

SERMON NOTES

August 18, 2024

Speaker: Dr. Brian Bennett

Jesus Movement: "Unoffendable"

[Acts 24-26]

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Jesus followers are	when we trust God a	as our
[Acts 24:1-9; Matthew 24:	9-14; 2 Timothy 3:1-5}	
Jesus followers are unof	fendable when we let our _	shape and share our
 [Acts 24-26]		
Paul's trials show a man in to share the truth of His testimony.		
5 steps Jesus followers	can take to be unoffendable	:
1	and the "big picture"	(Ephesians 6:10-13)
2	and His word	(Psalm 119:89-90)
3	and His healing	(1 Peter 2:21-25)
4	with grace and truth	(Acts 24-26)
5.	to Him	(Ephesians 4:25-32)

Next Step Questions:

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- Have you trusted Jesus as your Lord and savior?
- Are you living with an offended heart or an open heart?
- Will you live out the 5 steps to be unoffendable today?



Pathway Group Discussion Questions:

Note: 1, 8-9 are general questions asked at Pathway weekly.

- 1. How is God at work in and around your life?
- 2. Pastor Brian said, "Christ followers are unoffendable when we trust God as our defender? Do you agree? How have you seen God be your defender?
- 3. How is being offended a problem for our walk with Jesus and walk with others?
- 4. Read Acts 24:1-9. Paul is in prison and accused of things he did not do. His captivity, and the accusations against him, are unjust. How do you think Paul is able to respond without being offended?
- 5. Paul allowed his trials to shape and share his testimony (see the message notes). How can we do the same?
- 6. Pastor Brian used the "3 buckets" and a "fence" as object lessons in the message. Each of these was designed to help us see the bigger picture how to avoid offense, but also how offense can "fence us in". How did these speak to you?
- 7. Review the "5 steps Christ followers can take to be unoffendable" below. Open the Bible and let the points and verses listed speak to you as a group. Discuss which ones are most challenging and/or encouraging to you.

See God and the "big picture" (Ephesians 6:10-13)
 Trust God and His word (Psalm 119:89-90)
 Seek God and His healing (1 Peter 2:21-25)
 Share God with grace and truth (Acts 24-26)
 Release "them" to Him (Ephesians 4:25-32)

- 8. How did you answer the "next step questions" from the message?
- Have you trusted Jesus as your Lord and savior?
- Are you living with an offended heart or an open heart?
- Will you live out the 5 steps to be unoffendable today?
- 9. How can we pray for you and support you this week?

Note for life group leaders: if you need additional support or resources due to the depth of the verses and topics covered don't hesitate to reach out: zorom@pathwayvb.com

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August 4 - August 10, 2024

FINANCIALS

\$25,511 down 40.7% to budget for W/E 8/10/24 \$1,136,555 down 5.4% to budget for Year to Date -\$6,659 Net Revenue after including other income through June 2024 \$115,422 for Missions or 11.2% of General Giving YTD through June 2024

CONNECT

Total Worship Attendance: 912

Online: 127

TWC Attendance Sunday: 503

Kids Sunday: 121 Students: 161

GROW

Baptisms (YTD): 44

Discipleship Groups: 935 Salvations (YTD): 74

SERVE

People Fed at Food Pantry: 45

Weekly Volunteers: 138