



OFFENSE

Matthew 18:6-7

“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to **sin**, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷ Woe to the world because of offenses!

For offenses **must come**, but **woe** to that man by whom the offense comes!

Woe:

- Misery, sorrow, distress, wretchedness, sadness, unhappiness, heartache, heartbreak, despondency, despair, depression, regret, gloom, melancholy.

The damage of offense doesn't only fall on the one who **CAUSED** the offense but, on the one **CARRYING** the offense as well.

OFFENSE CAN GROW FROM A PLACE THAT IS ROOTED FROM SOMETHING ELSE:

1. Hurt
2. Anger
3. Jealousy
4. Envy
5. Resentment
6. Bitterness
7. Hatred

THE TRUTH ABOUT OFFENSE:

1. Offense is personal.
2. Offense is prevalent in families.
3. Offense is prevalent in Church families.
4. Offense will keep you up at night.
5. Offense is hard to let go of.
6. Offense interrupts our relationship with God.
7. Offense is Satan's most effective tactic to keep you from what God has promised you.
8. Offense is a choice.

WHAT TO STOP DOING:

1. Stop justifying it.
2. Stop rehearsing it.
3. Stop discussing it.

WHAT TO START DOING:

1. Love them.
2. Bless them.
3. Do good to them.
4. Pray for them.

Matt. 18:15-17

Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, **go**
and tell him his fault between thee and him ALONE:
if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

¹⁶ But if he will not hear thee, **then take with thee one or**
two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses
every word may be established.

¹⁷ And if he shall neglect to hear them, **tell it unto the**
church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be
unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.



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