

## OFFENSES IN MARRIAGE/RELATIONSHIPS

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OFFENSES – PART 6

**Prayer and the  
Revealed Word of God**

John Bevere teaching



### SCRIPTURES FOR NOTES

**Ps 28:1**

To you I call, O Lord my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me. *For if you remain silent, I will be like those who have gone down to the pit.* NIV

**Mark 4:16-17**

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are **offended**. KJV

**John 6:60-69**

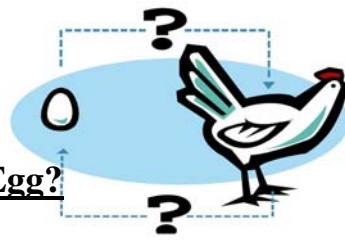
60 On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

61 Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! 63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 64 Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. 65 He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."

**66 From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.**

**67 "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.**

**68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."** NIV



## Offenses and Revelation > Chicken or the Egg?

### Heb 6:1-3 EMPASIS ADDED OFFENSES FOUNDATION

Therefore let us **CHOOSE TO** leave the elementary teachings about Christ **AND HIS TEACHINGS** and **CHOOSE TO** go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, 2 instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. NIV

- When we choose a foundation in Christ we also choose to protect ourselves from the offenses that come from not understanding the heart of our spouse or friend.
- We mature through the revelation of God's Truth revealed:
  - Regarding forgiveness, spiritual gifts, salvation, "taming of the tongue"
- We pray without ceasing as part of the process of hearing His voice and understanding His heart towards others.
- Doctrine alone does not restore a relationship. The healing comes as God transforms your heart.
- Also reference to James 3:1,2

### 1 Cor 3:1-4 OFFENSES IN CHARACTER

3 Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly — mere infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. *Indeed, you are still not ready.* 3 You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? NIV

- "Before God, individuals are responsible for their own character and the other person's needs. Instead they were ripping the other person's character while looking out for their own needs" The Christ Centered Marriage, Charles Mylander
- Offenses come when we are "looking for them" wanting our needs to be met verses meeting the needs of our spouse or friend. The enemy has an open "offense" door.
- The "dying to self" is key in separating from the possibility of an offense.

### Ps 119:105-107 OFFENSES IN CHECK

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

106 I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.

107 I have suffered much; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word. NIV

- The hard part is seeing with His lamp and not the "flesh lamp."
- The key is "your righteous laws" that are there to protect you and heal you from offenses. We are "preserved" according to His truth not the need of our flesh.

### Eph 4:29-30 OFFENSES REMOVED FOR FRUIT

29 When you talk, do not say harmful things, but say what people need — words that will help others become stronger. *Then what you say will do good to those who listen to you.* NCV

- Philippians 4:8ff > What-so-ever is good and lovely think on these things.
- NO OFFENSES = UPLIFTING AFFIRMING COMMUNICATION!