## **Offense:** That May Smell Like Cheese

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Psalm 119:165, 1 Samuel 18:7, Acts 10:38, Acts 8:26-39, Acts 24:16

Everyone has opportunity to be offended.

Our maturity is determined by the way we choose to handle offense.

Psalm 119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

# We need to learn to forgive.

### Offense –

Caught, hurt or wounded

The purpose of offense is to cripple you, (and the work of God.)

Offense is designed to defile many others.

## Offense –

Can be unintentional.

1 Samuel 18:7 And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

## Offense –

Can be imaginary.

# Am I smelling cheese?

## It's not smart to get offended at God.

# Sickness is not of God.

#### Acts 10:38

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

## Offense –

Can be accidental.

What kind of maturity does it show for you to be offended?

The sign of maturity is to let God reverse it.

### Offense –

Can be

on purpose.

## Some people just don't like you.

Don't get offended at people that are more talented in areas than you.

## Comparison breeds offence.

# Focus on the unique assignment God has for you.

# For every question about God, He has an answer for you.

Philip was in a great, city-shaking revival when God spoke to him to leave & he ministered to one eunuch that impacted an entire nation.

And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

## Acts 8:29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

Acts 8:30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

Acts 8:31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

#### Acts 8:33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

Don't get offended when it appears that people are doing better than you are.

# God judges by obedience.

# Men judge by what they see with the eye.

# God gives credit for your obedience.

## If you smell cheese: Don't bite it!

#### Acts 24:16

And herein do l exercise myself, to have always a conscience void to offence toward God, and toward men.