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TITLE: **Beyond Offense: Sharing Our Faith and Restoring Relationships**

We've all had attempts at sharing our faith not turn out as well as we hoped. And sometimes, despite our good intentions, the other person ends up offended. Was it our fault, or did they just not want to hear it?

Here are three key things to believe and consider about starting over when sharing our faith...

1. **Focus on God and *his* glory, not your own.** Starting over with sharing your faith should start where things should have started in the first place... helping people in our lives see God's love, patience, pursuit, and care. Helping them see his heart and move closer to him. Our goal is not just for that person to like us or think we're great, our hope and goal is that our lives, our words, and actions would glorify God.
2. **Approaching the topic of faith, or even including aspects of your faith in a conversation with someone after offending them, requires true humility.** And humility is a huge picture of Jesus! Starting with an apology is a good place to start. Apologize from a genuine desire to seek their forgiveness and restore relationships. Resist the need to explain what you did or why you said what you did in the past with them. Make your apology about them, not a defense of yourself.
3. **Remember our calling—our mission—is discipleship.** Jesus already died for everyone's sins and took the punishment we all deserved. Now he is seeking a real relationship with us where we experience *his* life of freedom and relational peace with the Father and others. He is not calling us to a sin-management program or a series of behavioral modifications. He loves us and wants us to help others move from unbelief to belief in the truth of his good news gospel in all of life. Let's be on the same mission as Jesus!

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~Caesar