

sermon discussion

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MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

My fault, or not, an offense is my responsibility.

- Revelation 20:12

Take responsibility for your self-induced offenses .

- Matthew 18:8–9

Take responsibility for the offenses done against you.

- Matthew 18:15

Take responsibility to address the offenses you cause.

- Matthew 5:23–24

Take responsibility to understand the offense.

- Matthew 5:23, 18:15, 7:4–5
- Luke 12:13–15

Responsibility stops more offenses.

- Proverbs 12:18, 24:28, 20:19
- James 5:9
- Proverbs 24:28, 20:19
- Ephesians 4:31

Taking responsibility shows my faith.

- John 13:35

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. *"I don't get mad; I get even."* What might be the outcome of such an approach to conflict-resolution? Do you take this approach more often or less than you have in the past?
2. What may have been some reasons in the past for long-standing, unresolved conflicts between you and friends/family members? How were you able to get past them? If those barriers still exist, why do you think that is?
3. **Read 1 Samuel 25.** What was the nature of the offense to David and how did he intend to handle it? How did he choose instead to "take responsibility" for it? Why did he change his mind? Afterwards, how did God Himself take responsibility for the offense?
4. **Read Ephesians 4:31, Hebrews 12:14-15, 1 Peter 3:7.** What are some results of unresolved offenses between believers?
5. In his message, Pastor Greg said there is always a place where we need to take responsibility when offended. Where do you need to do that with your offense an offense of another?
6. If God's character ought to be the standard against which our lives and attitudes are measured, how ought we to respond to offenses? *See Ephesians 4:32; Romans 5:8-10; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Matthew 5:24 and 18:15-17.*
7. Prayerfully consider this week if there are unaddressed offenses in your life corroding your relationships with God and others. Ask God what He wants you to do with them. If one comes to mind, and it's appropriate, share it with your group so they can pray for you and what your responsibility is with it.

GOING FURTHER

MEMORIZE: *If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.* **Romans 12:18**

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READ: *Peace Maker* by Ken Sande