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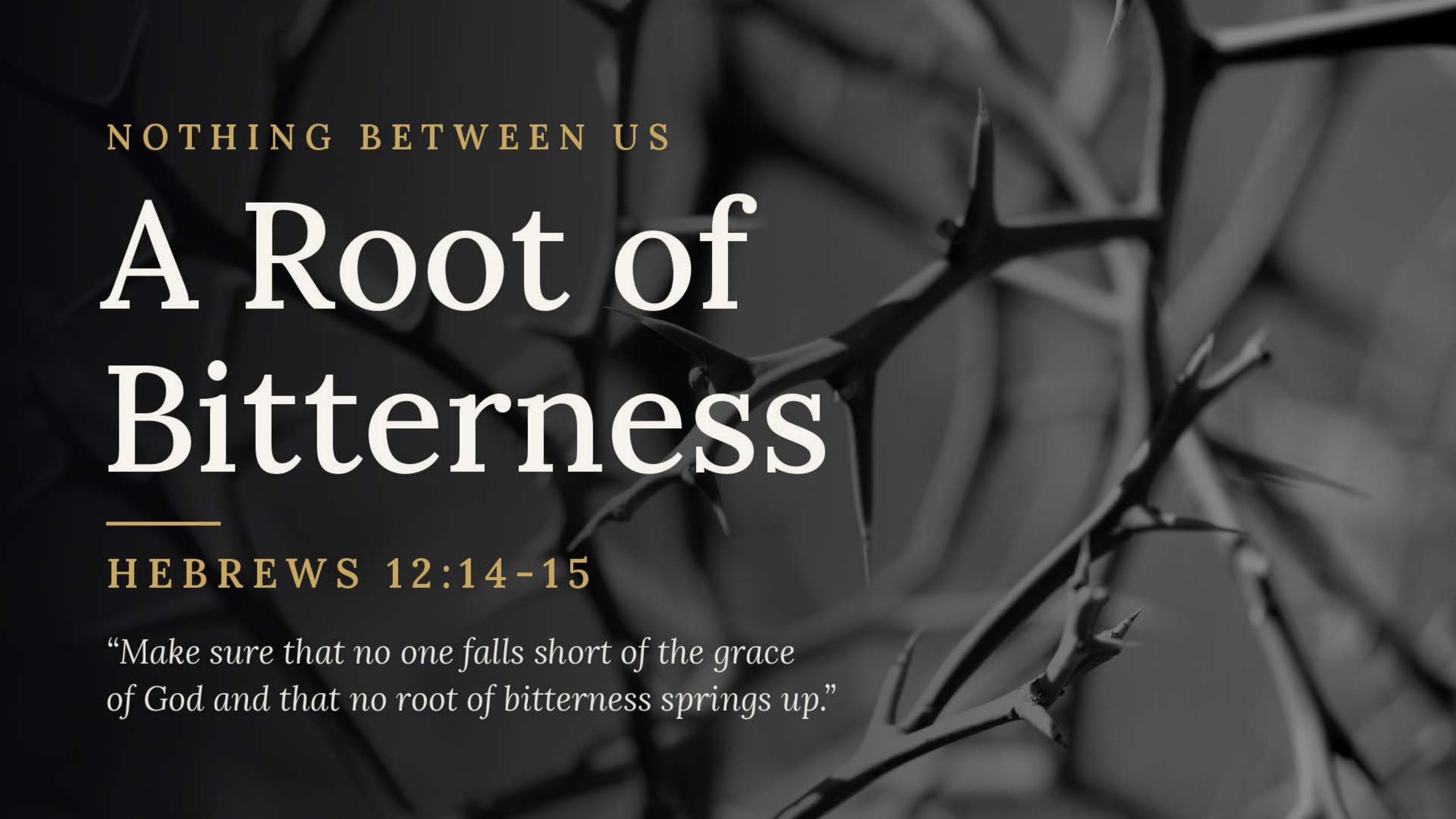
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Love Without Fences

Loving Our Neighbor, the Stranger, and the Hard-to-Love


WORDS THAT BUILD
Only what is good for building up someone in need,
so that it gives grace to those who hear.
EPHESIANS 4:29


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NOTHING BETWEEN US

A Root of Bitterness

HEBREWS 12:14-15

"Make sure that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no root of bitterness springs up."

