

Power Over Bitterness

1. **Faith:** Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face. Job 13:15 Gen 16:9,13 Gen 50:20 Jer. 2:19
2. **Ownership:** Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23,24 Prov. 14:10 1 Tim 5:22
Lam 3:40-42 Lam 1:18,20 Lam 5:7, 16
3. **Release:** At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. 2Tim 4:16,17 Matt. 18:21-35 Luke 23:33-34
Matt. 6: 12-15 Acts 7:60 Prov. 10:12
4. **Grace:** Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. Heb 12:14,15 James 4:6 Gen 39:21-23 Eph. 4:29-32
5. **Intercession:** But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you Matt 5:44 Acts 8:22-24 Job 42:10 1 Sam 1:10,18
6. **Vengeance:** When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 1 Pet 2:23 Gen 50:15-19 Ro 12:17-20 1 Cor 3:15
7. **Enemy:** But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. James 3:14,15 2 Cor 2:10,11
Ruth 2:20 Eph 4:26, 27 Ruth 1:13, 10, 21 Ruth 4:14-17