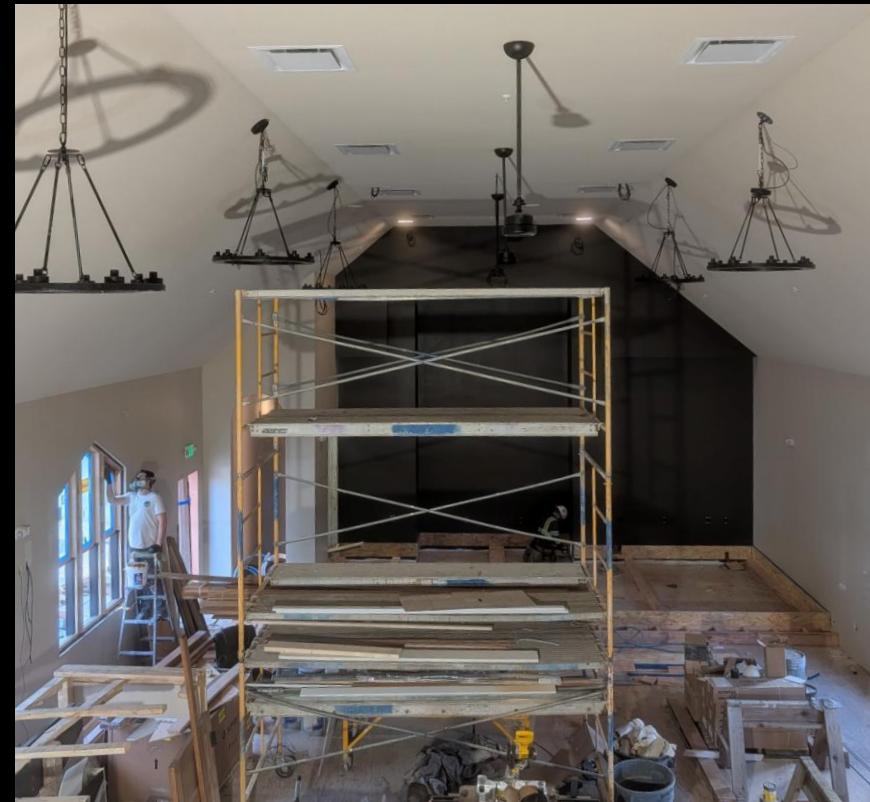




WELCOME

Pray all the way
to the finish line!





JESUS' PARABLES

- stories that teach -

The Unforgiving Servant







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Matthew 18:21–35 (ESV)

Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as **seven times?**” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but **seventy-seven times.**

Matthew 18:21–35 (ESV)

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt

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But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, **he began to choke him**, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and **put him in prison until he should pay the debt.**

Matthew 18:21–35 (ESV)

When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.’”



