

Love Is

## “Love Keeps No Record of Wrongs”

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*“Love keeps no record of wrongs.” 1 Cor. 13:5*

What does it mean to “keep a record of wrongs”?

Logizomai – **take into account** – a bookkeeping term; calculate and make an entry into a ledger.

### The Nature of Offense

2 Samuel 13-18 – David, Absalom, Am-non and Tamar

1. You will be **wronged**.
2. An offense turns to **resentment** when it is **recorded** in your mind.
3. Resentment always spills over into **other areas** of life or onto **other people**.
4. Resentment does the most damage inside **the offended**.

### How Do I Keep My Ledger Free Of Offense?

1. Keeping the record of wrong is **a choice**.

*“A man’s wisdom gives him patience; it is good to overlook an offense.” Proverbs 19:11*

- **Remember** the right things
- **Forget** the right things

2. Remember God has not kept a record of **your wrongs**

*“God doesn’t reckon our sins against us.” 2 Cor. 5:19*

*“Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him.” Romans 4:7-8*

3. Remember **why God** has not kept a record of your wrongs

*“Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.” Proverbs 10:12*

*“Repent then and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.” Acts 3:19*

4. Extend the same **grace** God gave you to the **one who wronged** you

*“Forgive one another just as Christ forgave you.” Eph. 4:32*

*“And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.” Rev. 20:12*

### **Questions for Your GIC this Week**

1. What behaviors tend to offend you the most?
2. Discuss how you can experience an offense but not record the offense.
3. What would you have done if you were in Absalom's place?
4. Do you think our violent society reflects the same feelings of injustice that Absalom felt?