

In Luke 17, Jesus was preparing His disciples to go out and do great things. He could have taught them about having more faith for bigger impact, but He simply said: "Offenses will surely come." He was saying: "As you go through life, offenses will come your way from rude co-workers, family members who don't believe in you, and friends who walk away." Jesus gave them this sombre news, then He gave them the solution. "If your brother wrongs you seven times a day, forgive him. Live unoffended."

What He is talking about is continual forgiveness. He is saying that you cannot let offenses come in and poison your soul and spirit. You need to deal with the hurt quickly. The longer you wait, the more difficult it is to release it. If you dwell on it for a day, think about it for a month, it will get bigger and become more hurtful. You will be sour, short with people, irritable, and not enjoy your family. That could have all been avoided if you would have rather forgiven quickly. Don't let offenses take root and contaminate your life.

Luke 17:4 "Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive."