

**February 27, 2022 Welcome to Atlee Church Online. We are so glad you joined us today!**

**No Offense – When Bitterness Takes Root**

Matthew 18:21-35

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. Hebrews 12:14-15 NIV

**How Do You Kill a Root of Bitterness?**

**Expose The Root of The Problem**

Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. Ephesians 5:11 NIV

**Cancel Their Debt**

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**Eulogize (Bless) Your Offender**

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” Luke 6:27-28 NIV

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:31-32 NIV

### **Experiencing Today's Message**

Read **Hebrews 12:14-15**. Why do you think Scripture compares bitterness to a root?

All bitterness starts out as a hurt. The next time you feel angry or resentful, what can you do to prevent a seed of bitterness from being planted in your heart?

Do you have an offense that has taken root? How can you begin extending grace?

### **Today's Music**

Carry Me – Need to Breathe

Rescuer – Rend Collective

Mountain – Bryan & Katie Torwalt