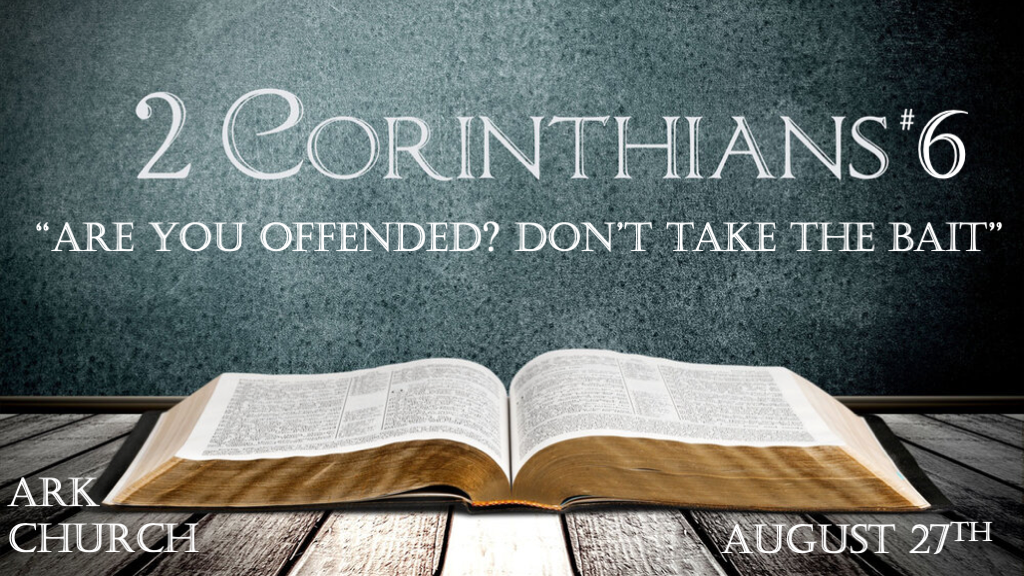
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*\*As Workers together with God, let's plead about what?*

*\*2 Corinthians 6:1 We then, as workers together with Him, also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.*

*2 For He says:*

*"In an acceptable time I have heard you,*

*And in the day of salvation I have helped you."*

*Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*

V:1-2 **Grace for sinners but not for sin.**

*\*Offended Christians like to blame, but is this the correct response?*

*\*2 Corinthians 6:3 We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. 4 But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, 5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; 6 by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, 7 by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, 8 by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.*

V:3 **The** **Ministry of the Gospel** must be protected from the curse of an offended spirit.

**\*Matthew 24:9** "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

**\*Matthew 24:10**

V:4-10 **The relational levels of being a servant of Jesus.** (An overwhelming list that only the Holy Spirit can help us.)

**Our mistakes**

**Our sorrows**

**Our offenses**

**\*Matthew 24:11**

V:4-5 **The typical battles** believers face include patience in tribulations and distress during captivity. Mayhem in the Christian workforce will bring sleeplessness and fasting.

**\*The offended Christian changes** from a vulnerable giver to a protector of their heart. ~John Bevere

V:6-7 **The standard of purity** is the kindness in the Holy Spirit. (Romans 2:4)

V:8-10 **Not being offended or prideful by** the good or bad times of honor/dishonor, evil/good reports. The times of being known/unknown, dealing with life or death, and having nothing/everything to times of joy or sorrow.

**\*Proverbs 18:19**

\*The Restriction to Reconciliation is not Unity but Holiness.

*\*2 Corinthians 6:11 O Corinthians! We have spoken openly to you, our heart is wide open. 12 You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own affections. 13 Now in return for the same (I speak as to children), you also be open.*

*14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."*

*17 Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord.*

*Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."*

*18 "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,*

*Says the LORD Almighty."*

V:11-12 **Our affections (preferences) may keep us from unity.**

V:13-16 **Using the spirit of a godly father is wisdom.**

V:17-18 **The goal is holy attitudes and a holy life.**