

# bit·ter·ness

- Have you ever struggled with bitterness?
- God warns us about the grave danger of bitterness  
(Heb.12:15)



# bit·ter·ness

- sharpness of taste; lack of sweetness.
- acidity
  
- anger and resentment at being treated unfairly;
- animosity, harshness



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- Cain toward Abel (**Gen.4**)
- Moses at the water of Meribah (**Num.20**)
- Saul toward David (**2Sam.18**)



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- “Harboring bitterness is like drinking poison and hoping the other person dies...”
- “The more I feed bitterness in my heart, the more it brings death to me”



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- Bitterness is poison dipped in honey. It tastes sweet going down, then it kills us from the inside out



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- In this way, bitterness is the poster child for the deceitfulness of sin...
- Whenever we love something that brings death to us, the devil has us right where he wants us



Acts 8:20-23

# Poisoned by Bitterness



# Learning From Joseph

- The measure of evil committed against him
- The longevity of the temptation
- Joseph's initiative
- Joseph's kindness
- Joseph's perspective





# Understanding Our Battle

- Exodus 15:22-25
  - Bitter water
- The work of God
- Circumstance or Choice?



# The Identity of **Bitterness**


- How we feel when we believe others have wronged us
- Bitterness is personal
- Bitterness is into details and remembers everything






# Overcoming Bitterness

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A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a large, vibrant bunch of fresh green lettuce. The lettuce has a ruffled, curly texture and is held in a way that fills the left and center of the frame. The background is softly blurred, showing the person's arms and a white shirt. The overall lighting is bright and natural, highlighting the freshness of the produce.

# What Is the Cure?

- Acknowledge that **my** bitterness is **my** sin. I own it!
- Trust the work of God
- The power of God's grace

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a large, vibrant bunch of curly green lettuce. The lettuce is fresh and has a bright green color. The person is wearing a white shirt and blue jeans. The background is slightly blurred, showing a white wall and a window with blinds.

# What Is the Cure?

- Demonstrate love in a practical way
- Remember God's promises
- Cast a tree into the bitter water...