



COMMUNITY OF FAITH

NO OFFENSE

## **STOP BEING OFFENDED**

**The day of your hurt should also be the day of your healing.**

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” James 1:19

**Jesus didn’t call us to be right. He called us to be Loving.**

20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.  
James 1:19-20

**Your human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.**

**Do you want to make a point?**

**Do you want to make a difference?**

37 Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ Matt 22:37-39

**Lower your expectations of others.**

“2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.” 2 Tim 3:2-4

**Being offended is inevitable. Living offended is a choice.**

29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen... Eph 4:29

31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Eph 4:31-32

23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24

**Gossip will contaminate your Godliness**