

HIS DESIGN | SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017 | WEEK 7

## Lesson: BANISHING BITTERNESS

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears. HEBREWS 12:15–17

### Introduction:

1. AN

### OF BITTERNESS

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. EPHESIANS 4:25-27



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#### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of bitterness

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. EPHESIANS 2:8-9

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. ACTS 4:33

## B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of bitterness

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i. The first result of bitterness is that you are troubled

ii. The secound result of bitterness is that others are tainted

#### C. The \_\_\_\_\_ for bitterness

i. To recover from bitterness, we must forgive

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. MATTHEW 6:15

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. EPHESIANS 4:32

ii. To recover from bitterness, we must also forego

# 2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF BITTERNESS

- A. Bitterness \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Naomi was unsatisfied

Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. COLOSSIANS 3:19

- ii. Naomi was unsettled
- iii. Naomi was unfortunate
- iv. Naomi was unhelpful
- v. Naomi was unholy

vi. Naomi was unhappy

vii. Naomi was unrealistic

viii. Naomi was unappreciative

- B. Bitterness
  - i. The first step in overcoming bitterness was repentance

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- ii. The next step in overcoming bitterness was a return
- iii. The last step in overcoming bitterness was a refocusing

# Conclusion:

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