

LAST WEEK → RESENTMENT

- A simmering anger or displeasure about someone or something unfair, unjust, or insulting, having its root in hate that grows and deepens over time
- Resentment is not just an emotion; it's a state of being that involves our **CHOICES, BEHAVIORS,** and **THOUGHTS**
- With God's help, resentment can be **ROOTED OUT, REDIRECTED,** and **REDEEMED**

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN RESENTMENT GOES UNCHECKED?

- It often links arms with _____ = lying, practicing deceit, bearing false witness, and using smooth talk or flattery to deceive; it is insincere, hypocritical, underhanded, false, dishonest, treacherous, sneaking, double-dealing, tricky, cunning, and crafty.
- Resentment + Deception = _____
 - Joseph's brothers consider killing him
 - Joseph's brothers decide to abandon him in a cistern
 - Joseph's brothers show no remorse for their actions
 - Joseph's brothers sell him as a slave
 - Joseph's brothers construct fake evidence
 - Joseph's brothers appear to be perplexed
 - Joseph's brothers show no remorse

WHAT DOES GOD HAVE TO SAY ABOUT DECEPTION?

"I will not allow deceivers to serve in my house, and liars will not stay in my presence." PS 101:7

"Do not deceive or cheat one another." LEV 19:11

"Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a

murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them." 1 JOHN 3:15

JOSEPH'S STORY ILLUSTRATES THE NATURE OF DECEPTION

"When we commit one sin, we often find ourselves committing additional sins to cover up the first one."

- Our hearts are _____ as sin takes hold
- Deception doesn't happen in a _____; it is often paired with irony
 - ✓ The brothers have food and Joseph has none; later, Joseph has food and the brothers have none
 - ✓ The brothers used the blood of a goat to deceive their father as their father had used the hair of a goat to deceive his father
 - ✓ Joseph is sold into the house of Potiphar, an official of the Pharaoh, where he rises from slave to savior
 - ✓ Reuben appears to want to do the right thing but appearances are often deceptive; he may in fact be attempting to get back into his father's good graces after sleeping with his father's concubine (Bilhah)
 - ✓ God is never mentioned in Gen. 37 and yet, as we'll discover, His hand is all over the story of Joseph
- Deception will _____ your understanding of right and wrong

[Jesus] *"Don't let anyone mislead you, for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many."* MATT 24:4-5

- The Bible is the _____ for knowing and discerning truth

"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." JOHN 8:32