



**Week of February 14, 2021**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Describe a season when “living offended” robbed you of life? What did that steal from you? How did it affect your other relationships? How did it affect your productivity?
2. Think about these two statements:  
1) They offended me. 2) I can choose whether I will be offended.  
Which one is more empowering for you? Which one brings more freedom?
3. Read Proverbs 19:11. How does leaning into wisdom help you overlook an offense?
4. Read Proverbs 10:12. Think of a recent action and reaction where things blew up in a relationship. Imagine the difference if love had been chosen instead of hatred. What would have been the result?
5. Read Ephesians 4:2. What would happen if we lived this out in our families, workplaces, and neighborhoods this week? If a whole community of believers did this, how would it change our culture?

### **Moving Forward**

Commit to memory Ephesians 4:2. Choose a relationship or set of relationships where offense is a pattern. Will you choose in advance to not be offended? Ask a trusted friend or someone in this group to pray for you, and to ask you in 2 weeks about your commitment to live un-offendable.

### **Proverbs 19:11**

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

### **Proverbs 10:12**

Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs.

### **Ephesians 4:2**

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.