

GOD OF WONDERS

Jehovah Rapha - "The God who Heals"

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Rapha – Mend, Repairs & Restores

Mends, Make whole, Repair, Care

Jesus – Scriptures – Yahweh your Physician

"Restore people by the love of God, ignite passion through authentic worship, and reveal God's purpose to the next generation"

Exodus 15: 22 – 26 (It's been 3 days)

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." **(Old Testament Healing Covenant)**

Healer to those who obey His word. Israelites constantly focused on physical needs God focused on their need to learn to trust Him. **(Live one day at a time)**

1. Ask Jehovah Rapha to soften your heart.

Hebrews 12:15 made the subject of bitterness clearer: "See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that 'no root of bitterness' springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled.

Grace of God

Undeserved but has freely given – **2 Tim. 1:9**

New every morning – **Ps. 103:8**

Brings us to Him - **John 14:6**

Frees us from bondage – **Romans 6:14**

His grace is for everyone – **Titus 2: 11**

Bitterness is a toxic emotion

Unresolved anger, the inability to grieve

Lack of control

Stops the clock in your life

Makes your heart grow sick

Waste your time and energy

Smolder resentment

Affects your health

Unrealistic expectations

Affects relationships

Poisoned by envy

Bitterness of spirit, language, harshness

Hardened, unhealthy spiritual thinking

You cease to be normal

Elevates cynicism (**attitudes or state of mind, distrust of others motives**)

Paranoia – view the situation through hurtful perspective

Turns into a root, grows into a tree

“For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; But what I hate, that I do. **Romans 7:15**

STOP Drinking from Bitter Waters!

Attribute: Kindness

“In His Kindness God called you to share in His eternal glory by means of Jesus Christ. So, after you have suffered a little while, He will restore, support, and strengthen you, and He will place you on a firm foundation” **1 Peter 5:10 NLT**

2. There's no pit to deep that God's love is not deeper still

Don't let the disease of bitterness keep you from the promise land.

“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. **Exodus 15:26**

Show love to others.

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;

4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.
5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. **Romans 5: 1-5**

3. Ask God to help you forgive others and have a pure heart.

Romans 12:19 commands us not to seek revenge, but instead to let God avenge.

King David asked, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me"
(Psalm 51:10).

Forgiving others and having a pure heart with God are great antidotes to bitterness.

Jehovah Rapha has the Power to Heal & Restore
(Your bitter waters can be made sweet)

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
Romans 3: 23-24

Jesus Christ: the perfect example of avoiding bitterness

What does a person who isn't bitter look like?

Visualize in advance how you want to respond when you find yourself in an emotionally charged situation that could lead to bitterness.

Who should we try to emulate? How?

In the most trying time imaginable—the agonizing hours He experienced as He was being crucified—Jesus was not bitter about what was being done to Him. He did not build up hate and resentment against those unjustly abusing Him. He did not become bitter.

What did he pray in Luke?

Instead of becoming bitter because of the pain and abuse, Jesus recognized that His abusers were acting out of ignorance. What lesson can we learn from Jesus to keep from becoming bitter?

John 4:14 NKJV

14 “ but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

1 Peter 2:24 NKJV

24 “ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed”