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Shake off the dust

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# Shake the dust

Welcome to California, I forgive you. Sunny again.

Usually, when you travel you use a sermon that you've already preached before. That you're comfortable with because you want to see the Spirit moving. Her husband put up a new song, lyrics of the song are: here's for all the fat girls, the guys left out in school, the misfits. Shake the dust.

The Holy Spirit said to her, that is our prophetic word for the church. It's time to shake the dust. Offense wants to come into our community and we need to shake off the dust. Dust is a distraction to your destiny.

# Scratched camera

Camera with old pictures on it, take pictures with film. The only time you found out what was on your pictures was to get it developed. The people developing your pictures would know everything about you. But if the camera had a little dust on the lens you would take pictures and if there was any spec on the lens every one of your pictures had it on there. You won't know if there is a scratch on there until you get them developed.

It is like that with out lives, the scratch of our offenses in life is in every developed picture.

# Last thoughts

30 years to prepare, 3 to work and then get’s away. 120 people and about to exit the earth. Jesus pulls them together and says this. If the doctor would tell her that she has one more year to live she has to say everything you need to say, do what you need to do. Could imagine sitting in her bed and giving them my last thoughts. When you find a girl, this is the kind of girl you want to live with. When I am not here anymore on your wedding day I want you to think about this.

Matthew 10:11-14 (ESV) And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. As you enter the house, greet it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town.

# Plan for offence

2 by 2 preach the Gospel, but there will be some places where even though you have the right heart, come to serve love, cast out demons and heal the sick they won't accept you. The reason I know that is because they did it to me, if they did it to me they will do it to you. A Clear plan for offense, if you don't do that the next relationship, the city you come into you carry that with you. You need to shake off the dust! Historically if Jewish people would come into the Holy Land, they said the pagan dirt was unworthy of God's people.

“The dust is a distraction from your destiny.”

Called to do all? Get the dust off of you! Don’t take it personal when people assume you're there for the wrong motives. Relationship pure right and good, but they misread and misunderstand you. Are you the same person in that environment? Absolutely! It had everything to do with the environments and how they received you. There were places in 2016 where we had all the right motives, but what we communicated was misunderstood, and dust got swirling around us.

The person you're most offended with right now, I believe your destiny holds someone very similar to that person distracting you from your destiny. If you can’t forgive them you can’t go into your destiny, because the dust will hold you from walking into where you need to go.

How often do you spend rehashing last year instead of looking into what’s next for this year? Doesn't have anything to do with you, but how they treated you had everything to do with you. Just because you feel unseen today doesn't mean you're invisible tomorrow.

# Expectation

50% is preparation, 50% is expectation from the people in the room. The moment I think I am in control of your response and what I do. Your experience and everything that it has to do with you. Dust is like glitter, ever had glitter in your house? You will know it!

The offense is like that when we get offended with people you will bring it into every relationship you have. How do you know if someone ran a marathon? Don't worry they will tell you. How do you know if someone has taken offense? Don't worry, they will tell you! ;)

# Definition

Offense is an unresolved issue or conflict that you had with a loved one. The reason why we get offended is because we are invested. Somebody we love says something we are shocked by. We can release people from our offense, or hold onto it.

Jesus says to His disciples: "You need to shake off the dust! Every part of you is covered in that dust, the offense and relational breakdown has the ability to remove you from walking in the fullness of your destiny.”

It's going to be very normal for you that you will not be embraced for who you are. Offense is a trap.

# Trigger to the trap

Offense in the greek means this: The trigger to the trap.

Most dangerous words in a boy home: look at this. When a man says that's gross that is not just gross but on the scale of foul. I love you, but not that much. No one is ever going to love you like that :p The worst thing about traveling is public bathrooms. Just wait for it to flush because you love humanity.

Offense isn't the trap, but it is the trigger. I've heard your story 7 times, but I have heard your same story from 2 years ago. The dust in your life, shake it off! Are they rude? Did they not like you? Probably. I just need to figure it out. You can't! Offense has nothing to do with you, but everything to do with you and it is better to shake it and get rid of it. Not my job to understand it, but to get it out of my life.

# Sabotage

What’s the part of you in a relationship where you sabotage?

Feel like we need to be acknowledged in some kind of way. Her trap was that something would happen, say something quickly and not say it a certain way. If I didn't resolve quickly with solving his intention for me I would be ready to tell them. I just didn't see the missed phone call, used to creating stories behind offense. Start having habits of not knowing why, but oh well. It is what it is. I am moving on.

