

Don't Let Offense Derail Your Journey

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Scriptures:

- Matthew 24:3-10
- Genesis 50:19-21, *MSG*
- 1 Samuel 24:12, *MSG*
- Luke 23:34
- Acts 7
- 2 Corinthians 11:23-28, *Mirror*
- Acts 16:22-25
- Psalm 62:8
- Ephesians 4:32, *Mirror*
- Romans 12:21

Summary:

Offense is a spiritual trap that can derail our journey with God, leading us away from His will, His peace, and His provision. It begins subtly, often through hurt or betrayal, and if left unchecked, progresses into bitterness and spiritual disconnection. We must recognize offense as a choice and actively choose forgiveness, leaning on God's grace to do so. Biblical examples like Joseph's response to betrayal, David's restraint toward King Saul, the forgiveness Jesus offered from the cross, Stephen's Christlike attitude while being stoned to death, Paul's endurance through persecution, and Paul and Silas praising God while in prison, all show how refusing to be offended preserved their purpose and promoted spiritual maturity. Forgiveness is not about excusing the offender, but releasing ourselves from their control. Gratitude and blessing are powerful tools to replace bitterness and restore joy. Ultimately, freedom from offense is available through Christ, and we must be intentional in walking in that freedom daily.

Notes:

1. Getting offended hurts us emotionally and spiritually. It holds us back on our Christian walk.
2. Offense is a spiritual trap. It's a feeling of hurt or resentment from perceived wrongs. Offense can derail our spiritual alignment and mute our ability to hear from God.
3. Offense leads to hurt, which leads to bitterness, which leads to resentment, which leads to our love growing cold, which opens us up to spiritual attack and then abandonment of God's Word.
4. There are some practical steps we can take to release offense. They include acknowledging the pain without judgment, shifting from retaliation to restoration, replacing bitterness with gratitude and blessing, and praying for those who hurt us.

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