



Newsletter



Biblical Bitterness: Understanding Its Meaning and Implications

Bitterness is a powerful emotion that often finds its way into our hearts and minds. In the context of the Bible, bitterness is more than just a feeling; it carries spiritual significance and moral implications. Let's explore what the Scriptures say about bitterness, its causes, and how we should respond to it.

Bitterness is defined as “anger and disappointment at being treated unfairly”. It goes beyond mere annoyance; deep-seated resentment can poison relationships, thoughts, and actions. When we harbor bitterness, we allow negative emotions to take root, affecting our well-being and interactions with others.

Biblical Examples of Bitterness:

1. Cain and Abel: The story of Cain and Abel in Genesis serves as an archetypal example of bitterness. Cain becomes consumed by bitterness toward his brother Abel and God when he feels unjustly treated. His bitterness leads to the tragic act of fratricide (Genesis 4:1-16).
2. Job: Job, in his suffering, expresses bitterness of the soul (Job 7:11). His anguish and despair lead him to question God's fairness and justice. Yet, even in his bitterness, Job ultimately turns to God for answers and restoration.
3. Ezekiel: The prophet Ezekiel experiences bitterness and anger as he delivers God's messages to a rebellious people (Ezekiel 3:14). His emotions reflect the weight of his calling and the gravity of the message he bears.

The Bible provides practical wisdom on how to handle bitterness:

1. Forgiveness: Colossians 3:13 encourages us to bear with one another and forgive. Just as the Lord forgave us, we should extend forgiveness to others, releasing the grip of bitterness.
2. Avoiding Anger: Ephesians 4:26 advises us not to sin in our anger. We should address our emotions promptly and not let them fester.
3. Gentle Responses: Proverbs 15:1 reminds us that a gentle answer turns away wrath. Responding with kindness and understanding can prevent bitterness from taking root.
4. Love Covers Wrongs: Proverbs 10:12 teaches that love covers over all wrongs. Instead of dwelling on grievances, we can choose love and grace.

Bitterness is a dangerous path that can lead to destructive actions and strained relationships. As believers, we are called to recognize it, address it, and seek healing through forgiveness and God's grace. Let us learn from biblical examples and strive for humility, forgiveness, and love, even in the face of adversity.

Remember, bitterness may be a natural human response but with God's help, we can overcome it and find peace. 🙏📖

In His Service,
Pastor Jason

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SAVE THE DATE

May 5th at 4:00pm

Bluefield Variation Women's Article will be performing along with guest concert organist, Ron Lowe.

FBC Choir and some of the youth will also participate.

Come out and join us for this special occasion!

Interested in joining choir?

See Dr. Mark Milberger for more information!

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April Update

PASTOR ANDREW

March was a great month together in the youth and children's ministries. From student conferences, to Easter activities, to youth Sunday, and our Easter service, the church has had a full, but hopefully growth filled month together.

This upcoming month, I will be preparing for our church's After Prom party for the local high schools. Many of you have heard about it, but my intention is to reach out to students in our community with a time for them to enjoy being together, and provide a fun and safe environment where they can be in a church that demonstrates Christ's love to them. Our church will have a wonderful opportunity to serve them, and I think this is a great time for all of you to get involved. If you are on the fence about volunteering, please let me know and I can talk with you through whatever questions you have.

We could also still use more volunteers for Vacation Bible School. It will be here before we know it, and the more people we have serving our community, the better!

If you cannot volunteer that week, you can absolutely be in prayer for it now. Let us all join together as a church and pray for God to utilize VBS week and After Prom, and all our other activities, to bring students closer to the Lord Jesus. God has always been in the business of salvation. Let's pray he uses us as a mechanism for it!

Upcoming Events

**Afterglow (After Prom) Party - May 4th

Vacation Bible School - June 17-21

Teen Summer Camp @ Bechtel Reserve - June 24-28



Current Events

April 2024

	1	2	3 Bible Study with Craig Stout 6:00pm ASCEND	4	5	6
7 ASCEND	8	9	10 Bible Study with Craig Stout 6:00pm ASCEND	11	12	13  Women's Brunch 10:30am
14 Bible Study with Pastor Jason 6:00pm ASCEND	15	16 Finance Meeting 6:30pm	17 Bible Study with Craig Stout 6:00pm ASCEND	18	19	20
21 Bible Study with Pastor Jason 6:00pm ASCEND	22	23	24 Men's Bible study 6:00pm Women's Bible study 6:00pm ASCEND	25 ROMEO's 12:00pm @ Shoney's	26	27
28 ASCEND	29	30	ASCEND			For The Gospel For The City 

Make sure you check out Connection Point for updated activities, meetings and sign-up sheets!

"THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING, AND A SEASON FOR EVERY ACTIVITY UNDER THE HEAVENS."
ECCLESIASTES 3:1

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