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**How to Become Better, Not Bitter.**



**Ruth 1:19-22 (NIV)**

19 So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, “Can this be Naomi?” 20 “Don’t call me Naomi,” she told them. “Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. 21 I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The Lord has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me.”

**John 16:20-24 (NIV)**

20 Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. 21 A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. 22 So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. 23 In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

**1. The Joy of Christ comes through transformation.**

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**2.The Joy of Christ is everlasting.**

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**3. The Joy of Christ is given to all who ask.**

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**Next Steps...**

- ◇ **Lord, help me to give my bitterness to you.**
- ◇ **Lord, help me to become better in life as a person and a witness for you.**
- ◇ **Lord, fill me with your joy that comes through faith.**
- ◇ **Lord, I want to give my life to you today.**
- ◇ **I want to help with VBS.**