



**The Jesus Way (Part 4)**  
**A Four-Week, Life-Giving Series**  
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**Matt 18:21-35 NIV**  
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*"I AM THE WAY and the truth and the life."  
- Jesus, John 14:6a NIV*

**THE BIG IDEA:**  
***Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.***

**HOW TO DEAL WITH OFFENSE THE JESUS WAY:**

1. **BRING YOUR HURTS TO JESUS**.

*YES or NO: Are you an easily offended person?*

- Then PETER CAME TO JESUS...(v. 21a NIV)
- "How many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?" (v. 21b MSG)

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2. **DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR PARDONING**.

*Real Talk: Have you ever begged for forgiveness?*

- "The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me, 'HE BEGGED..." (v.26a NIV)
- "Touched by his plea, THE KING LET HIM OFF, ERASING THE DEBT." (v. 27 MSG)

*"A hundred denarii" (v. 28a) = \$10,952 (4 months work)*

*"Ten thousand talents" (v. 24b)= \$6,571,200,000 (250,000 years work)*

*"HOSANNA" (a Hebrew expression) means, "Save now!"*

3. **FORGIVE UNCONDITIONALLY**.

*On a scale of 1-10, how difficult is it for you to forgive?*

**Three Possible Ways of Dealing with Offense:**

- 1) **Do Nothing** (and let it rot inside you).
- 2) **Get Even**.
- 3) **Respond Biblically** (The Jesus Way).

- Good sense and discretion make a man slow to anger, and it is his honor and glory to overlook a transgression or an offense [without seeking revenge and harboring resentment]. - Proverbs 19:11 AB
- "...forgive unconditionally..." (v. 35 MSG)
- "When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer." - Matthew 5:44 MSG

***Prayer beckons forgiveness.***

*"The parables... Above all they are a call to REPENTANCE."  
- Kenneth Bailey*

- "TURN TO GOD, so that your sins maybe wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord. - Peter, Acts 3:19 NIV