# DON'T LET LIFES STRUGGLES OFFEND YOU. Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Audie Clairmont

Offense – gk - "scandalizo"-"scandalize".... "give offense to""having bad, ill feelings".

- It means...to cause a person to begin to distrust and desert one whom he ought to trust and obey, to cause to fall away.
- To see in another what I disapprove of and what hinders me from acknowledging his authority,
- To cause one to judge unfavorably or unjustly of another.
- To be displeased.

## John 6:61-AMP

61 But Jesus, knowing within Himself that His disciples were complaining and protesting and grumbling about it, said to them: <u>Is</u> this a stumbling block and an offense to you? [Does this upset and displease and shock and scandalize you?]

2 Chronicles 15:17-19-LB - On Screen

2 Chronicles 16:1-14-LB - On Screen

# John 16:33-LB

33 I have told you all this so that you will have peace of heart and mind. Here on earth you will have many <u>trials and sorrows; but</u> cheer up, for I have overcome the world."

**AMP** - ...so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]

**Undaunted** - not intimidated or discouraged by difficulty...

#### Romans-8:28-AMP

**28** We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose.

### James 1:2-3-Passion

- 2 My fellow believers, when it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience all the joy that you can!
- 3 For you know that when your faith is tested it stirs up power within you to endure all things.
- 4 And then as your endurance grows even stronger it will release perfection into every part of your being until there is nothing missing and nothing lacking.

## Psalms 33:18-Passion

The eyes of the Lord are upon even the weakest worshippers who love him, those who wait in hope and expectation for the strong, steady love of God.