

**Title:** Escaping the Tormentors  
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#### His new commandment

**John 13:34-35**

<sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

#### His example

**Luke 23:34a**

<sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

#### His expectation

**Mark 11:24-26**

<sup>24</sup>Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. <sup>25</sup>And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. <sup>26</sup>But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

#### Escaping the tormentors

**Matthew 18:21-35**

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times? <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. <sup>23</sup>Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. <sup>26</sup>The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' <sup>27</sup>Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' <sup>30</sup>And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. <sup>32</sup>Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' <sup>34</sup>And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. <sup>35</sup>So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

#### A devilish trap

**2 Timothy 2:23-26**

<sup>23</sup>But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. <sup>24</sup>And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, <sup>25</sup>in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, <sup>26</sup>and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

**John 20:23**

<sup>23</sup>"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

## **A love that covers**

### **Proverbs 10:12**

<sup>12</sup>Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.

### **1 Peter 4:8**

<sup>8</sup>And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

## **Supernatural power**

### **Philippians 2:13**

<sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.