



“[Cutting Out the] Christmas Bitters”  
Awkward Family Christmas Series  
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**God’s Big Idea:**  
*Don’t let BITTERNESS get the BEST of you.*

*All bitterness and rage and anger and shouting and slander should be put away from you, along with all malice.*

–Ephesians 4:31

Let God take your GARBAGE AWAY!

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God’s love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

–Psalm 103:11-12

*Become kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another just as God in Christ also forgave you.*

–Ephesians 4:32

Kindness is when a person with POWER has something to give and CHOOSES to help somebody in a WEAKER POSITION.

Compassionate means caring about others at a GUT LEVEL.

Forgiving “as God in Christ also FORGAVE YOU”.

- Forgiveness replaces bitterness, rage, and malice; not JUSTICE, SELF-PROTECTION, TRUTH, REMEMBERING, or BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS.
- Forgiveness doesn’t depend on OTHER PEOPLE. It’s YOURS TO GIVE.

**Continue the conversation:**

1. *What hurt in your life has gone “untreated”?*
2. *How can you become kind, compassionate, and forgiving this Christmas season?*