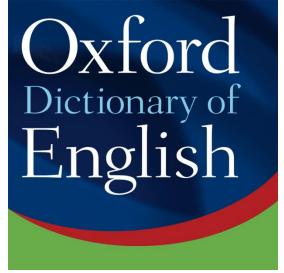
## Handling Offence



# Offence



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?



### 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



## hearts?

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Handling Offence

With God

St Barnabas











- 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





#### Our response



HIGHLY TOXIC

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