

OFFENSES IN MARRIAGE/RELATIONSHIPS

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OFFENSES –

WHEN YOU ARE MISTREATED

John Bevere teaching

SCRIPTURES FOR NOTES

The story of Joseph> Genesis 37-45

Notes:



Let's Talk About it! {class talk time}

How does this teaching challenge the way you see offenses towards you/ your spouse/your family?

Have you even thought that a person had purposely tried to hurt you, only to find out that they had not?

WARNING WARNING WARNING WARNING

Isa 52:11-12

11 Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing! Come out from it and be pure, *you who carry the vessels of the Lord*. 12 But you will not leave in haste or go in flight; for the Lord will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard. NIV

- God's truths (vessels) are to be cherished and not "thrown around"
i.e. Lladro example
- Key here is to see this "offense" area as not a quick fix. It is a discovery about our life and how God is walking us through it.
- Fruit> we "take hold of" the offenses revealing His blessing and plan.
- Offenses left alone poison our very character.

A GENERATIONAL OFFENSE IS BORN Num 14:17-23

17 "Now may the Lord's strength be displayed, just as you have declared: 18 'The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.' 19 In accordance with your great love, forgive the sin of these people, just as you have pardoned them from the time they left Egypt until now." 20 The Lord replied, "I have forgiven them, as you asked. 21 *Nevertheless*, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the Lord fills the whole earth, 22 *not one of the men who saw my glory* and the miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the desert *but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times* — 23 not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their forefathers. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it. NIV

- In an offense first put on the Armor of God, His nature and His victory...not yours.
- You may be dealing with a generational offense as a curse right into your generation. The curse is the result of nurturing, empowering and living with the offense over years and generations.
 - Passed down
 - Are you passing it along?
- There is a consequence of living out an offense over years. The result is that your life slowly disconnects from God and anyone close to you. The God connection to spouses etc. is cut off by an offense.
- The promise of a restored/empowered or peaceful relationship is affected by our choices to release or hold onto an offense.

SHOW ME HOW TO DO THIS! Ps 25:4-5

4 Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; 5 guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. NIV

- Learning how to “grow out of an offense” takes:
 - Acknowledging it/or having it revealed by the Holy Spirit
 - Realizing that God expects you to learn HIS WAY and He will teach you.
 - Here are His promises:
 - God my Savior> I am born-again and my mind and heart are set free to learn a new way to live.
 - I choose to believe that through YOUR process my hope will increase and I will see the fruit of the “ordained trials”. Covenant marriages.
 - An offense can spring up at any time. My hope in Him is everlasting and always. “Confess your sins.....”

A BROKEN HEART RELEASES HIS HEALING Ps 34:17-19

7 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. 18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. 19 A righteous man may have many troubles, **but the Lord delivers him from them all**; NIV

- God’s purpose is to have your marriage/relationship reflect Him, not YOU.
- Before we accuse, reflect and see where the Lord is healing you in your marriage.
- Learn as a couple how to protect. Men should cover their homes with “offense protection”. Your family should not be left vulnerable.