



Restoring Things In 2018 Series

Resentment

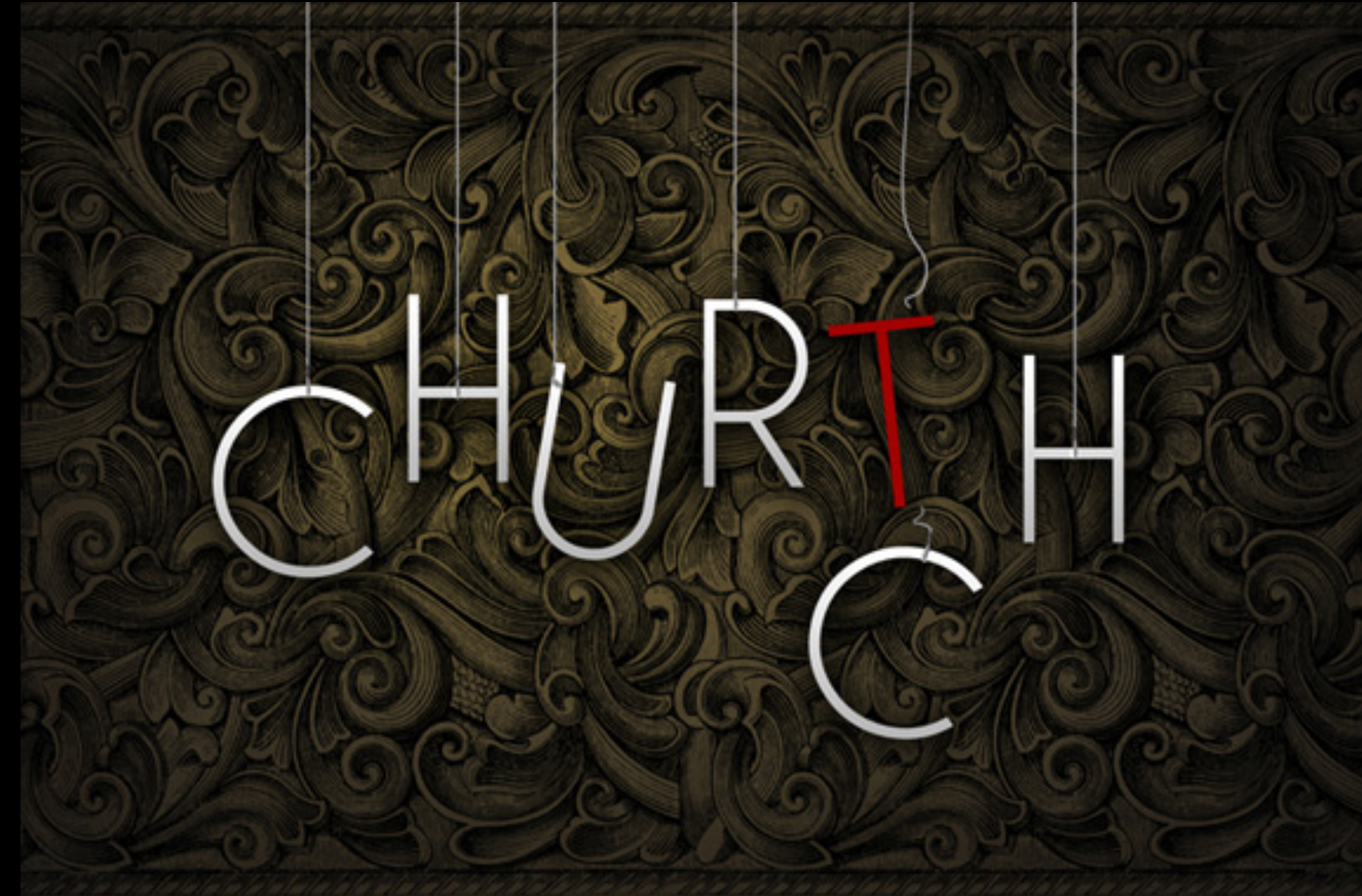
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- **Resentment is bitter indignation at having been treated unfairly. When we feel that life has done us wrong, resentment can settle in our hearts. *Prov. 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.***
- **In most instances, this resentment is never linked to the correct occurrences in our lives. In other words, we can walk around despising certain people or feeling some kind of way without truly knowing where it comes from. *Prov. 11:12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.***
- **This causes us to miss out on drawing strength and power from others. We are not able to improve ourselves because resentment keeps us unhappy with ourselves. *1Th. 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.***



- Many times, our church hurt issues comes from internalized issues that we have with God and prayers that we feel He did not answer. *Prov. 19:3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.*
- Spiritual bitterness causes us to go through the motions of church and being a believer, but not truly believing God can or will help us. *Matt. 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.*
- Failed prayers, being hurt by church people or being let down by church authorities can cause us to become callous towards God and make us doubt Him. *Rom. 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*



- **People that cause problems in a church setting are usually people that are bitter and carrying resentment because of their sins and the sins of others. *Prov. 11:3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.***
- **Forgiveness is the only way a person can truly fellowship and love their brothers and sisters in the faith. When we carry bitterness, we hurt ourselves and others. *Heb. 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;***
- **We cannot treat others good if we do not feel good about ourselves. We are not good with ourselves, if we carry bitterness. We must ask God to expose our hurt so we can walk in freedom and the peace of God. *Hos. 10:12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.***



SUMMARY

Resentment will always manifest when we are being challenged to address it. Bitterness is a root, which means it's deeply embedded and concealed until the ground is broken up and it is exposed. Roots stay underground for many many years and bitter roots usually remain hidden until a person is older and feels they are too old to address it. Pride keeps the preached word from breaking up the fallow ground and exposing the bitter root. Willfully concealing it keeps the corrupt root from being cut and prevents righteous roots from forming.

No matter how long we have been in church or how seasoned we feel we are in the faith, we must allow God to break up the ground that is covering our resentment and bitterness. Until we do, we will struggle to be better, find peace and love one another. The offenses that we carry from church to church and group to group is not the people but it's us. Resentment will not disappear on its own. It must be uprooted and addressed. Only then can resentment be removed and we can walk in peace and love with one another.

Heb. 4:11 Because of this, let us have a strong desire to come into that rest, and let no one go after the example of those who went against God's orders.

Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is living and full of power, and is sharper than any two-edged sword, cutting through and making a division even of the soul and the spirit, the bones and the muscles, and quick to see the thoughts and purposes of the heart.

Heb. 4:13 And there is nothing made which is not completely clear to him; there is nothing covered, but all things are open to the eyes of him with whom we have to do.