



Handling Offence



Offence

Oxford
Dictionary of
English

Annoyance or resentment brought about by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself.

Offence

Offence in NT Greek – *skandellon*
Referred to the bait in a trap.





Exposed hearts?

Not God?

Unanswered prayer?

Disappointment?

Hard truths?



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Cain - The Pattern of Offence

Genesis 4

- Takes the bait v5
- Responds in anger/sadness v6
- Looks for justification v8-9
- Sin matures v8-9
- Loss of fruitfulness v12
- A paranoid, isolated, wanderer v14



GOD

hearts?

Un

I LOVE

appointment?

GOOD



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- Don't take the bait
- Forgive and forgive again
- Give and bless
- Don't spread it or join in other people's offence
- Be reconciled rather than being right



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Our response



GOD

LOVE

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