

“THE GRUDGE: I’M OVER IT”

1. IN A WORLD OF PEOPLE OFFENDED BY EVERYTHING, DON’T BE LIKE THAT.

Memory Verse

A person’s wisdom yields patience; it is to one’s glory to overlook an offense.
(Proverbs 19:11 NIV)

2. LOOK FOR A GAP BETWEEN AN ACTION AND YOUR REACTION.

Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses. (Proverbs 10:12)

A. YOU CHOOSE HOW TO FILL THE GAP.

B. THE DEVIL WANTS YOU TO FILL THE GAP WITH ACCUSATIONS.

For the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. (Revelation 12:10b)

C. GOD WANTS YOU TO FILL THE GAP WITH LOVE.

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. (Ephesians 4:2 NLT)

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:11)

3. JESUS MENDS THE GAP THAT SIN CREATES.

A. JESUS IS OVER SIN, DEATH, AND THE DEVIL!

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

B. WE GET OVER IT BECAUSE JESUS DIED AND ROSE FOR IT.

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:56-57)

GOING DEEPER IN THE HOME

1. After hearing this message, what seems too big for you to “get over”? Spend some time in prayer telling God why it’s too much for you, and ask Him to help show you the way to get “over it”.
2. Getting “over it” is not simply ignoring it or even letting it go. It is applying the blood that Jesus shed on the cross to our daily lives. It is proclaiming His victory over the smallest or biggest problems or sins we encounter. It’s not saying, “It’s ok”. It’s saying “I forgive you”, or “Jesus died for this too”. Spend some time thinking or talking with others about the difference between “it’s ok” and “I forgive you”.