



Sermon Outline
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Unoffendable
Dispensing
Forgiveness

** Everybody wants a pastor who preaches the truth and doesn't compromise, until he does.*

Why being offendable is not recommended:

1. It doesn't _____ your life in any way.
2. It can give powerful negative emotions such as _____ control over your life.
3. It robs you of the freedom to live in the _____ by making you a prisoner of the past.

When offended we tend to:

_____ it. _____ it. _____ it.

What we need to do is:

_____ it.

What forgiveness is not:

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.
5. _____.
6. _____.
7. _____.

A story we might wish Jesus never told:

Matthew 18:21-35

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." - Jesus

Colossians 3:13 - NLT - Make allowance for each other's faults and **forgive anyone who offends you**. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

What forgiveness is:

- * **Releasing someone from the _____ for taking something of value from you.**
- * **Forgiveness is _____.**

Why forgiveness is so challenging:

- * **Because forgiveness is _____.**

"War is not exceptional; peace is. Resentment is not exceptional; understanding is. Selfishness is not exceptional; sacrifice is. Defensiveness is not exceptional; love is. Judgmentalism is not exceptional; grace is. And bitterness is not exceptional; forgiveness is."

- * **Because we judge ourselves by our _____ and everyone else by their actions.**

- * **Because we'd like _____ for everyone else but grace and mercy for ourselves.**

How our paradigm of forgiveness is the problem:

- * **It feels more like you're letting them _____ than setting yourself free.**
- * **We don't recognize or understand _____ forgiveness we've been granted.**

** Next time you're driving just consider it forgiveness practice!*

Why Jesus is our example:

Luke 23:34a - Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway. - Mother Teresa

- * **Refusing to be offended by the wrongdoing of others is when you are the most _____.**