

## A Brother Transgressed Against

### I. Introduction:

A. In this lesson, we are NOT talking about walking on egg shells with brethren to seek to avoid “offending” (the way most would think of that term) each other when things need addressed (**Proverbs 27:5-6** and **I Timothy 5:19-20**).

1. A Spirit-led apostle (**Acts 13:7**) shows us a rebuke sometimes needs to be what some would consider “harsh” (**Galatians 2:11-14**).
2. A Spirit-led evangelist (**Acts 6:3-5**) shows us a rebuke sometimes needs to be what some would consider “harsh” (**Acts 8:12-24**).

B. Sining against brethren, which is what we are really talking about, is not a new problem (**Genesis 4:1-10**).

1. From Cain, we learn what NOT to do (**I John 3:11-15**).
2. Still, it has erringly happened (i.e. **I Corinthians 6:1-8**).

### II. Body: **Proverbs 18:19**

A. The Hebrew word [נַפְּלָה] translated “offended” means: “to break away (from just authority), i.e. trespass, apostatize, quarrel: — offend, rebel, revolt, transgress(-ion, -or).... To be rebelled against” (Strong’s # 6586). The meaning here is not what is normally thought of when people think about being offended. Consider a few passages wherein this Hebrew word is used.

1. “Transgressed” against (**I Kings 8:50**).
2. “Rebelled” against (**I Kings 12:19**).
3. “Rebelled” against (**II Kings 1:1**).
4. “Rebelled” against (**II Kings 3:5; 3:7**).
5. “Revolted” from under (**II Kings 8:20; 8:22**).
6. “Transgressors” (**Psalms 37:38; 51:13**).
7. “Transgressed” against (**Isaiah 1:2; 43:27**).
8. The idea, that fits **Proverbs 18:19**, is transgression against (**Jeremiah 2:8; 2:29; 3:13** and **Hosea 7:13**).

B. While it WAS stated that such a brother would be hard to be won, that is not authority for brethren to be unforgiving when sinned against (**Luke 17:1-4**).

1. Forgiving one another as the pattern shows (**Colossians 3:12-13**).
2. There is a process to follow (**Matthew 18:11-35**).

C. About being unforgiving (**Matthew 5:7, Matthew 6:15, and James 2:11-13**).

1. Forgiveness requires mercy (**Numbers 14:19** and **Psalms 86:5**).
2. The impact of unforgiveness on the transgressor (**II Corinthians 2:7**).

III. Conclusion: Be mindful to never unlawfully do that which would be an occasion for thy brother to fall (**Romans 14:13-21** and **I Corinthians 8:1-13**)!