

# OVERCOMING OFFENSES

## GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS PAST, PART 1

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### Your life is too short and your calling is too great to live offended!

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

Proverbs 19:11

"Whenever anyone has offended me, I try to raise my soul so high that the offense cannot reach it."

René Descartes

### With God's Help, I'm Getting Over This...

#### 1. I'm Getting Over Being \_\_\_\_\_ Offended.

*Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.*

Ephesians 4:2 NLT

- Do you judge other people by their actions, but judge yourself by your intentions?
- I want to have a thick skin and a soft heart.

#### 2. I'm Getting Over The \_\_\_\_\_ Offenses.

*Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.*

Colossians 3:13 NLT

- As a follower of Christ, I don't have a right to be offended.

For Further Discussion

- On a scale of 1-10, how easily are you offended? What's something minor that offends you?
- Read Colossians 3:13. What are some of your most typical barriers to forgiving others?
- Who is someone you need to forgive? How will you do it?

*\*All scriptures from NIV unless otherwise noted*