



Group Leader  
Discussion Guide  
Week 4 - Battle Ready

**Announcements:**

21 Days of Prayer and Fasting January 2026  
Life Group Leader Meeting Jan 25  
2026 Missions Interest Meeting Jan 25  
Preteen Event Feb 20  
Togo Mission Trip Oct 16-22

**DISCUSS IT**

1. We began the message by asking: What do you do when you're offended?
  - Read Colossians 3:12–17. After reflecting on this passage, how should we respond when we experience moments of offense?
2. When we're offended, we often do one of three things: we bury it, vent it, or act on it.
  - Which of these tends to be your natural response? What helps you resist reacting in one of these ways?
3. Jesus offers a countercultural perspective in Matthew 6:14–15.
  - What stands out to you in these verses, and where might you need to put this into practice?

4. Which of these is easiest for you to embrace and which is most challenging? How have they affected your ability to live in freedom?

- Forgiveness is not forgetting, accepting, or trusting.
- Forgiveness is not a feeling.
- Forgiveness is not fair.

5. Forgiveness is freedom.

- How have you seen this truth reflected in your own life, especially in light of this quote from Lewis Smedes: “To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you”

## RESPOND TO IT

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply?

