

## Forgiveness Case Study 2

Sherry and Jim married young and have been married for about 23 years. Sherry desperately wanted children but Jim decided that children would interfere with the lifestyle he enjoyed. After pleading with Jim for a number of years, Sherry finally acquiesced and compensated by becoming more involved in her career.

Last week, Jim announced that he was involved with someone else and wanted a divorce. Totally shocked, Sherry became deeply depressed. Then, during a chance meeting with a friend of her husband's new relationship, she discovered that the other woman was 10 years Tim's junior with three young children.

This news was devastating and Sherry is immobilized by her feelings of anger and betrayal. What crucial elements does Sherry need to have in her forgiveness plan?

1. Who is the primary offender? What are the offenses?

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2. Who is the secondary offender? What are the offenses?

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3. What feelings Sherry might be experiencing?

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4. How should Sherry respond to Jim as she works toward forgiveness?

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5. What important elements might be in her forgiveness plan?

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6. How might Sherry's faith play a part in her plan?

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