

**March Madness
Dealing with Mad People
Discover Church
Mark Phillips
March 13, 2022**

“Those People”

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Being offended is **inevitable**. Living offended is a **choice**.

Foothold = Topos = a place or room

Three D's of Destruction

1. **Divide** families, friends, and churches
2. **Distract** Christians from their **mission**
3. **Discredit** their witness

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The day of your **hurt** is also the day of your **healing**

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