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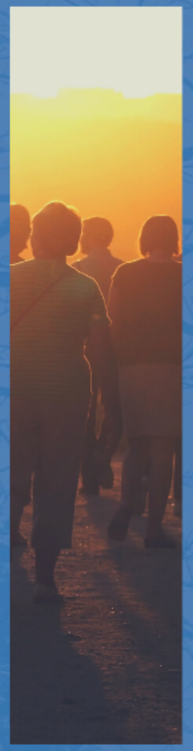

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# When you hear the expression “I’m offended” what situation come to your mind almost immediately?

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# Revelation 3:14-17

14 “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:
These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and
true witness, the ruler of God’s creation.15 I know
your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I
wish you were either one or the other!16 So,
because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold
—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. 17 You
say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not
need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are
wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

# Revelation 3:18-20

18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

# Revelation 3:21-22

21 To the one who is victorious, I will give the right
to sit with me on my throne, just as I was
victorious and sat down with my Father on his
throne.22 Whoever has ears, let them hear what
the Spirit says to the churches.”

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# “Me, Offended?”

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# Laodicea Church

# rich, wealthy, having need of nothing

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# Jesus Says

## “wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked”

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# Pride hid their true condition

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# Pride keeps you from having a change of heart that leads to repentance that will set you free

# Psalm 55:12-14

**“12 If an enemy were insulting me, I could endure it; if a foe were rising against me, I could hide. 13 But it is you, a man like myself, my companion, my close friend,14 with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship at the house of God, as we walked about among the worshipers.”**

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# 2 Categories of Offended People

## 1. Those who have been treated unjustly

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# I am holding onto an offense?

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# Pure Gold

# Impure Gold

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# Hebrews 3:13

**13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.**

# Isaiah 48:10

**“10 See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.”**

# 1 Peter 1:6-7

**“6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”**

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# How do you buy the gold of Jesus?

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## Afflictions

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