

# Offence, Bitterness, Judgement, Fear, Anger, Pride, etc

For many years I struggled with my personal issues, not being able to measure up to the standard set by Jesus and Paul in the NT. Since coming into the spiritual reality of a believer, when I was baptised in the Holy Spirit, I have been on a journey of discovery which included understanding how to deal with those personal issues.

Being able to quickly come into The Presence was a huge leap forward in my spirituality, but at the same time I was introduced to the need to get 'cleaned out'. That understanding caused me to give Father the freedom to show me any 'darkness' that was in me, so we could work on it together. This resulted in being changed from the inside-out, which I discovered is the right way to change, rather than me 'gritting my teeth' and struggling with them.

In the process of wanting to go deeper into oneness with the Trinity, I've now been shown that there are more issues for me to deal with. It's one thing to enjoy The Presence in a 'rooftop experience'<sup>1</sup> every day, but that's not adequate to fully change me so that I'm delivered from doubts, fears, and the woundedness from past traumas. In my oneness, living out of the Internal Kingdom, is where I now commune with "I AM", and live his life. It's his life in me that will eventually overcome everything and brings about all the necessary changes in me. For now, my life continues to remain hidden in his, as he is now my life.

Living that way, plus being open and transparent with him, has allowed him to bring teaching to my attention which I have embraced. The purpose of this teaching is to allow me to grow in the same way as Jesus did, enabling me to eventually have greater impact on those I come in contact with.

It was an eye-opener to realise from what he brought to my attention, that offence, bitterness, judgement, fear, anger, pride, etc., are bigger hindrances for me than just issues in my life. The 'light has turned on' in my understanding, so that operating out of Father's heart has become an essential goal for my life, not an unreachable pinnacle that I once thought it to be. That means all those issues have to go from my life, as do others, as well.

Here's some of what Father instructed Kriston Couchey about these personal issues (I've highlighted each one so you don't miss them):

*"Father spoke in great tenderness, "The condition on the plain<sup>2</sup> has not changed, it is your heart that has changed. When you first observed the chaos of the plain and the side of my mountain<sup>3</sup> you held within your heart judgment, offense, and anger toward humanity.*

*In your pride you harbored offense towards the world and those who claimed to know me yet wounded and opposed you out of their own unmet needs. This pride, judgment, and offense were the very things that kept you from oneness with Me and kept you from seeing people the way I do. When you died to your pride, judgments and offenses you were then able to see things through my eyes of love.""<sup>4</sup>*

*"You cannot remain on this mountaintop while in that state of un-rest. Remember how Moses allowed fear and wrath to overtake him and this heart of offense kept him from entering the Promised Land. Man's wrath CANNOT accomplish my purposes. Do not be offended by the world and its wickedness, for if you do so you will find that you have left MY Mountain. Keep trusting in Me and do not allow the offenses of anger, judgement and wickedness to take you captive.*

*Many of my own have taken offense at evil of the world and its institutions. Many in their fear, anger, offense, and presumption take up the weapons of the world to fight for those very hills of influence you see on the plain below. Very few of my children have ever asked Me to reveal to them 'My plan of redemption for my broken, misguided world'."<sup>5</sup>*

1 – Referring to the vision experience of Peter on the rooftop. Today, it's an symbolic expression of Christian's ecstatic experiences.

2 – The representation of humanity in the world system in the vision

3 – 'The Mountain of God' represents where Heaven touches Earth. This is normally in Father's sons when The Presence resides.

4 – Kriston Couchey (2021) "An Adventurer's Guide To The Next Age" [Kindle edition p:19]

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5 – Kriston Couchey (2021) "An Adventurer's Guide To The Next Age" [Kindle edition p:27]

Kriston then wrote the following from his new understanding and experience of living out of oneness:

*“This mixture of offense happens frequently in political, national or globally significant prophecy. People do not realize that they tend to prophesy from their own agenda when they have not resolved to flow from the place of Rest in the Lord in a particular arena and speak from an offended heart.*

*It is easy to prophesy gloom and doom when you are angry at your political leaders or offended at a nation that opposes the nation you love. So many believers seem to be convinced that God is a member of the political party they support...*

*Offense is a snare that corrupts, infects, and twists our perspectives and attitudes.”<sup>6</sup>*

*“Bitterness is the state of unforgiveness and or woundedness in one’s heart that is the direct consequence of taking offense in the past. This bitterness has the potential to turn a true prophet into a false prophet and turn a mature son back into acting like a religious man...*

*If you are offended by a spiritual leader, political leader, a nation, a particular religion, or anyone else for that matter, regardless of how evil they are and how badly you have suffered at their hands, your actions and attitudes will be controlled and distorted by this spirit of offense. A lot of criticism and judgment directed toward religion and its leaders, toward political leaders, and other people groups, are sourced in bitterness rooted in offense taken in the past...*

*The ‘out of church’ movement’s numbers have been swelled with disenchanted, wounded and deeply offended people who were given a raw deal in the halls of religion? Thousands of offended individuals have stopped going to any form of church altogether. Also, heresy-hunting ‘ministries’ are motivated by and continue to sniff out sin and offense from a ‘church’ acting like the world.”<sup>7</sup>*

The way through our issues so they are dealt with is, firstly to receive this teaching as accurate, and then to allow Father to deal with them one-by-one. Following the success of dealing with each of them we will then be tested to establish whether the the new regime of freedom is present in our lives. That usually requires going through the pain of being offended by others, being hurt by them and greatly wounded. If the new regime of freedom from issues is firmly established, each test will be successful. If unsuccessful, more internal work and testing will follow.

Kriston writes about the testing aspect:

*“There is a glory in suffering offenses with the unconditional love of God that releases in us a joy that is unspeakable. I have responded wrongly to the attacks of others upon me or my family many times. In the midst of that offense and ensuing bitterness; Father has been faithful to show me the places of self and pride that has been the “landing pad” upon which the offense of others has landed.*

*The times I have responded correctly have been through choosing to respond to offense with unconditional love. Two experiences come to mind from the past in which the Holy Spirit turned the opportunity to be bitter and offended into healing for me and released love for the offender in my heart.”<sup>8</sup>*



In this new era of the Kingdom, we aren’t going to make much spiritual progress or mature in our sonship, until we start operating with Father’s heart. That’s a fact we can’t get away from. Only sons who function like that will be the ones he uses in a big way to impact the world.

Now that we know this is the way things are to be, it’s up to us to go further down this path of maturity.

6 – Kriston Couchey (2021) "An Adventurer's Guide To The Next Age" [Kindle edition p:35-36]

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8 – Kriston Couchey (2021) "An Adventurer's Guide To The Next Age" [Kindle edition p:37]

That path means lots and lots of cleaning out of our heart, mind and attitudes. That means more pain and lots of wilderness experiences until we arrive. There's no other way.

The season and paradigm of the Kingdom have changed. We must adapt to it – FULL STOP.

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