

*And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear sound, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:8 NLV*

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Prayer Study #214

**JESUS CAME TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE!**

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, TO PREACH DELIVERANCE TO THE CAPTIVES, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised...*

Luke 4:18

*Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on Him, If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed. And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

John 8:31-32

*Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.*

Galatians 5:1

What are some things He came to set us free from?

1. **Generational Curses:** an uncleansed iniquity that increases in strength from one generation to the next, affecting the members of that family and all those who come into relationship with that family. *I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.* Exodus 20:5 (Those born illegitimately are under a ten generation curse. Jesus loves the “fatherless” with a special love and took that curse on the cross for all who will accept His deliverance.) *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree.* Galatians 3:13
2. **Ungodly soul ties:** You are made up of a spirit, soul and body. Your soul is made up of the mind, will, and emotions. We can have godly soul ties and ungodly soul ties. A soul tie is an affinity between two people where one's soul joins, knits together, follows close or hard after, or sticks to someone. These can be tremendous blessings in a godly relationship or tremendous destruction in an ungodly relationship. In fact, we become more and more alike, whether we

want to or not, those whom we join together in soul ties. Examples of godly soul ties are marriage relationships that are of God, the Shepherd and the sheep, the Body of Believers, Elijah and Elisha, Ruth and Naomi, Deep friendships, David and Jonathan. Ungodly examples are Jezebel and Ahab, Solomon and his foreign wives. They are formed through covenant relationships; marriage; oaths or verbal agreements; bloodline connections (ex. Parent and Child); association with idols, accursed things, or unclean things; and openness to demonic activity, such as hypnotism, drugs, etc. Godly soul ties go awry when spiritual umbilical cords between parents and child are not cut, especially when a man leaves his parents to cleave to his wife; when there is a death and the living will not release the dead, thus opening one up to abnormal grief.

*And it came to pass, when he had ceased speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 18:1*

- 3. Rejection:** Rejection is caused by such things as the birth of an unwanted child, little physical affection or touch from a parent, divorce of parents, unequal affection from parents for a favored child, betrayal in a trusted relationship, shame, public humiliation, child abuse, attempted abortion, wrong sex of a child, physical or mental defects or learning disabilities, adoption, abandonment issues, death of a parent, abuse (physical, mental, sexual, emotional, etc.), mental illness of parent, victim of circumstances (for example: having to stay in the hospital when born and thus, being separated from your mother), turmoil in the home (children usually, whether they verbalize this or not, assume it is their fault), peer rejection, and bloodline curses. The results of rejection are rejected people reject people, inability to communicate or receive love, a person who gives in too easily, a person who holds out stubbornly, a person who fights back with resentment and hatred and rebellion, loneliness, self-pity, depression, suicidal thoughts, wrong perception of other people's actions, anger, mistrust, bitterness, escapism (ex. Day dreaming, using drugs or alcohol, being a workaholic), guilt, fear, judgmental, poverty image because the person perceives they are worth nothing, defensiveness, hardness, disrespect, competitiveness, jealousy, and perfectionism. Remember that Jesus, Moses, and David in the Bible faced severe rejection. In the Bible the spirit of rejection along with mourning, sorrow, discouragement, self-pity, etc., is called the Spirit

of Heaviness. Isaiah 61:3 tells that Jesus was to come “*to appoint unto those who mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.*” Praise is a good medicine for whatever ails you spiritually. Another antidote for rejection is letting yourself be led by the Spirit of God: *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have received the Spirit of Adoption whereby we cry Abba Father. The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs-heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the suffering of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.* Romans 8:14-18

4. **In Utero Wounds:** Spirit-baptized believers have long recognized what medical science is proving today-i.e. that babies from the time of conception are spirit beings who can pick-up things going on outside of the womb. It is very important for a husband and wife and other family members to pray over the child frequently from the time of conception to birth. John and Paula Sandford have done much research in this area and have written several books, including *Healing the Wounded Spirit*. Because of prayer for the child from many different sources or because of God’s grace for some unknown reason, some children don’t seem to pick up these curses even when they are born in a less than desirable situation, but many adults struggle with wounds that were caused before or immediately following their birth:
  - a. **A child not wanted** - striving, performance oriented, inordinate desire to please, rejection before he or she can be rejected, anger, wishing death, frequent illness, refusing affection, problems with bonding.
  - b. **A child conceived out of wedlock** - having a deep sense of shame, lack of belonging.
  - c. **Parents faced a bad time financially during pregnancy** - child believes he is a burden.