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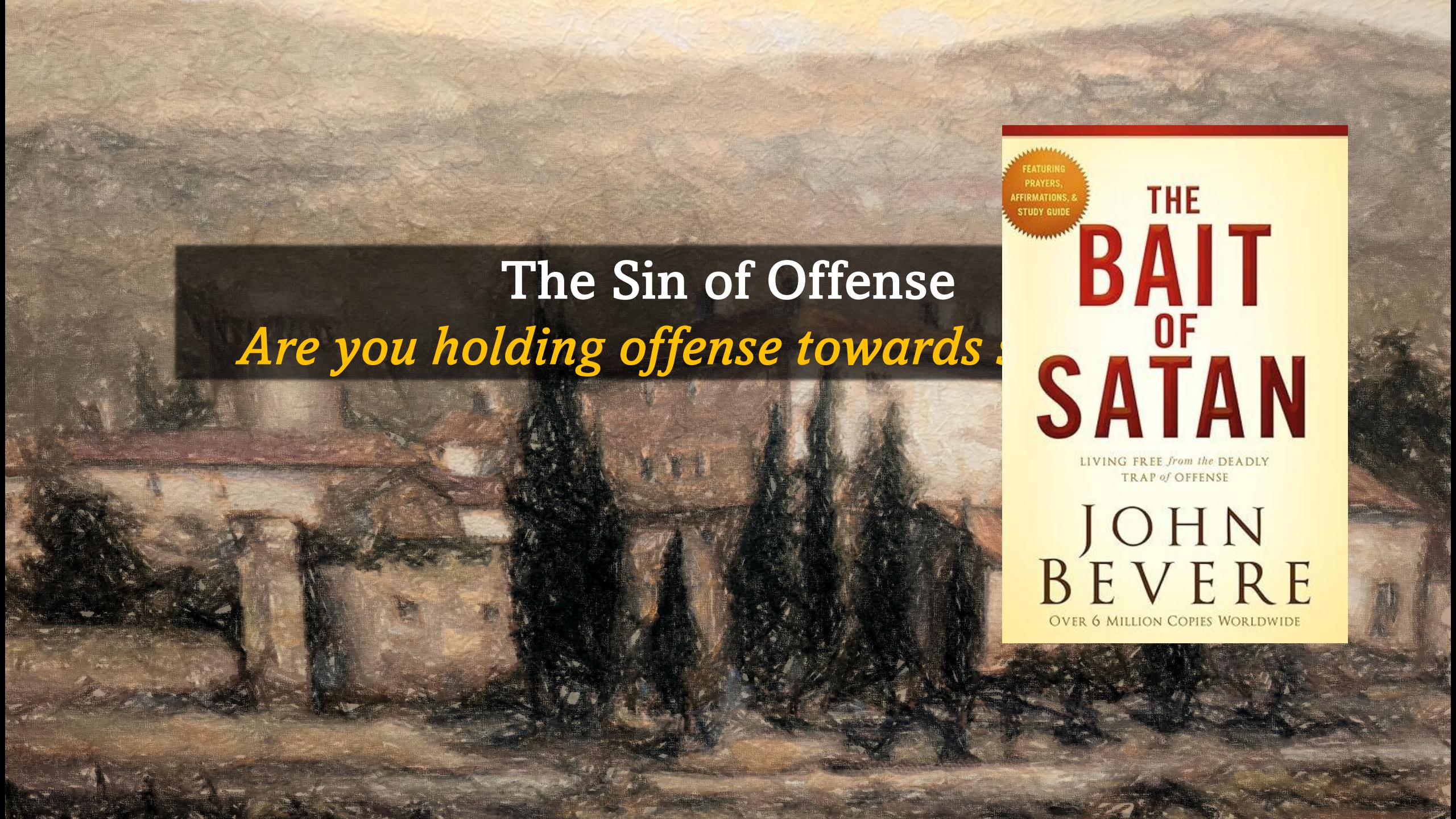
Lordship and Fellowship

Matthew 6:14 (ESV)

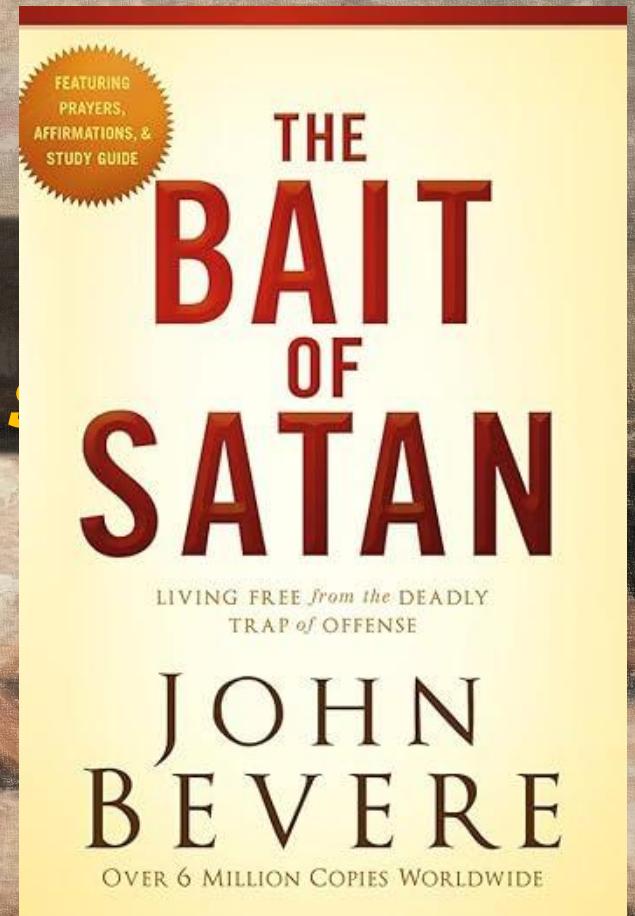
For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,

Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.



The Sin of Offense
Are you holding offense towards someone?



Receiving Forgiveness

A landscape painting depicting a town nestled in a valley. In the center, a church with a tall, dark spire rises above the rooftops. To the right, a large, light-colored building with a tiled roof, possibly a villa or a larger church, sits on a hillside. A stone bridge with a single arch spans a river in the foreground. The sky is a pale, hazy yellow, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall style is impressionistic, with visible brushstrokes and a focus on light and color.



Forgiving Others

