **Dallas Willard:** “Grace is not opposed to effort. It is opposed to earning. Forgiveness is a grace but applying wisdom to how we trust is never a betrayal of that grace.
- Possible Dangers of Forgive and Forget
 - **It Sets a Trap for Re-Victimization**— If you believe you must forget an offense to truly forgive it, you effectively wipe away the data needed to set healthy boundaries. Without the memory of the harm, you are likely to walk back into the same unsafe situation.
 - **It Enables the Offender**— Forgive and forget; often demands that the victim act as if the sin never happened, which removes the natural consequences for the offender and it implies that the relationship must immediately return to its original state. This prevents the offender from seeing the weight of their actions and can hinder their own repentance. It creates an environment where toxic behavior can flourish under the guise of grace.
 - **It Breeds False Guilt and Spiritual Shame**— When a victim is told they must forget, and the memory inevitably resurfaces, they often feel they have failed God or haven’t really forgiven. This creates a cycle of shame.
 - **It Prevents Genuine Healing**— Healing requires processing grief, and you cannot process what you are trying to ignore or forget.
- Applications# 2
 - Read Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend’s book, “Boundaries”
 - Ask the Joseph Question: Have I seen genuine, demonstrated change over time or just an apology in the moment?
 - Talk to someone you trust and work together in setting up good boundaries.
 - Write a release letter— Write out exactly what was done to you and how it hurt. Then at the bottom write: “I release this debt. I will not collect on it.” Pray over it, then shred it or burn it as symbolic gesture of giving it to God.

3. Forgiveness is not a feeling, it’s a _____.

- **Matthew 18:21-22** – *Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answer, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”*
- **Ephesians 4:31-32** – *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*
- **Colossians 3:13** – *...forgive each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.*

- **C.S. Lewis:** “Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive...To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”
- Applications# 3
 - Is there someone I need to forgive? Not forget. Not excuse. Not trust blindly. But *release* — choose not to hold the debt.
 - If the wound is deep, get support. A Christian counselor can help you grieve what was lost and walk toward freedom at the same time. Connect with our Care Ministry WhatIsGrace.org/Care
 - Pray Corrie Ten Boom’s prayer: “Jesus, I cannot forgive him. Give me your forgiveness.”

2025 Highlights



NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

KIDS (Infant – 5th Grade)

545 VBS ATTENDEES who learned about Jesus with the help of **265 VOLUNTEERS**

49 FAMILIES equipped through the Kids Foundations class

200 FAMILIES AT THE FALL FESTIVAL found connection & fellowship

31 BABY DEDICATIONS celebrated

STUDENTS (Jr. High & High School)

292 RENEWED their relationship with Jesus at retreats

125 SERVED ON MISSION TRIPS and shared God's love

195 SMALL GROUP ATTENDEES that connected, grew, and prayed weekly

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Marriage Matters Testimonial

Coming to **Marriage Matters** was just something my husband and I thought would be good to continue to grow in our marriage. For me, these classes showed how God intended our marriage to be and made me realize I need to do self-reflection often. It is not enough to just love one another but putting God first and trusting him through it all, especially in the hard times. Learning things like 69% of conflict doesn't get resolved and seeing other couples either going through it, been through it, or on the verge of destruction, was very eye opening to me. Our mentors were amazing and that is why we strongly feel a pull to help in other marriages in the hopes God will use us to be that hope and encouragement for other couples. You should never stop learning new things about your spouse, and this taught me a little more about myself as well. **Highly recommend!** —LM

Learn more about **Marriage Matters** and other Care classes at [WhatIsGrace.org/Care](https://www.whatisgrace.org/care)

Bilingual Women's Ministry



Summer Bible Study: "Free of Me"

- North Katy Campus
- Mondays, Starting June 1, 6:30 – 8:30PM

Childcare available with registration.
May 27 is the last day to register for childcare.



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3. **STOCKS OR OTHER ASSETS** – Please email us at Finance@WhatIsGrace.org for stock transfers, non-cash donations, or estate planning.