- d. **Fighting between parents at home** - child is nervous, uptight, fearful or full of guilt.
- e. **Mother a heavy smoker** - child has a predisposition to severe anxiety.
- f. **Mother consumes much caffeine** - baby likely will have poor muscle tone, low activity level.
- g. **Mother consumes alcohol** - baby absorbs negative feelings which caused the mother to drink.
- h. **Breech delivery** - child has higher risk of having learning problems.
- i. **Unusually painful delivery** - child is angry, has ulcers, or is depressed.
- j. **Cord around neck** - throat-related problems, anti-social behavior, speech impediments.
- k. **Mother is afraid of gaining too much weight, does not eat properly** - child has insatiable hunger, anger.
- l. **Father dies or leaves** - child feels guilty, blames self, is angry, has depression or death wish.
- m. **Mother loses a loved one** - child has deep sadness, has fear of death, is lonely.
- n. **Father's sexual approaches to mother are insensitive or violent or father or mother have more than one sexual partner** - aversion to sex, generally unhealthy attitude towards sex.

A few verses of scripture that support our believe in *In Utero Encounters* and healing that can come after birth are the following:

*Yet Thou art He who didst bring me forth from the womb. Thou didst make me trust when upon my mother's breast. Upon Thee I was cast from birth. Thou hast been my God from my mother's womb. Psalm 22:9*

*For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me up. Psalm 27:10*

*Thou has been the helper of the orphan. Psalm 10:14*

*For Thou hast possessed my inward parts; Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise Thee for I am fearfully and*

*wonderfully made. Marvelous are Thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well. Psalms 139:13-14*

5. **The Occult:** All forms of fortune telling, spiritism, magic practices, wiccan practices, Ouija board use, levitation, séances, root doctors, and any involvement in false religious cults are absolutely forbidden in scripture. Both practice and participation in them are condemned by god in Exodus 22:18, Leviticus 19:26 & 31, Leviticus 20:6 & 27, Deuteronomy 18:9-12; 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 120:13-14, Isaiah 8:19, Jeremiah 27:9-10, Zechariah 10:2, Malachi 3:5, Acts 8:9-13, Acts 16:16-18, Acts 19:19, Galatians 5:16-21, Revelations 21:8, Revelations 22:14-15, and Exodus 20:3-5. Those who are involved in these things have opened a door for possible oppressing spirits, and they must first close this door by positive action and faith. It is impossible for a Christian's spirit to be possessed by any other than the Holy Spirit. However, Christians can have demonic oppression in their souls and personalities (mind, will, and emotions) and in their physical bodies. Some symptoms of oppression or bondage are: inability to read and study the Bible, uncontrollable evil thoughts, blasphemous thoughts about Father God or Jesus or the Holy Spirit, excessive self-pity, overwhelming and continuing fear, uncontrollable emotions, resistance to spiritual things, religious delusions, depression, compulsive thoughts of suicide, etc.

6. **Fear of Death:** *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:2*

*Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:9-10*

*Forasmuch, then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same, that through death, He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil, and deliver them who through the fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Hebrews 2:14-15*

7. **Soulish Religion:** Are you more interested in feelings than in serving God? Do you like being around people with religious spirits who are more interested in performance than in real worship and who thrive in hype? The soul is the mind, will and emotions. It is that part of us that causes us more grief than any other part of us. We try to figure spiritual things out with our minds and make decisions based on what we think rather than on what the Lord might want. Soulish religion is a lot of action with no substance. People come to church and really praise, but they go back into the world and act like the devil. They are Sunday Christians.

*For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither, indeed, can be so then, they that are in the flesh cannot please God. Romans 8:8*

*And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2*

#### How can you be set free?

1. Confess your faith in Christ: *Lord Jesus, I accept you as the Son of God. I know that your blood was shed that I might be set free from all Satan's power. I confess that I am a sinner, and you are the only Savior. Thank-you Jesus for your blood that sets me free. I accept you as my Savior and Lord.*
2. Go to the Secret Place of the Most High. *He who dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God; in Him will I trust. Surely He will deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence. Psalm 91:1-3*
3. Confess before Him any participation in any of these sins and ask Him to break any generational curses or iniquity drives.
4. Personally forgive your forefathers of their iniquities and ask the Lord to forgive specific sins of your living forefathers.
5. Forgive all who have violated you, even if they were totally in the wrong. If you do not forgive others, He will not forgive you. *But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your*

- trespasses* (Matthew 6:15) Remember that most people who have hurt you are themselves operating in a spirit of woundedness.
6. Forgive yourself. *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness* (1st John 1:9).
  7. Recognize the power of the Blood and the Name of Jesus and confess that aloud.
  8. Renounce Satan and the kingdom of darkness and demand that any demon go to the place that has been prepared for it.
  9. Began to praise the Lord for His goodness.
  10. Accept the power of His love: Romans 8:35-39