

Because God Has A Sense of Humor



Nice try, Satan...



A devotion for the “big kids” too

Offended? (by Brenda Blanchard)

“Even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: ‘The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me’”

~Romans 15:3

I know a lady who dislikes thin women merely because...they’re thin. As a child, she was teased for being fat. Like her, many people have let offenses and insults cripple their relationships.

What makes us take offense and nurse that offense? The obvious answer: pride. Sadly, pride breaks relationships through bitterness, anger, and unforgiveness. But by walking in the Spirit, we can overcome the sad effects of the offensive words and actions in our day-to-day encounters.

I received the Holy Spirit at my baptism. However, there are times when I don’t give myself to Him! I need soul renewal daily if I’m to be Spirit-controlled. Yes, I need constant remembrance of His sacrifice. He bore every insult on the cross for me and for you.

When we let His Spirit lead us, His grace allows us to extend grace to someone else. That is the only way we can truly and deeply love the unlovely.

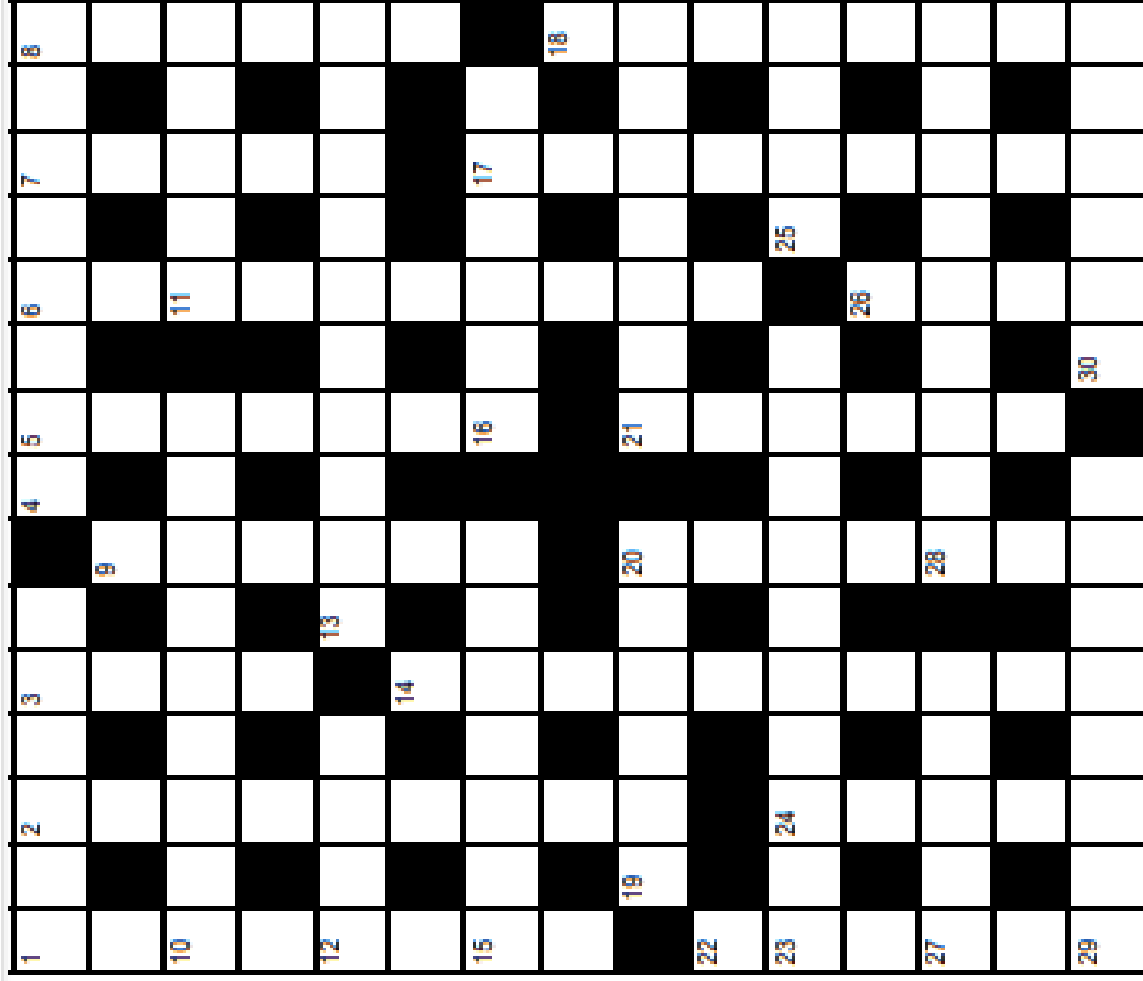
Father, Your Son’s shed blood gives me freedom to live a Spirit-filled life. Teach me to walk in Your love so I can forgive any insults that come my way. Because of You, I don’t have to live in anger or bitterness. I can choose to let those offenses go and give them to You. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Across

- 1 An ancient weight (6)
 4 Seemed (8)
 10 New Testament book (9)
 11 Unit of length (5)
 12 '...it is a ___ thing
 the king requireth'
 (Dan 2:11) (4)
 13 Contemplation (10)
 15 Abigail supplied David
 with one hundred
 clusters of these (7)
 16 A son of King David (6)
 19 Concurred (6)
 21 Light sources (7)
 23 Propitiations (10)
 25 A false god (4)
 27 Gather (5)
 28 Abimelech was hit by
 this (9)
 29 Instructors (8)
 30 Hastily (6)

Down

- 1 Skilled animal
 workers (8)
 2 Inspiring (9)
 3 Compass point (4)
 5 Intense emotion (7)
 6 The words of Jeremiah
 said not to listen to
 these (10)
 7 Jewish leader (5)
 8 'He is proud, knowing
 nothing, but ___
 about questions and
 strifes of words...'
 (1 Tim 6:4) (6)
 9 Bread makers (6)
 14 In this year of King
 Nebuchadrezzar's reign,
 Nebuzaradan arrived in
 Jerusalem (10)
 17 Ancient city of Og, King
 of Bashan (9)
 18 Stringed instrument (8)
 20 Joseph, perhaps? (7)
 21 Tiny amount (6)
 22 Jesus did this with
 authority (6)
 24 Last letter of the Greek
 alphabet (5)
 26 Province of the Roman
 Empire (4)



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