***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

THE BURDEN OF BITTERNESS

*Pursue peace with all men, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord; looking diligently lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.* Hebrews 12:14-15

Introduction: Bitterness is the inability to adjust emotionally to unexpected displeasure. The initial feelings of anger, hatred, jealousy, and resentment may appear, but it’s when they take root and affect every area of our lives that we end up bitter. This causes us to live in defeat and we become defiled. As we look to Hebrews 12:14-15, we will discover the caution and the cure as we deal with the burden of bitterness.

1. THE CAUTION:

a. You will not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_God.

b. You will fall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s glory.

c. You will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ defilement.

2. THE CURE:

a. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reconciliation.

b. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the pity party.

c. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God’s sovereignty.

CONCLUSION: Isn’t it time to lay your burden down?

Answers: 1a. see 1b. short 1c. spread

2a. seek 2b. stop 2c. submit