HEBREWS 12:14–15

EPHESIANS

14 Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see

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EPHESIANS

Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. Make sure that no one misses the grace of God, that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble and defiling

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A ROOT OF BITTERNESS · HEBREWS 12:14-15

1 Peace Has to Be Chased

2 Roots Grow in the Dark

3 Bitterness Never Stays Home

4 Look to Jesus:
Blood That Speaks a Better Word



Peace Has to be Chased

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14 _____ **peace with everyone**,
and holiness—without it no one
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14 **Pursue peace with everyone**,
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Hebrews 12:14 CSB

13 For you have heard about my former way of life in Judaism: I intensely persecuted God's church and tried to destroy it.

Galatians 1:13

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19 So then, **let us pursue what promotes peace** and what builds up one another.

Romans 14:19 CSB

[11] ...Let him seek peace and pursue it,

1 Peter 3:11 CSB



Who We Pursue Peace With

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14 Pursue peace _____

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14 **Pursue** peace with everyone,
and _____—without it no one
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14 **Pursue** peace with everyone,
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Hebrews 12:14 CSB

20 If anyone says, “I love God,” and yet
hates his brother or sister, he is a liar.
For the person who does not love his
brother or sister whom he has seen
cannot love God whom he has not seen.

1 John 4:20

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Roots Grow in the Dark

Hebrews 12:15a

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HEBREWS 12:14-15

15 _____ that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no root of bitterness springs up, causing trouble and defiling many.

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15 **Make sure that no one falls short of the grace of God** and that no root of bitterness springs up, causing trouble and defiling many.

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15 **Make sure that no one falls short of** _____ and that no root of bitterness springs up, causing trouble and defiling many.

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Hebrews 12:15 CSB

15 Make sure that no one falls short
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root of bitterness springs up,
causing trouble and defiling many.

Hebrews 12:15 CSB

18 Be sure there is no man, woman, clan, or tribe among you today whose heart turns away from the Lord our God to go and worship the gods of those nations. Be sure there is no root among you bearing poisonous and bitter fruit.

Deuteronomy 29:18–19

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19 When someone hears the words of this oath, he may consider himself exempt, thinking, ‘I will have peace even though I follow my own stubborn heart.’ This will lead to the destruction of the well-watered land as well as the dry land.

Deuteronomy 29:18–19 CSB

20 “Don’t call me Naomi. Call me
Mara,” she answered, **“for the
Almighty has made me very
bitter.**

Ruth 1:20

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31 **Let all bitterness**, anger and wrath, shouting and slander **be** _____ **from you**, along with all malice.

Ephesians 4:31 CSB

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Bitterness Never Stays Home

Hebrews 12:15b

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Hebrews 12:15 CSB

20 Without wood, fire goes out;
without a gossip, conflict dies
down.

Proverbs 26:20

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Hebrews 12:15 CSB



Looking to Jesus: Blood That Speaks a Better Work

Hebrews 12:14

NOTHING BETWEEN US

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HEBREWS 12:14-15

[2] keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer
and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that
lay before him, he endured the cross,
despising the shame, and sat down at the
right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2–3 CSB

3 **For _____ who endured such hostility from sinners against himself**, so that you won't grow weary and give up.

Hebrews 12:2–3 CSB

3 **For consider him who endured such hostility from sinners against himself**, so that you won't grow weary and give up.

Hebrews 12:2–3 CSB

[23] when he was insulted, he did not insult in return; **when he suffered, he did not threaten but _____ himself to the one who judges justly.**

1 Peter 2:23

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1 Peter 2:23 CSB

[24] and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, **which says better things than the blood of Abel.**

Hebrews 12:24 CSB

34 Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive
them, because they do not know
what they are doing.”[a] And they
divided his clothes and cast lots.

Luke 23:34 CSB

32 And be kind and
compassionate to one another,
forgiving one another, just as
God also forgave you in Christ.

Ephesians 4:32 CSB



As We Close...

