

**THE TRUTH ABOUT...**

**“Handling Offence”**

## **Luke 17:1 (KJV)**

Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!

## Q. What is Offence?

= annoyance or resentment brought about by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself

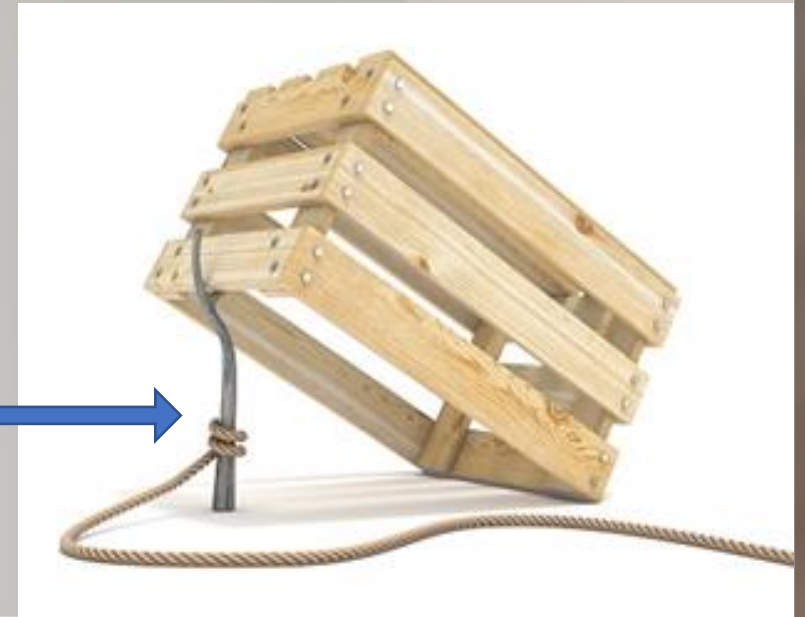
= an offence is behaviour which causes people to be upset or embarrassed

## Offence:

Greek = *skan-dal-on* (from which we get the word scandal)  
= stumbling block, occasion for stumbling

Hebrew = *mik-shole* = a stumbling block,  
a cause to fall, an obstacle, a ruin

*Skandalon*



## Q. What is Expectation?

“a cord as an attachment, perhaps by twisting”

- Foreseeable expectation
- Reciprocity expectation
- Equity expectation
- Entitlement

## **Jeremiah 31:21 (ESV)**

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# 1. Don't go and tell others

*Skandalon* = from which we get the word scandal

**Prov. 17:9 (NIV)** Whoever would foster love covers over an offense, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

“Foster” = search out and strive for

## 2. Be patient

### **Prov. 19:11 (NIV)**

A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.

### **Prov. 19:11 (KJV)**

The discretion of a man deferreth his anger;  
and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.



### 3. Don't meditate on it

**Prov. 10:12 (NLT)**

Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love makes up for all offenses.

‘Anger comes from the disappointment of not getting what you desire or think you deserve.’

**Psalm 62:5 (KJV)**

My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from him.

**“People who wish to be  
offended will always find some  
occasion for taking offense.”**

John Wesley

## **2 Sam 13:19-22 (TNKH)**

And Tamar put ashes on her head and rent her garment of many colours that was on her; and she laid her hand on her head, and went her way, crying aloud as she went. And Absalom her brother said unto her: 'Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but now hold thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; take not this thing to heart.' So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house. But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth. And Absalom spoke unto Amnon neither good nor bad; for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

## **2 Samuel 14:33 (KJV)**

So Joab came to the king, and told him; and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king; and the king kissed Absalom.

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