

## **UN-OFFENDABLE TOWARDS GOD**

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Pastor Mike Lotzer – *Un-offendable Week 3/3*

Text: Matthew 11:2-6

**Review:** Being easily offended and angry is FOOLISH, FRUITLESS, & HYPOCRITICAL.

- Do not be eager in your spirit to be angry, for anger resides in the heart of fools. – Ecclesiastes 7:9
- "There is nothing that can be done with anger that cannot be done better without it." – Dallas Willard
- "You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." – Jesus (Matthew 7:5)

### **Message Notes:**

#### **1. EVEN THE BEST OF US CAN BECOME OFFENDED AT GOD.**

- "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" – Matthew 11:3
- "And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." – Matthew 11:6
- "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist"... – Matthew 11:11

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#### **2. WHEN GOD DOES NOT MEET OUR EXPECTATIONS.**

- I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." – John 1:32-34
- "Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?" – Luke 7:17-19 (NASB)
- Why would God show up exactly as we expect?
- Would a wise parent or leader be entirely predictable to those they love?

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#### **3. WHEN GOD LET'S US SUFFER WITH NO EXPLANATION.**

- John wasn't just confused: he was suffering unjustly in prison, with no explanation.
- Jesus was far away from John. He had to send runners.
- Does God feel distant to you? Watch out for your tendency to take offense.
- Is God asking you to obey with no clear reason? Don't take offense.

*HOW DO WE BECOME UNOFFENDABLE TOWARDS GOD?*

#### **4. ADMIT, REMIND, & TRUST.**

- **Admit** you have a sinful inclination to become offended at God.
- **Remind** yourself, God is God, and you are not, in prayer.
- **Trust** that God is both good and great, kind, and capable.