

Session IX: *Break Your Ungodly Soul Ties!*

A. What is a soul tie?¹

A soul tie is a relationship with another person or thing that exercises a distinct measure of control, dependence or undue influence. A soul tie may be Godly and thereby beneficial, or it may be ungodly and destructive.

- ◆ David and Jonathan is a Biblical example of a Godly soul tie - I Samuel 18:1-3; 20:17; II Samuel 1:25-2)
- ◆ When the soul tie is Godly:
 - the influence or inter-dependence is based solely on a mutual *agapao* love that has no ungodly ulterior goals or obligations.
 - Souls are knit (*literally - to tie physically or mentally*) together
 - It exists for the building up and blessing of the object of the affection, and not for personal gain or emotional self-satisfaction. It stays entirely within the boundaries of Ephesians 5:21 requirements to submit ourselves one to another in the fear of the Lord.
- ◆ When the soul tie is ungodly:
 - it will be characterized by *phileo* and *eros* ulterior motives.
 - it still involves a knitting (physical and/or mental tying) together
 - For example: cohabiting couples

Often an un-wed physical relationship turns abusive. The battered woman leaves, only to return, and abused again. The cycle continues. Why, despite all logic and reason? Because the woman is soul-tied. She cannot break free of the relationship because her soul is knit together in a tie that is stronger than even reason and safety concerns.

According to statistics from Dr. James Dobson (Focus on the Family), the majority of all abuse among couples occurs in co-habitation/un-wed relationships. According to their findings, the lowest number of occurrences of physical abuse of women occurs inside of legally sanctioned marriages. The highest rate of physically abusive

¹ For further study on the destructive nature of ungodly soul ties, Pastor Gary Greenwald of Eagle's Nest Ministries, PO Box 15000, Santa Ana, CA 92735 has excellent information.

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situations occurs 1) in live-in but un-wed co-habitation, and 2) as a single woman in dating.

Thus the physically safest place for a woman is in marriage instead of outside of marriage.

- A prominent indication of the existence of an ungodly soul tie is that it interferes with, and often crowds out the proper order and arrangement of every other Godly soul tie established by God in that person's life.

Ungodly soul ties will split marriages – *example: the executive who runs off with his secretary. Ungodly soul ties develop in the work place all the time*

Ungodly soul ties will split children-parent relationships – *example: when ungodly school friends exercise more influence over your child than you do as a parent*

Ungodly soul ties will split legitimate Godly friendships

- Other examples of things or people to whom ungodly soul ties may commonly occur (including ties to things other than people)
 - Television soap opera addictions
 - Co-dependent friendships
 - Careers
 - Parents
 - Hobbies

B. There are two types of Godly soul ties:

1. Permanent (there are only two kinds of permanent Godly soul ties)

- To the Lord Jesus Christ – this is always to be first

Mark 10:29-30

And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

- To our spouse – this is always second behind the Lord and ahead of all other soul ties forever.

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Genesis 2:23-24

And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

All other relationships must take a back seat to these two Godly soul ties. There is nothing casual or impermanent about a soul tie to Jesus Christ and your spouse.

2. **Temporary** (for a season):

- Children to their parents (Eph 6:1-3; portions of which are to become superceded upon marriage of the children Eph 5:31-32)
- Parents to children (portions of which also give way upon marriage of the children)
- Those sister-to-sister or brother-to-brother soul ties that God brings together, most often for a season (such as Jonathan and David) for spiritual growth. Soul ties between married members of the opposite sex who are not married to each other are conspicuously absent from the Bible. Be careful of Godly friendships in this category that can begin to overstep Godly, Ephesians 5:21 boundaries, and grow into ungodly, destructive soul ties. Temporary soul ties to a Godly spiritual authority such as a pastor must remain just as fully and carefully within the boundaries of Ephesians 5:21 as any other Godly relationship.

Examples:

- *David and Jonathan – I Samuel 18:1, 3, 17; II Sam 1:25-26*
- *Samuel and King Saul – I Samuel 15:26, 35*
- *Paul and Timothy – I & II Timothy*

C. Ungodly Soul Ties Must Be Broken

In the Spirit – by confession of sinful relationship, repentance, and breaking all curses arising through the ungodly soul tie (and the fruit of those curses which may include such things as adulterous actions or thoughts, breaking of marriage vows, harboring resentment, unforgiveness from deep hurt, etc.) Your physical body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 6:15-20)

In the Soul – often requires ceasing all communication with the other party. When opposite sex issues are involved, this is especially important. Take immediate, decisive action to stop all telephone calls, e-mails, etc. with anyone with whom you have an ungodly soul tie. Explain the ungodly threat and toll continued association is imposing on your legitimate Godly relationships, and sever all future communications.

