My Right To Be Offended
Altar Ego #3

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REVIEW

Altar: the place where you make a sacrifice, or lay down something before God.

Ego: what we believe (think) about ourselves.

We will lay down our feelings of inadequacy. Why?
1) God's View Of You Is Different Than Your View
2) God Has Already Given You More Than You Realize
3) It's Less About You Than You Think

We will lay down our need for control. Ask yourself…
- Is it worth my concern?
- Is it mine to control?
- Is it for God alone?

We lay down our right to be _____

A person's wisdom yields patience;
it is to one's glory to <u>overlook an offense</u>.
Proverbs 19:11

For by the <u>grace given me</u> I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment...
Romans 12:3

Because Of Christ's Grace To Me

1) I'll give others the _____.

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, <u>making allowance for each other's faults</u> because of your love.
Ephesians 4:2 NLT

2) I will not _____ others.

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.
Luke 6:36-37

3) I'll _____ as I've been _____.

Make allowance for each other's faults, and <u>forgive anyone who offends you</u>. Remember, <u>the Lord forgave you</u>, so you <u>must forgive others</u>.
Colossians 3:13 NLT

"If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But <u>if you refuse to forgive others</u>, your Father will <u>not forgive your sins</u>."
Matthew 6:14-15 NLT

Be kind and compassionate to one another, <u>forgiving each other</u>, just as in Christ <u>God forgave you</u>.
Ephesians 4:32

Questions For Later Discussion

- What small offenses have affected you in a big way? Why?
- What does God's grace mean to you and how has it affected you?
- What steps will you take to extend grace to those who have offended you?

All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted