

# **The Trap of Offense**

## ***Freedom of Forgiveness***

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**The trap of offense is when we allow past hurts and pains to become present pits that prevent us from experiencing God's freedom of forgiveness and release.**

***“The trap of offense is often the most difficult obstacle an individual must face and overcome. Offended people produce really rotten fruit that destroys our soul and poisons our relationships. Freedom from offense is both possible and necessary from anyone who wants to experience peace in relationships and growth in life.”***

**(John Bevere, The Bait of Satan)**

**Hebrews 12:15**

**Job 21:23-25**

**John 10:10**

**Isaiah 58:6**

**Key: *The trap of offense is sprung when we determine that our rights have been violated.***

**Key: *The trap of offense is a prison because it keeps us focused on the past and on others rather than on God and on our own character.***

## **II Corinthians 10:2-6**

### **3 BIG QUESTIONS FOR YOU TODAY:**

1. What is one wound that you would like to believe God could help you get over?
2. What would it take for you to let go?
3. Would you believe that God's Kingdom desire for you is to be free from what has trapped you in destruction?

## **Romans 12:17-19**

### **Being Free from the Trap of Offense**

- Determine to be at peace, in terms of your "part".
- Recognize that with some people you can't be at peace...
- Make a conscious decision to recognize that you are not God.
- Trust that God will set things right in His time.

## **I Peter 2:21-23**

## **Luke 6:27-28**

## **II Corinthians 1:3-4**

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