One of the best ways to nurture offense is to tell someone about it, ask them what they think? Did you take what they suggested to you and did you do it? People almost never ask you for feedback. Part of their identity as a victim.

# Yes and no seasons

Season in life where we are growing and building and we are in a yes season of our lives. I am in the yes season, got to say yes before we say no. If we say no too early we will lack experience.

Havilah do you see your life? 4 children under the age of 8. What you're showing other women right now is impossible for them to do and you're acting like it’s normal. You will hurt your relationships to you like they can live a healthy life like that. You can do whatever you want, but if you want to serve me you need to say no. You can’t write books, travel the world. You need to step it back. I got to clear 50% of my schedule right now. It was very difficult to go from a yes to a no. Every single week she has things come across her desk and has to say no, she hates it.

# DILEMMA'S

Horrible decision between having a spa day and a field trip. That is the dilemma, she called her sister and said I will go on the field trip. Havilah you're not confused on your yes, so stop acting like you are. She made a commitment to do everything she wants to do. A moment to decide who are we going to be? You want to be all that God calls you, the healthiest families on the earth. Husband and wife where we have all of each other. Partner and a team member 30 people gave their life to Christ. Our lives are a ministry together.

Everything I do, he will have the internal reward, we are in partnership together.

# Cultivate peace

Do not give the enemy opportunity in your life! cultivate bitterness How do we give him access into our life? By holding a grudge, nurturing anger, if you nurture anger, anger will grow. If you nurture peace, peace will grow.

The difference between keeping the peace and being a peacemaker.

A peacemaker doesn't hide things, actually fights for peace. Stop posting things that stir anger. We need to stir peace. Blessed are the peacemakers, they inherit the Kingdom of God. You can't afford it! Your destiny is too big! The glitter will show! When you have it and the light hits it, you will see it!

# Cracks

Ever had somebody pray and preach to you at the same time. Cracks are built offended places in our minds. How do you know if you're offended? It is what you think about. What about feeling anxious and rehash the story of the one that got away. Who hurt you, what they said. You're going to interrupt it! Stop doing whatever you're doing. More things to do in life than sit. Thinking one thing, interrupt it! Use your mouth! I just bless so and so.

Just because you want to help doesn't mean they want you there. Don’t be naive, the enemy wants to hurt you and hates you. And he is not going to leave you alone. Israelites had to shake off grumbling to get into the Promised Land. They couldn't have it in there.

I can't have you lead worship with offense, go into marriage with the offense, write the book with the offense, lead teenagers.

# Shake offence off!

Acts 28:1-5 (ESV) After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta. The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.” He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm.

They did what to you? You still do all these things! There must be a God! I can’t imagine walking through something like that and going through that. Coming out of the fire, they didn't smell like smoke! They weren't burnt, but they were right there in it. Was a real fire! They were in the middle of a roaring flame! They refused to allow the fire to get in them.

Some of you right now smell like smoke. There is phrases you use, people you write off. Leadership is about shaking the dust! Often people will open up to me, I am the safe person. Can't tell anyone else. The Lord was very clear with her, don't nurture that, be kind, share their heart, but don't nurture the offense. Come in the opposite spirit, teach them how to shake it off! If you nurture the offense they won't trust you! They will believe that when you're offended you will nurture your offense. In difficulty with the fear of God, not entertain it.

# Confronting out of love

I am so sorry, can I pray with you? If we’re offended with someone we are to go to that person. If that person is scary we are not supposed to look at them and say you're very scary. Take somebody else with you who wants to help you out. You don’t gang up on people, but confront them out of love. Go in a public place, always surprised when someone comes to the house late at night. I got an hour, let’s talk about it. Bring somebody with me, hold myself accountable. I am going after this.

Not receiving that, huh that is you. Not saying you're dirty, but saying I am going on. We have too many mountains to climb, I am not going to die on that hill. Some of your hills are killing you. Lift your leg and step over it! You're going to be gone! There are people dying right now, enslaved people, assaulted and not having Bibles. You are fighting because they don't close the refrigerator door right. You're not that great, there are probably people offended with you right now!

Nurture empathy: one choice have that right or be right. I can’t change the past, but I can be a good person. It doesn't mean I can’t change the story. What do you need to shake off?

Shake it off! You’ve got more cities to go into and reach. Learn to be somebody that knows how to shake it off.