



Rebellious Roots

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Focus Rebellious roots can be passed down from generation to generation. We may not understand what they are, but they can shape our lives. We can be set free from rebellious roots by asking Jesus into our hearts and giving Him control over our lives.

Review Key Scriptures

- **Hebrews 12:15–16**

A root of bitterness can cause many to become morally defiled. Satan uses it to keep us from Jesus.

- **2 Samuel 13:15–17**

Rebellion may be at the root of immoral behavior. There's a reason God says "Don't!" Fulfilled lust can turn to anger, bitterness, and hate.

Group Dynamics Idea

Write a note of appreciation to a pastor or leader who has gone the extra mile on your behalf. Express why that meant so much to you.

- Discuss**
1. According to Hebrews 12:15–16, sin can be passed down from generation to generation. What type of behavior develops from a root of bitterness?
 2. In what ways can a rebellious root affect your life?
 3. Looking through the generations of your family, can you identify a root of or a bent toward rebellion? If so, how has it affected you? How can you uproot it?

4. Read 2 Samuel 13:1–17. Examine how Amnon's lust took him from desire to disgust. Why do you think his fulfilled lust led to anger, bitterness, and hate?
5. Since our appetites can lead us to sin, what can we do to overcome them?
6. Painful memories or difficulties in our lives may cause rebellion or bitterness to rise up. Don't let it ruin your life. Take a moment to come before God and give this root to Him.

Take Home

Let's remember these points this week:

- A rebellious root can be passed down from generation to generation.
- This root can shape our lives whether we understand it or not.
- Satan uses this rebellious root to keep us from Jesus.
- Jesus can set us free from bitterness, anger, and hate.
- All we need to do is bring it before Jesus and ask Him to come into our lives and take control.

Prayer

Dear God, I ask You to forgive me for all my sins. I receive Jesus Christ today as my Lord and Savior. Thank You, Jesus, for saving me today!

New Leader Tip

At the start of your meeting or before you take prayer requests, give everyone an opportunity to share praise reports. Praise builds our faith and prepares our hearts for prayer!