

## Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning:

- John Bevere - *The Bait of Satan: Living Free from the Trap of Offense* ✈ this week's "Pastor's Pick"
- Brian Zahnd - *Unconditional?: The Call of Jesus to Radical Forgiveness*
- Donald Kraybill - *Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcends Tragedy*

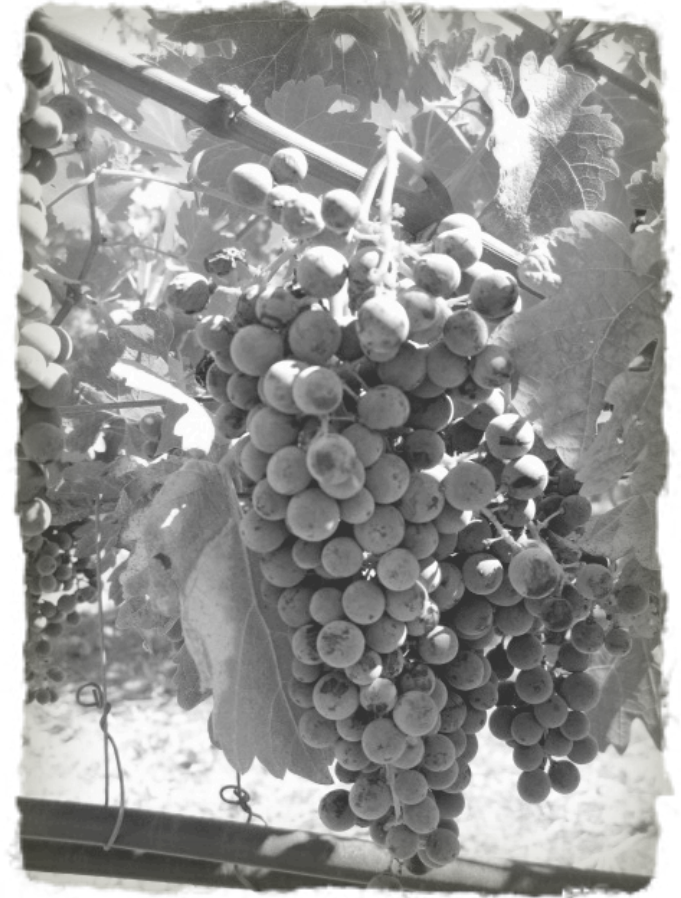
## Suggested Bibles

We believe the Bible is the Word of God. In other words, God inspired human beings to write down exactly what He wanted to communicate to us. We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it.

- **NIV Study Bible**  
This is the #1 bestselling study Bible and it's in the world's most popular modern English Bible translation: the New International Version. There are over 20,000 study notes, dozens on every page.
- **Quest Study Bible: The Question and Answer Bible**  
With thousands of notes and hundreds of articles by today's most trusted scholars, this unique Bible addresses the common, uncommon, and perplexing questions people ask about Scripture.
- **NIV Teen Study Bible**  
As an on-the-go teen, you're moving fast. But God is moving faster! This bestselling Bible will help you keep in step with all He has done, is doing, and will do in the world... and in your life. It will help you discover eternal truths and apply them to the issues you face today.
- **Kids Quest Study Bible (NirV translation)**  
All 66 books of the Bible translated into a reader-friendly version for kids ages 6-9. Plus it has over 500 questions children ask about the Bible, about their world, and about God. It speaks their language and answers their questions in a way they can understand.

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## The Bait of Satan

Spiritual Warfare series - Week 6

June 1, 2014

**We are so glad that you joined us today. A few words about our church... We seek to be an expression of Jesus' love for the world. It's our hope that you get a taste of that love during your time with us this morning as we sing, unpack the Scriptures, take communion, and pray. Welcome to our community.**

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# The Bait of Satan

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Notes:

# Digging Deeper

*In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created Digging Deeper. It contains questions related directly to today's sermon, so that you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.*

1. Icebreaker - Even though June 21st is technically the first day of summer, Memorial Day weekend marks the unofficial start of it. What are some things you are looking forward to doing between now and Labor Day weekend?
2. Is there anything you heard in today's sermon or experienced in the service that was an "a ha" moment, something significant for you?
3. In *The Bait of Satan* John Bevere writes, "Satan, along with his cohorts, is not as blatant as many believe. He is subtle and delights in deception . . . One of his most deceptive and insidious kinds of bait is something every Christian has encountered -- offense." Have you ever thought about how being offended or offending others is a key part of spiritual warfare? Why or why not?
4. The Greek word for "offense" is *skandalon* and is defined as "The trigger of a trap on which the bait is placed, and which, when touched by the animal, springs and causes it to close causing entrapment." What are your thoughts on this definition?
5. Read Matthew 7:1-5. It has been said, "We judge ourselves by our intentions while we judge everyone else by their actions." For example, if we back out of a commitment, we give ourselves grace and justify going back on our word... but if someone does that exact same thing to us, we become offended. Share an example when you have found yourself doing something similar.
6. Read Hebrews 12:15. Share a time in your life when you were offended by something someone did to you... and that offense led to bitterness... and that bitterness was not addressed and took root... and it destroyed the relationship as a result. (Share only as much information as you feel comfortable).
7. Paul wrote: "*And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward men.*" - Acts 24:16 (KJV) How would your life be different if you chose never to be offended by anything anyone ever did to you?
8. Which of these declarations (taken from *The Bait of Satan*) speaks to you:
  - "I will not allow a root of bitterness to spring up in my life."
  - "With the Holy Spirit's help, I will love those who mistreat or reject me."
  - "I will never seek to sow discord or separation between myself and my Christian brothers and sisters, for it is an abomination to the Lord." (see Proverbs 6:16-19)
  - "Holy Spirit, remove any fear in me that if I do not fulfill the expectations of others, they will be hurt or offended by me."
  - "God, give me eyes to see that person who offended me as you see them."

**Key Verse:**

***And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward men. - Acts 24:16 (KJV)***