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Rev. Rosalind Spencer, children's pastor at <u>Westside Baptist Church</u> in Lewisville, Texas, continues the story she began teaching the previous week. She reads the parable about the unforgiving servant recorded in Matthew 18:23-34. Spencer reminds her hearers how hard forgiveness can be. She also reminds them sin hides in secrecy and must be acknowledged to be overcome.

Spencer offers three points for dealing with sin in our relationships. First, we need to give Jesus his rightful place as Lord of our lives. Second, we need to be prepared for the reality others will sin against us. Third, we need to forgive those who sin against us. Matthew 18:15-17 provides guidance for dealing with this kind of sin.

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