

The POWER of FORGIVENESS—Lesson Two

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Offense can be deliberate or accidental. The closer the relationship _____
_____. Examine:

Psalm 41:7-9.

There are two groups of people when it comes to offense:

1. _____.
Lied on. Cheated. Talked about. Mistreated.
2. Those who think they have been mistreated but actually were not. Sometimes that's _____.

If I have been truly mistreated, do I have the right to be offended? Examine Joseph.

1. _____. It's not a strong feeling, it's _____. They are offended at the father, but take it out on Joseph.
2. _____.
3. They threw him in the pit. Throwing him into the pit was about the jealousy connected to _____.
4. _____. Would you have been offended at this point?
5. Joseph was lied on by Potiphar's wife.
6. _____.
7. He was forgotten by the cupbearer.

Joseph chose to look at these obstacles as opportunities. Now let's examine David.

You can see David had a close "father-son" relationship with Saul. God positioned David to show David the kind of king _____.

Here are some things to remember if you've been betrayed by a "father."

1. David left the battle _____. When we retaliate in our strength, we take God's place. _____.
2. Some of us think judgment can only come through us. There's no jail, sentence, or discipline more punitive than _____.
3. Love. It's impossible _____.

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Both Joseph and David had many reasons to be offended. Instead of taking offense, they both learned _____.

When we are offended, our first reaction is to _____.

It's not what they did to you, it's how you respond to it. _____

Did Joseph pass the test? _____ Did David pass the test? _____

Stay in God's will.