

**THAT OFFENDED ME**

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*People + Movement = Friction which leads to an offense*

**Psalm 55.12-14** *It is not an enemy who taunts me—I could bear that. It is not my foes who so arrogantly insult me—I could have hidden from them.*

<sup>13</sup> *Instead, it is you—my equal, my companion and close friend.* <sup>14</sup> *What good fellowship we once enjoyed as we walked together to the house of God.*

People often make unwise decisions when they are offended. The offense is driving the decision as opposed to the clear wise counsel of God and His Word.

1. Satan is a professional at creating **DIVISION** .
2. His three-pronged recipe for division is old but still highly effective:

**DISRUPT****DIVIDE****DESTROY**

**1 Peter 5.8** *Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.*

When it comes to our battle with our enemy:

- Stay alert and don't become overconfident.
- Watch out and don't check out.
- Be vigilant and don't get devoured.

**REF Ephesians 6.11,12**

The offense happened because of an:

1. **UNMET** expectation - "I had an expectation and you didn't meet it."
2. **UNREALISTIC** need - "I needed you to need me."
3. **UNEXPRESSED** assumption - "I thought you would have known that would hurt me, but you didn't."

**SATAN'S ... AGENDA IS DESTRUCTION // STRATEGY IS DIVISION // TACTIC IS OFFENSE**

**Luke 23.34** *Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing.*

SECURE people:

- Get offended but refuse to magnify the offense.
- Get offended but default to the idea that all have sinned.
- Get offended and drop it before it grows to unhealthy anger.
- Get offended, seek to make things right, and keep moving toward maturity.
- Get offended and refuse to allow Satan an opportunity to disrupt, divide, and destroy.

**(Note: Insecure people will do the exact opposite. For the record, we are all insecure in some areas of our lives. )**

INSECURE people:

- Get offended and magnify the offense.
- Get offended and forget that all have sinned.
- Get offended and help it grow to unhealthy anger.
- Get offended, never seek to make things right, and get stuck in immaturity.
- Get offended and allow Satan an opportunity to disrupt, divide, and destroy.

When offended, be mature to realize that:

1. Offenses are going to happen.
2. Covering up the offense makes reconciliation a greater **CHALLENGE**.
3. What got bruised was our **PRIDE** .
4. We have **OFFENDED** others. Our sin nature is real, active, destructive.  
(Romans 3.23 "For all have sinned.")
5. Dealing with offenses in a biblical way can be an opportunity for deeper **MATURITY** in Christ. Work it through as Christ-like as possible instead of walking out.

**Colossians 3.13-15** *Make allowance for each other's faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.*

<sup>14</sup> *Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.* <sup>15</sup> *And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.*

**Jesus**, I thank You that You came and died on the cross for my sins so that I can be forgiven. I am a sinner and in need of Your grace, mercy, and forgiveness. I turn from my sins and say "No" to a life of living for myself. I turn to You and say "Yes" to Your will for my life. I ask You now to save me from my sins. I open my heart to You and receive You as my Lord and Savior. Thank You for saving me and forgiving me. In Jesus' Name. Amen.