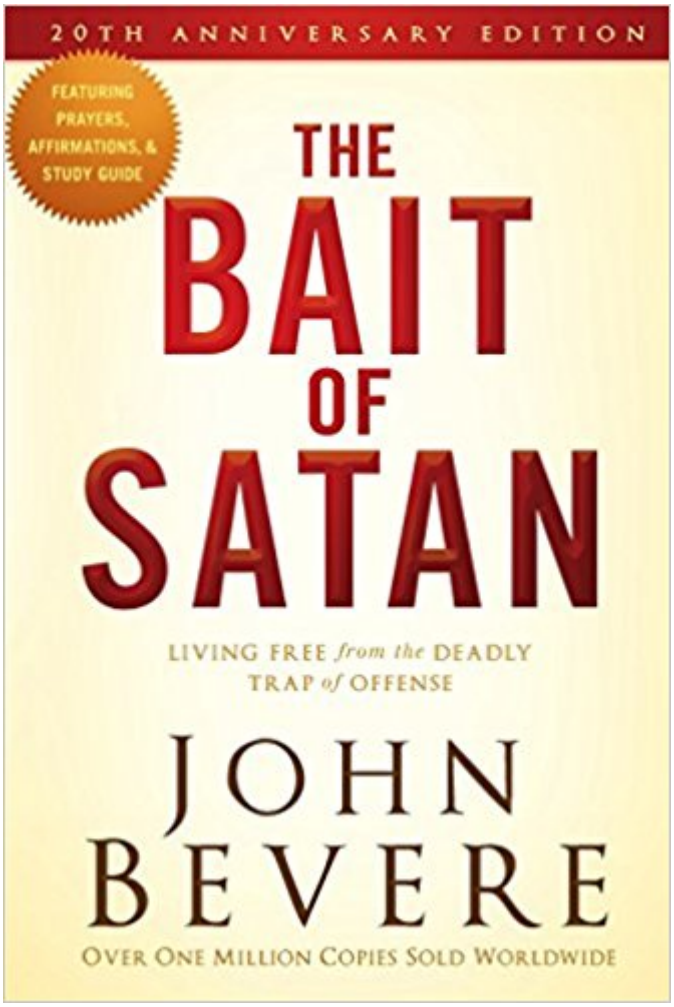
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The Bait Of Satan, 20th Anniversary Edition: Living Free From The Deadly Trap Of Offense



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Synopsis

Are you compelled to tell your side of the story? Do you fight thoughts of suspicion or distrust? Are you constantly rehearsing past hurts? Have you lost hope because of what someone did to you? Ã Â The Bait of Satan exposes one of the most deceptive snares Satan uses to get believers out of the will of God--offense. This trap restrains countless Christians, severs relationships, and widens the gulfs between us. Jesus said, "It is impossible that no offenses should comeÃ¢â ¬Â• (Luke 17:1). Although you will encounter offense, you can choose how you will react. Ã Â In this new twentieth anniversary edition, John Bevere shows you how to identify the traps ahead of you and escape the victim mentality. With declaration-style prayers and testimonials from people whose lives have been changed by his message, this book will inspire you to stay free from offense and its destructive power. Ã Â DonÃ¢â ¬â„¢t let anyone affect your relationship with God!

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Customer Reviews

John Bevere and his wife Lisa are the founders of Messenger International. A minister and best-selling author, John delivers messages of uncompromising truth with boldness and passion. His desire is to support the local church and resource leaders regardless of location, language, or financial position. To this end, his resources have been translated into over 60 languages. When heÃ¢â ¬â„¢s home, John tries to convince Lisa to take up golf and spends time with his four sons, daughter-in-law, and grandbabies. To connect with John, be sure to follow him on Twitter (@johnbevere).

Before reading The Bait of Satan, I was sure when living a life in service to God, you would often be tested by the words and actions of those who had not yet found Christ. I believed as stated in Matthew 5: 10, "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". I believed the offense I felt was evidence of my persecution, that as stated in 1 Peter, 3:14, I am blessed if I suffer for the sake of righteousness. I believed suffering was a natural byproduct of offense. I would forgive the offender for offending me. Like Christ forgave. And then I read this book. It revealed to me how offense separated me from the will of God and I should not be offended. I became defensive when reading it. I thought what I was reading was incongruous with what I (emphasis on me) believed was true about "A Christian Life". But the Word of God is truth, and in it is found wisdom and peace. The Bait of Satan challenges the reader to consider a life lived free of offense is a life that opens you to all God has intended. Best of all it shows you how to get there. I am by no means "there yet". I realized while reading this book I have to unlearn, by the grace of God, over a half century of self centered belief. But my God is merciful and patient. He will see me through. Be mindful, this is not an easy read. It will test you. Push you. Knock you around a bit. But it will also show you how to draw closer to God’s perfect will in your life. I’m starting to recognize the trap now, and I’m not falling for the bait.

Having read the original Bait of Satan about 15 years ago I was intrigued that there was a 20th anniversary edition. I purchased it with the thought of using it as augmented reading for a course I anticipated teaching at our church training center.The premise of the whole book is an area that we may not think too much about--offense. Yet, if we fall for it, offense can be deadly to our lives as Christians.I was pleasantly surprised that with this edition Bevere added a 30 day study guide that will aid in applying what was read to your personal life. There are also added affirmations at the end of each chapter to declare and aid in the application of what was just read.The original book was approximately 177 pages; this one 271. Even if you already read the older edition I feel what the author included well worth the purchase.

This book literally should be read by EVERY believer. It so calls out the number one spiritual deception among believers. The book deals frankly and straight forward about how we love to use this sin of offense as an excuse for more sin and hence the body of Christ is destroyed from within and loses its influence in the world. Honestly, I need to read it several times annually to stay aware of my propensity to operate in offense. I absolutely love the practical approach to deliverance that

this book offers as well. CHRISTIAN!!! PLEASE read this book!!

A great book for overcoming offense and the weight it can carry in our lives. Bevere uses great examples of scripture and application that one can apply to their lives. You will feel lighter after reading this book.

This was a gift and I thought I was getting a new book as stated but when I received the book it was used.So when I get the book back from my friend I will definitely be sending it back.

Wow, This is a must read for anyone thinking about joining a church or ministry. I think this would intercept many church splits before they happen. This is required read for becoming a member of our church.

Before reading this book I had never considered the high cost of being offended though I had read the scriptures on the topic. Bevere does an excellent job of breaking down offense, how to forgive, and how to renew with those that offend you all with strong scriptural backing. If you are looking for a way to strengthen your walk with God, this is a great book for you.

Great book that really makes you think about how you respond to others. We often choose to be offended which causes strain in our relationships. This book walks you through how to choose not to take offense.

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