

Where you are most innocent and the cost to you is highest - offense resolution, for love's sake, is still your responsibility.

# PULPIT CURRICULUM

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF RESOLVING OFFENSE

### Matthew 5:21-26

## 1. REVIEW

Many offenses are serious but at times we're offended by silly things. What practices and attitudes can we adopt so that we don't get offended by things that don't matter?

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Read Matthew 5:21-26. Why is resolving offense with one another such a important issue with the Lord?

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How does working through offenses grow our love for one another? How have you seen this happen in your life?

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## 2. ASSESS

When is it hardest for you to resolve an offense?

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For what offense do you need to work toward resolution? Where have you fallen short in fully loving others?

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## 3. APPLY

Allow others to help guide your steps. Write down the names of those with whom you have unresolved offense and choose one of the following:

Reach out to them this week (quickly) and begin the work of resolution. Ask a member of your small group to hold you accountable and help you plan your approach.

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Commit these names to prayer every day this week. Ask for God to give you wisdom on how and when to approach for mutual resolution. (Only choose this if, in community, it is agreed upon that you need to allow for time.)

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Lord, how I long to see you face to face! This longing is both an aching and a gift -- for I would not long for you if you were not drawing me. Channel my yearning into works of love which you have prepared for me. Shape my longing, my works and my life into a signpost for the coming day where you are all in all. Come quickly, Lord!

## SERMON NOTES & QUOTES

- 1A) Offense is the obstacle to love.
- 2A) Offenses must be resolved – God takes it seriously. vv. 21, 22
- 3A) Offenses must be resolved – worship will wait. vv. 23-24
- 4A) Offenses must be resolved – find a compromise fast. vv. 25-26
- 5A) The cost of unresolved offense:
  - Gives Satan a foothold
  - Leads to bitterness
  - Tarnishes the Lord's name
  - Forfeits God's forgiveness
  - Proves not truly saved

## MY GROUP'S COMMITMENTS

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## 5 DAY READING PLAN

### DAY 1

Ephesians 4:32

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### DAY 2

Colossians 3:12-15

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### DAY 3

Hebrews 12:14-15

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### DAY 4

Philippians 2:3

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### DAY 5

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

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