

Root of Bitterness

Illustrating a truth of <u>Freedom through Forgiving</u> (Main Healing Lesson 15)

There is a process to doing the work of forgiving and it can be as hard as cutting down a tree, hauling off all the branches, then digging up the stump. It doesn't always happen just by saying the words. Cutting down the tree is like setting your will and finally choosing to agree with God and forgive the hurt or offense that began as a root of bitterness within you. This clears a lot away! But as the days go by you may discover your feeling system needs to have the decision of your will reinforced with repeated declarations. This is like clearing away the trunk and branches. Finally, once everything is released to God, including hurt we may have had over why He allowed it, *all of the pain in our memories is removed with the root!*

