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**Setting  
The  
Captives  
Free:  
Overcoming  
Disappointment**




## Isa 57:14

*“Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people.”*

## Isa 61:1

*The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,*



**GOD CAN SET THE CAPTIVES FREE  
FROM DISAPPOINTMENT AS WE  
*RECOGNISE ITS NORMALITY***

**(MATT 11V1-3)**



**Luke 24:21** *“but we had hoped”!*

**Psalms 13:2** *“how long O Lord”!*


**1 Kings 19:4** *“I have had enough, Lord,”*



The most important question is not *why* but *how* should we respond?

- DEDICATE YOURSELF TO GOD

Joshua 3:5 Then Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.”



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AS WE RECOGNISE ITS NORMALITY (MATT 11V1-3)**

**GOD CAN SET THE CAPTIVES FREE  
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REFUSE TO LET IT TRIP US UP**

**(MATT 11V6)**



...who does not stumble (NIV)

...not offended (NKJV)

...do not fall away (NLT)

The word most frequently translated “offend” in the King James Version is “*skandalizō*”

**Matt 5v29-30, 11v6, 13v41, 18v6, Rom 14v21, 16v17**




## Offended=scandalised


trapped in a bait, a bent stick with bait fastened which the animal strikes and springs the trap

*“And blessed [joyful, favoured by God] is he who does not take offense at Me [accepting Me as the Messiah and trusting confidently in My message of salvation].”*  
Amplified Bible



# HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

- **Asaph: Psalm 73:17** when I went into the temple, then I understood their end.....
  - **Jesus: Luke 9:49-50** ‘someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us.’
  - **Paul: Phil 1:18-19** don't worry the gospel is still being preached whatever their motives
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**GOD CAN SET THE CAPTIVES FREE FROM  
DISAPPOINTMENT AS WE  
FOCUS ON GOD'S PLANS & PRIORITIES**

**(MATT 11v4-5)**



**Focus** on work of the **KINGDOM OF GOD:**

John should have known the work of the Messiah,

based on *Isa 35:5-6* which predicts EXACTLY  
what Jesus is now doing




- Ruth 1:20-21 *Mara =bitter*
- Job 42v1-2 *no plan thwarted*
- Acts 8v1-4 *persecution leads to expansion*
- Acts 15 “sharp disagreement” which resulted in *kingdom expansion*



# PAUL OAKLEY SONG: IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU JESUS

*It's all about You, Jesus  
And all this is for You  
For Your glory and Your fame  
It's not about me  
As if You should do things my way  
You alone are God and I surrender  
To Your ways*



# HOW DO WE THIS?

**HOW DO WE FOCUS ON GODS'S  
PRIORITIES AND PLANS WHEN WE ARE  
LIVING WITH DISAPPOINTMENTS?**



# CONCLUSION: (HANDOUTS)

## HOW DO WE THIS?

**FORGIVENESS: FOR OTHERS, FOR YOURSELF &  
LETTING GO.**

**IT IS SURRENDER IN RELATION TO GOD.**

