



MESSAGE: Becoming Unoffendable **TEACHER:** Jim Firth **DATE:** 1/21/2024

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QUESTION #1

In this message, what resonated with you?

QUESTION #2

In this message, what did you wrestle with?

QUESTION #3

What happens when someone does not affirm your identity the way you have defined it in your own mind?

QUESTION #4

Pastor Jim says we have almost made a national sport of being offended, and finding more and more justification for being offended. Do you agree? What do you think this leads to?

QUESTION #5

Read Romans 12:3 below. Why do you think people have a hard time seeing themselves clearly these days?

Romans 12:3, NIV

For by the grace given me 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, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

QUESTION #6

What do you think about the idea that we can choose not to be offended?

QUESTION #7

Why is it important to look to God and God alone for your identity?

QUESTION #8

C.S. Lewis said the more pride we have ourselves, the more we dislike seeing it in others. Do you agree?

TEACHING SCRIPTURE CITATIONS

Isaiah 64:6, NLT

We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind.

Philippians 3:8-9, NET

More than that, I now regard all things as liabilities compared to the far greater value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things—indeed, I regard them as dung!—that I may gain Christ, **9** and be found in him, not because I have my own righteousness derived from the law, but because I have the righteousness that comes by way of Christ’s faithfulness—a righteousness from God that is in fact based on Christ’s faithfulness.

John 8:31-32, NLT

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. **32** And you will know the truth, and **the truth will set you free.**”

Romans 12:3, NIV

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Jeremiah 17:9, NLT

The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?

John 2:24-25, NLT

But Jesus didn’t trust them, because he knew all about people. **25** No one needed to tell him about human nature, for he knew what was in each person’s heart.

Proverbs 27:6, NASB

Faithful are the wounds of a friend,
But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.

Philippians 3:3-9, NLT

For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort, **4** though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more! **5** I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. **6** I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault. **7** I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. **8** Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ **9** and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.

Psalms 56:4, NLT

I praise God for what he has promised. I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me?

Romans 8:31b, NIV

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Colossians 3:3, NIV

For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

Matthew 18:3, NIV

And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.