

# The POWER of FORGIVENESS—Lesson Five

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What do you do when you are offended with and by God? How can anybody be offended by a good, benevolent, wise, all-knowing, all-powerful God? If we're offended by God

\_\_\_\_\_. If you're offended by God, it's not God, it's us. Examine:

- Genesis 6:5
- Jeremiah 17:9
- Romans 3:23
- Romans 7:18
- Galatians 5:17-21

We are offended by God when He acts in ways we don't understand. How have you been offended by God? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you deal with it? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you dealt with it? \_\_\_\_\_

When we don't understand faith we can become offended by God. If God can only be God in your life when things make sense, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. Our finite minds cannot understand an infinite God. Examine:

- Romans 11:33-36
- Isaiah 55:8-9
- Deuteronomy 29:29

It is true that God does everything for a reason. Here's the reason \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_! When God acts in ways you don't understand, \_\_\_\_\_!

Job's Example. Examine: Job 2:7-10. Job is enduring trials \_\_\_\_\_  
the knowledge of what God has said. Job tells his wife, you are talking like someone  
\_\_\_\_\_. Eventually  
Job takes his questions, complaints, confusion and pain to God. Difficult times

Peter's Example. Examine: Luke 22:24-34. Jesus knew tough times would come. Jesus also knew it would serve to \_\_\_\_\_.

Peter does exactly that. Examine: 1 Peter 4:12-14. Don't be offended by God. When you go through, eventually God will get the glory.