

### "The Miracle of Forgiveness"

### The Art of Being Unordinary Part 2

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Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you."

—Proverbs 4:23-25 NIV

## It's never our choice to be <u>wounded</u>, it's always our choice to be offended.

"And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.""

-Matthew 11:2-6 NKJV

#### Offenses often begin with God but are directed toward others.

#### Offenses blind us from God's blessing in our lives.

"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

-*Hebrews* 12:1-2 *NKJV* 

Offenses are a choice, forgiveness is a miracle.

"When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed.""

—1 Peter 2:23-24 NIV

"Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." —Luke 23:34 NKJV

# Let go of the <u>offense</u> and watch the <u>miracle</u> of forgiveness happen in your life.

All scripture is from the New Living Translation unless otherwise noted.