

# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## **DON'T TAKE THE BAIT - PASTOR DAVID WINSTON *OVERCOMING OFFENSE WITH FORGIVENESS***

- **YOUR LIFE WILL BECOME DRASTICALLY DIFFERENT WHEN YOU PUT LOVE IN YOUR HEART. GOD IS LOVE AND LOVE UNIFIES.**
- **LOVE KEEPS THE BLESSING ACTIVE IN YOUR LIFE. STRIVE TO BE LIKE GOD AND HELP PEOPLE.**
- **OFFENSE IS AN EVENT BUT OFFENDED IS A POSITION WHERE YOU START TO MAKE DECISIONS OF RETALIATION.**
- **DIVISION IS THE STRATEGY AND OFFENSE IS THE TACTIC THAT SATAN USES TO TRY TO TRAP & DESTROY YOU.**

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- **UNFORGIVENESS COMES FROM THE SEED OF OFFENSE. OFFENSE COMES FROM UNMET EXPECTATIONS.**
- **DO NOT SEE LIFE THROUGH A BROKEN, HURT OR ANGRY POSITION. GOD'S LOVE IS THE POWER SOURCE THAT ACTIVATES YOUR FAITH.**
- **THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET OFFENDED IN THE MIDST OF A FAITH FIGHT, RIGHT BEFORE YOUR BREAKTHROUGH BUT WALK IN LOVE & FORGIVENESS.**

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### **THREE STEPS OF FORGIVENESS:**

- **REPENTANCE**

- \* TURN YOUR HEART BACK TO GOD

- **DECIDE TO FORGIVE AND RELEASE IT**

- \* FORGIVE OTHERS, GOD FORGAVE YOU.

- \* YOUR LOVE ASSIGNMENT IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL YOU PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU.

- \* INTERCEDE FOR THEM AND RELEASE THE BLESSING OVER THEIR LIVES.

- **RECEIVE HEALING FOR ANY PAIN SUFFERED**

- \* FORGIVENESS IS A DECISION BUT HEALING IS A PROCESS



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**MATTHEW 5:11-12**

**I JOHN 4:8**

**JOHN 10:10**

**I JOHN 4:20-21**

**LUKE 17:1**

**PROVERBS 18:19 (NLT)**

**MATTHEW 15:21-28**

**ROMANS 5:5**

**ACTS 1:8**

**GALATIANS 5:6**

**MATTHEW 5:23**

**MARK 13:54-58**

**MARK 11:25-26, 23-24**

**I JOHN 1:9**

**COLOSSIANS 3:12**

**MATTHEW 5:44**

**MATTHEW 5:43 (MSG)**

**MATTHEW 18:22**

**I PETER 4:8 (NLT)**

**JOHN 3:16**