

Conquering the Root of Bitterness and its Desire for You

Genesis 4:1-10; 50:15-26

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Ge. 4:6-7 (NKJV)

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3. Created with _____, bitterness may forever crouch at one’s door; however, by God’s grace, one can choose to _____.
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 - a. A desire for God to redeem your _____ versus _____
_____ as a cultural norm. (50:15-16; Mt. 5:38-44)
 - b. Unconditional _____. (50:17-19)
 - c. Unqualified _____. (50:20)
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 - e. Boldly _____ the unfolding story of God. (50:23-26)

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