

- The Bible calls this type of problem an \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Greek word "skandalon" means ...
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- **Luke 17:1** *Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!*
- **Matthew 24:10-13** <sup>10</sup>*And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. <sup>11</sup>And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. <sup>12</sup>And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. <sup>13</sup>But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*
- **Proverbs 18:19** *A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle.*

- Left unchecked, offense will turn into \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Hebrews 12:15** *Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.*

- Joseph could have chosen to \_\_\_\_\_ his offense, but instead he chose to \_\_\_\_\_ it!

- **Genesis 50:20** *But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ is the only cure for offense.

When we forgive, we \_\_\_\_\_ the power of God to bring good out of a bad situation!

- **Romans 8:28** *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*
- **Matthew 6:14-15** *For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*



# Faith The Life of Joseph Under Fire

A Midweek Bible Study Series

## Part One – You Meant It For Evil

**Genesis 37:19-20** <sup>19</sup>*And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. <sup>20</sup>Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.*

- The Bible teaches that believers will have various kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ here on earth.
  - **John 16:33 (NLT)** *Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.*
- Some of these trials will be regular problems that are \_\_\_\_\_ to the whole human family.
  - **Matthew 5:45 (NLT)** *For [God] gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and on the unjust, too.*
- Other problems are specific to Christians, \_\_\_\_\_ sent from the enemy to discourage us.
  - **1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)** *Be careful! Watch out for attacks from the Devil, your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour.*
- But the problems that we find hardest to understand and overcome are problems with our \_\_\_\_\_!
  - **Psalms 55:12-14** <sup>12</sup>*For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: <sup>13</sup>But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. <sup>14</sup>We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.*