

OFFENSES IN MARRIAGE/RELATIONSHIPS

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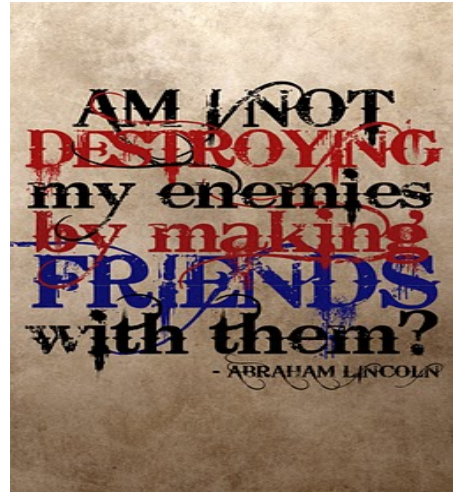
RESPECT AND HONOR

John Bevere teaching

SCRIPTURES FOR NOTES

The story of David

Notes:



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

- Who are people that you see as “over you”?
- Can an unsaved person be used by God to direct you by overcoming offenses? REALLY?

THE BOTTOM LINE **Prov 15:1-4**

15 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. 2 The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly. 3 The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good. 4 The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit. NIV

- The fruit of the offense in our lives is often anger.
- The challenge is how to respond with a “gentle answer” instead of anger.
 - We need wisdom to move beyond the offense and into healing a vision.

Prov 29:18 18 Where there is no revelation {vision}, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law. NIV

 - The offense closes off that which the Lord wants to do in our lives> especially the ability to learn what He wants to do in and through our lives.
 - The “healing vision” is key for overcoming the impact of an offense and not letting it infect other areas as well.

BIBLICAL HEADSHIP 1 Cor 11:3-4

3 Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. NIV

- There is a biblical order that defies the feelings we have.
 - The God Ordained Order
{not better but different}
God>Man>Women...al covered by God.
- Whoever God puts over us is to fulfill His purpose for us.
 - This may mean seemingly harsh treatment> and dealing with offenses > or it could mean the refining process as we see the big picture unfold.
- Is your spouse, relative or employer in the way of what God what to do in your life?

CAN WE BE SEPARATED FROM THE VISION GOD HAS FOR US? Rom 8:31-39

31 What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* NIV

- The Slaughter Process: Willingly knowing that God can in fact be using an offense to grow us in a different way. He may not cause the offense {still all knowing}, but we can still be impacted and changed by it.
- Move from OFFENDED to CONQUERORS! WOW!!!
- How can I stay convinced?
 - Stay close to the heart of God
 - Don't let the "get even" or "you have a right" attitude take over
 - NEVER let your guard down.
 - Name the offense> what is it that pulls you down:
 - Rejection
 - Not being included
 - Criticism
 - Loneliness
 - Directed Anger
- The key is that it is THROUGH Christ. The bigger the offense the closer we need to be with the Lord. THEN we can take the right action as He directs us.

THE FRUIT Matt 5:44-45

44 But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. NIV