

SERMON OUTLINE
THE HIGH ROAD – WEEK 2:

Bridling a Bitter Reply

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I. Bitterness is the result of _____

Ruth 1:20a

“Don’t call me Naomi,” she told them. “Call me Mara...”

II. Bitterness can cause us to _____

Ruth 1:20-21

“Don’t call me Naomi,” she told them. “Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The Lord has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me.”

III. Think about your _____ before you _____

James 1:19-20

IV. Change your _____

Hebrews 12:12-15

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

A. Root of _____

Ephesians 3:16-19, 4:31-32

B. Root of _____ and _____

Colossians 2:6-8

C. Root of _____

Revelation 5:5b

Next Steps:

1. Every morning and evening this week pray that God would make you, “quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,”
2. Spend more time thinking about your words, how they affect others and how they represent God.
3. Think and pray about growing a root of love, identity and strength, and victory.