

# UNSTOPPABLE



# THE CHURCH

THAT JESUS BUILT

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MATT 16:18



the body of christ

Paul



Steve

Doug

Deb

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Rom 12:16

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Prov 16:7

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he makes even his enemies live at peace with him.

## PERSONAL GROWTH STEPS:

### **1. Start with some self-examination: Look hard at yourself!**

- a. Ask, “what can I own?” Genuinely own what you can and repent of it.
- b. Become very aware of offense rooting in your heart toward someone.
- c. If you have you held offense? Own that with them when the time comes.

### **2. Become difficult to offend:**

- a. See the person who hurt you through Jesus’ eyes.
- b. Recognize they have their own wounds, their own attack from Satan to deal with. Sometimes they are like wounded animals and they lash out.
- c. **CAUTION:** Don’t let this be your escape from going to them. It’s easy to just let it go under “I’ll be Jesus on the cross” but deep down I still haven’t truly released their debt... (you still believe evil about them)

## PERSONAL GROWTH STEPS:

### 3. Have faith enough to GO to people who hurt you:

- a. Jesus said, "leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." Matt 5:24
- b. I'll obey Jesus by trusting Him with their response... I will put Right relationship ahead of my fear of how it might go.

### 4. Recognize that sometimes you've done all you can:

- a. Release them... Reconciliation takes two soft hearts... Sometimes it *doesn't* go well.

### 5. Keep it between you and God: Lean in to growing up by not soliciting advice from several people to vet the problem.

### 6. Choose to believe their heart is good:

- a. Ezek 36:26  
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.
- b. Refuse to believe their heart is wicked

## PERSONAL GROWTH STEPS:

**7. Always determine to do it quickly:** Become a person who does not let the sun go down...

a. Eph 4:26-27

In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

b. Quickly does not mean hastily. Be thoughtful and deliberate.

## HOW TO HANDLE THE CONVERSATION WELL:

1. Set a time to meet face to face:
2. Invite Jesus into it: To give you the heart you need the words you need and to take care of the outcome.
3. Ask permission: “Hey can I be honest with you about something that’s on my heart?”
4. Own your feelings/Hurt:
5. Affirm the relationship:
6. Define the real problem and stick to the issue:
7. Listen carefully:
8. Propose a solution.
9. Forgive.