

**Exodus 15:22-27** NKJV 22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. 23 Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. 24 And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" 25 So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, 26 and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you." 27 Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters.

## From Bitterness to Abundance

 **1. Bitterness comes from isolation.**

- **James 5:16** NKJV Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

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 **2. Bitterness comes from stagnation/missed moments.**

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 **3. Bitterness is contagious.**

- **Hebrews 12:15** looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

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- **Where God showed Moses the tree.**
- **Understanding God’s forgiveness and grace, makes it easier for us to give it to others.**
- **Exodus 15:25-26** NKJV 25 So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, 26 and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you."
- **Deliverance: When God brings you OUT of it. Healing: When God empowers you to deal WITH it.**
- **Some things God will remove, but some things God will redeem.**
- **Exodus 15:25** NIV Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink. There the Lord issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test.
- **The opposite of bitterness is being teachable.**
- **Romans 8:28** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.
- **After you have dealt with it, MOVE ON.**