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HEBREWS 12:14-15

[23] Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. [24] See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way.

Psalm 139:23–24 CSB

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and holiness—without it no one
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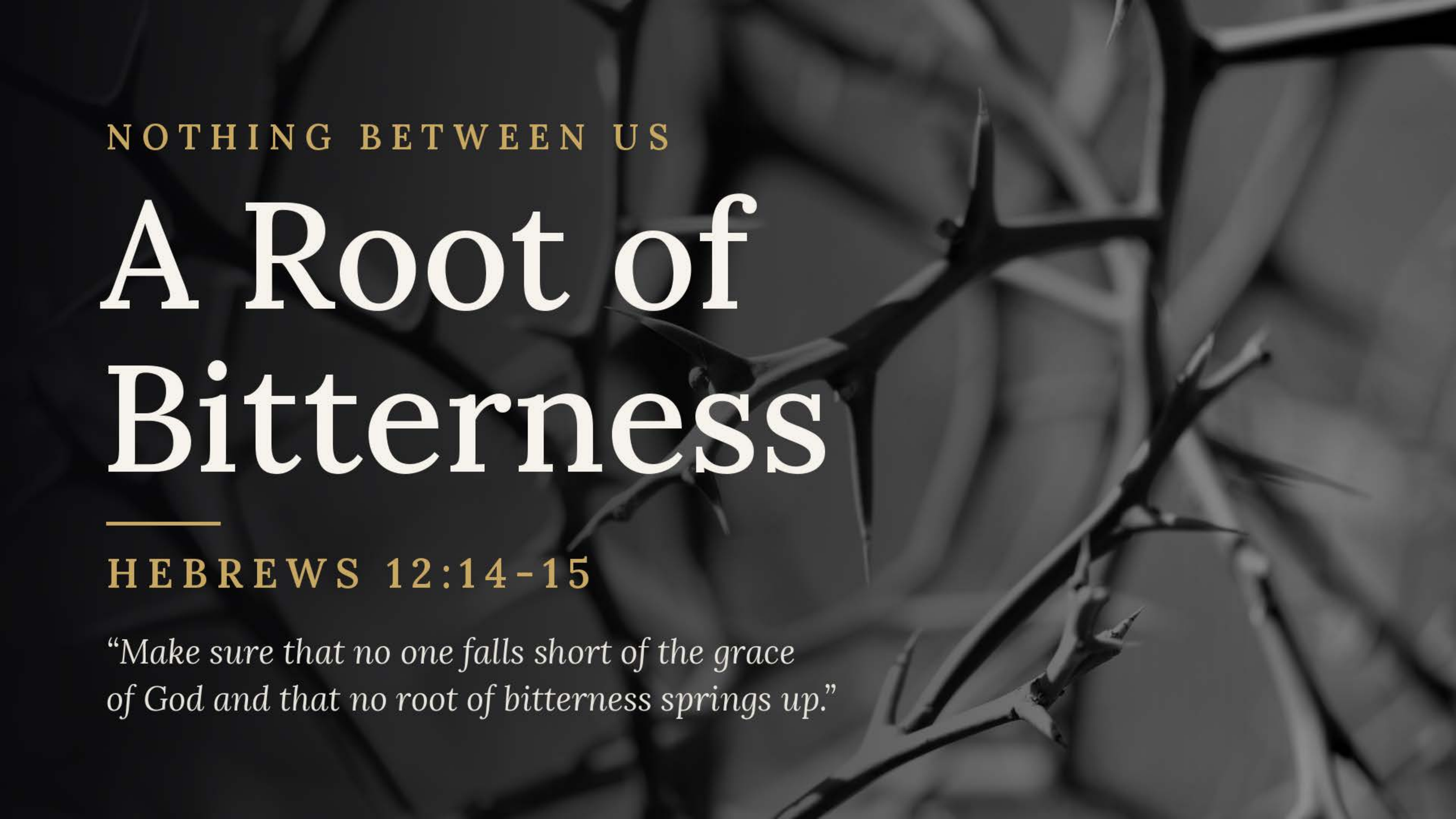
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