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(10:30AM to 11:30 AM)

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Announcements

Welcome to all our members, visitors, and friends here today and welcome to those watching us via Zoom. May God bless all of you abundantly for your love and support of this ministry.

Are you ready for a breakthrough? For the next three Sundays, three of our members will bring the Sunday morning's messages. Kathy Linehan will be speaking this Sunday, Dave Jennings will speak on the 20th and Gwen Darling on the 27th. I believe God will use these messages and ministry to release Breakthrough Power in our lives.

Breakthrough Home Groups will be starting September 21st. This is a 10-session home-group study and fellowship. You will be meeting one time per week via Zoom. We will provide a ten-session study guide includes notes and discussion questions We have four groups meeting on different days. See flyer and newsletter for details and registration.

Please be reminded of the following:

- Everyone is required to wear a mask
- During worship and singing – please keep masks on!
- All windows will be opened in the sanctuary during services
- Spaced seating (ushers will assist).



Welcome to Yorktown Vineyard

September 13th, 2020

We appreciate you taking the time to fellowship with us. We hope that you enjoy the service and encounter Jesus as your Savior and Lord.

Our Purpose

“Pleasing God and Advancing His Kingdom”

Our purpose is to please God and advance his kingdom by bringing people to Jesus and membership in his family, developing them to Christ like maturity, and equipping them for their ministry in the church and their mission in the world. Our vision is to help everyone be “Rooted in Christ, Growing in Love”.

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Today's Sermon

Overcoming Offense

By Kathy Linehan
Yorktown Vineyard Community Church
September 13th, 2020

Today we are blessed to have Kathy Linehan, an elder here at Yorktown Vineyard Church, bring us the morning's message. Kathy is a woman of the Word who is filled with the Holy Spirit and operates in the gifts of the Spirit. I know her message and ministry will be a blessing to all.

Offense is one of Satan's most effective "tools" against believers.

"OFFEND"

Translated from the Greek "Skandalon"
Means "Trigger of trap or bait."

Offenses usually occur when someone says something to us too harshly—or at least we interpret it that way. It can and does occur when we perceive that we have been ignored, overlooked or given a responsibility we do not want. Or we become offended when we are blamed for something we did not do, or on the other hand, when we do not receive credit for what we did do. We may be offended when someone has been inconsiderate or thoughtless or has used us for their own purposes. The ways to become offended are myriad.

by John W. Ritenbaugh
Forerunner, "Personal," January 1995

Luke 17:1

Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but **woe** to him through whom they do come!

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.

Luke 15:22-31 (Prodigal Son - older brother) Example of offense.

Matthew 15:21-28. (The Faith of a Canaanite Woman). Example of refusing offense

Guard your heart

2 Corinthians 10:1

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we **take captive every thought** to make it obedient to Christ.

James 1:19-21 - "My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. 21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you."

The best defense against offense is a healthy and growing relationship with God. We must nurture this relationship on a daily basis, hiding God's word in our heart. When the pressure is on because offense has come, we can cry out in our anguish and desperation for help and receive the help we need.

Hebrews 4:16 "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

How do you know if you are offended?
Answer these questions

Are you compelled to tell your side of the story?

Do you fight thoughts of suspicion?

Are you constantly rehearsing past hurts?

Have you lost hope because of something someone else did to you?

Do you feel hindered from fulfilling your full potential?

Do you feel betrayed?

The Christ (Isaiah 55:10-13) - "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Let Jesus Christ set you free today from the chains of offenses.

Kathy