

# Let It Go

Troubling The Darkness - Week 4 (7-27-22)

Matt. 18:21-35

Trespass = (Matt. 18:35) Paraptoma - Sin; side-slip, deviation, error, transgression, fall

Offended = (Mark 4:17) Skandalizo - Cause to sin; entrap, trip, stumble, entice

## I. Stay Focused

### A. The Sower Sows The Word - Mark 4:14-20

1. The enemy does not want our focus to be on God and His word, so he will do everything he can to keep our focus elsewhere.
2. Vs 17 - "...affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake..."
  - a) it's all an attack against God's word
  - b) When you are established in truth, you have no reason to get offended at lies.
    - (1) The truth will defend itself
3. He wants us to let go of the Word instead of letting go of other things... like unforgiveness.
  - a) To never get ahold of the Word, get ahold of it but drop it when they get offended, or slowly loosen their grip on the Word as they are reaching for other less important things.

### B. Don't let someone else's trespass cause you to be offended!

1. You take offense, it's not forced upon you. You choose it!
2. You are taking the evil that was done and claiming it as your own
3. We can't afford to allow the darkness and evil of this world to allow us to loose our focus and get offended.

### C. James 3:13-18

1. By taking offense we are staying focused on the wrong things.
  - a) 1 Corin. 3:3 - "For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"
  - b) Your focus is your worship! If you stay stuck and focused on the carnal, then you are growing and developing in the carnal.
    - (1) Romans 8:5 - "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."
2. Don't forget who the real enemy is!
  - a) Eph. 6:12 - "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."
    - (1) Taking offense is a spiritual matter of the heart just like anything else that controls us.
    - (2) We like to separate the things we deal with outside of church from our own spirituality, but the truth is that the way we live day to day is a result of whats in our spirit.

3. “You will always have something to be offended over if that’s what you’re looking for.” - Jon

- a) What are you looking for?

## II. Stay Humble

- A. Colos. 3:12-14
- B. Never forget what Jesus has saved you from!
- C. No matter how far we have come in our walk with God, He still paid the same price for everyone else and you are no better than they are.
- D. “Hurting people hurt people.” - Put yourself in their shoes and look for a chance to switch it to a ministry opportunity.
  1. “Pain has a voice.” - There is probably a reason they are acting the way they are, and it probably doesn’t have anything to do with you so don’t take it personally.

## III. Stay Pure

- A. Unforgiveness taints our faith
  1. Mark 11:22-26
- B. We are ambassadors of Christ and need to be representing Him as accurately as possible.
- C. Matt. 18:6-7
  1. Never be the reason for anyone to stumble!
  2. Romans 14:13 - “...but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother’s way.”
- D. 2 Corin. 6:3-10

Eph. 4:1-6 - Endeavor to keep the Unity of the Spirit