

**MYTH #2: FORGIVING MEANS FORGETTING
JEREMIAH 31:34 / 10-9-16 / AM**

I. WHAT IS THIS LEGEND ABOUT FORGIVING AND FORGETTING?

- A. If God forgives and forgets why can't we?--Jer. 31:34.
- B. What does the Bible mean when it says God remembers our sin no more?
- C. If forgiving means forgetting than why bother trying?

II. HOW DOES GOD FORGIVE?

- A. God treats us as if it never happened if we ask Him to—1 John 1:9.
- B. This doesn't mean there will be no consequences--Ps. 32:5 and Acts 13:22.

III. IF WE CAN'T FORGET, THAN HOW CAN WE REALLY FORGIVE?

- A. The first step is we must stop keeping score--Matt. 18:21-22, Eph. 4:32 and Col.3:13.
- B. What if the offender doesn't ask to be forgiven?--Luke 17:3.
- C. What about forgiveness and revenge?—Romans 12:17-19, 2 Tim. 4:14 and I Tim. 1:20.
- D. Forgiveness doesn't always mean restoration.