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In the Body – past sexual encounters prior to (or adulterous affairs during) marriage. Three effects of fornication are:

- The strongest of all soul ties are built through sexual encounters. Each one that is sinful fragments the soul, successively fragmenting:
 - the woman’s innate desire to singularly submit to her man
 - the man’s innate desire to singularly care, nurture and protect his woman.
 - each partner’s ability to remain sexually faithful (both mentally and physically) to their permanent mate
- Sexual sin brings curses. The curses of each partner blend together resulting in an increase in evil effects in each person’s life that will linger until identified and broken in the Spirit.²
- Sexual sin is sin against the Holy Spirit, whose temple is our bodies. It is the only sin that destroys both body and soul (I Corinthians 6:15-20; Proverbs 6:23-33)) and dishonors God. You will not enter the Kingdom of God when sexual sin remains unaddressed through repentance. See Acts 15:19-29; Galatians 5:16-21; Ephesians 5:1-7; I Corinthians 6:9-14 (Note the *rhema* cleansing process of verse 11).
- Sexual sin by men causes fire to be taken into their bones (Proverbs 6:27, 32) Even a casual glance at history reveals a common ingredient in the demise of every nation is a preoccupation with sexual sin. Think about lessons from Solomon, David, Samson, etc.

D. How Women Get Soul Tied During Illicit Sexual Encounters (Pre-marital sex, adulterous affairs, adulterous fantasizing, etc.)

- Genesis 3:16 – *her desire [longing of her heart, craving, lust] shall be to your husband, and he shall rule [exercise dominion, the right to govern] over you*
 - The desire/longing is **innate** in each woman
 - This desire is for only **one** man
 - The desire is **fulfilled in the first man** she soul ties to through sex
 - The innate desire is to be governed/ruled/led
- 2 Timothy 3:5-7 – ungodly men (i.e. Christian men who have little or no relationship with Jesus Christ) lead captive women who are vulnerable through loneliness (lack of being nurtured and cherished), and lustful (lust is the word *epithumia* = *a craving, longing desire for what is forbidden*). The man is able to lead her into lust because she has within her an innate desire to follow that has been crippled through multiple past soul ties that have not been spiritually broken
- I Timothy 5:11-16 – Scripture recognizes the vulnerability of younger formerly married

² Curses are no light thing. They play havoc in Christian lives behind the scenes. See previous section on dealing with curses.

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women (widows), and warns against their conflicting innate desires interfering with church responsibilities. Why? The issue of longing desire to find a replacement man will interfere with the proper execution of church leadership responsibility. This is why multiple sexual encounters outside of their one and only husband cripple women – each one fragments their soul’s allegiance to their current husband.

- Titus 2:3-5 – older women are to teach younger women how to love their husbands and their children. How is it that such instruction is even necessary? Isn’t it innate? Such hidden but powerful things as ungodly soul ties, curses, and other demonic influences are significant factors. Older women can help the younger women avoid pitfalls.

E. How Men Get Soul Tied During Illicit Sexual Encounters (Pre-marital sex, adulterous affairs, adulterous fantasizing, pornography, etc.)

- Proverbs 5:1-23 – his iniquities (context is sexual sins) will hold (bind) him with cords
- Proverbs 6:24-32 – adultery is fire in his bosom (v26-27) and destroys his soul (v32)
- Judges 16:4-30 – Delilah vexed Sampson’s soul to death (v16) which caused him to break his vow to God (Nazarite vow)
- I Kings 11:1-4 – Solomon; satan wants your soul to be so vexed (that you break your marriage vows through allowing someone or something to take away your heart (toward your spouse, and ultimately toward God).
- Men have an innate desire to:
 - Nourish and protect, provide security and stability
 - This God-given desire to protect and provide for his wife gets fragmented with each ungodly soul-tie that he develops, especially through illicit sexual encounters
 - If you don’t think you have any ungodly soul ties left since you became a Christian, then ask yourself whether you still have a fondness in your heart for the first girlfriend you had an sexual encounter with. Most Christian men will admit they do have such a fondness, and that it translates into remembering to pray for them. HELLO? Your soul is still tied to that person.
 - Where such soul ties exist, they will result in occasional sexual fantasy about her, and is an indication that that soul tie is still operative. Furthermore it can only work to the undermining of total one-ness with your wife.
 - The fact is, unless ungodly soul ties have been broken in the spirit, a soul tie exists to every single woman you have ever had a sexual encounter with, and each one contributes to adulterous thoughts (which Christ declared was one and the same with actually committing the act in Matthew 5:27-28), fantasies, and cravings which prevent you from having total intimacy with your wife, and contributes to continuing problems with masturbation, adulterous

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thoughts, and marital infidelity.

Remember – we are not talking about forgiveness of sin (a spiritual cleansing), but of ridding ourselves of the residual after-effects of that sin in the soul (mind/emotions) category that work to continually keep us in a cycle of sexual (both physical and mental fantasy) sin.

Just like past drug-usage, sin may have been forgiven after repentance, nevertheless such residual after-effects of HIV, hepatitis, and addiction spirits may still have to be dealt with. So with the effects of ungodly sexual encounters having residual after-effects such as lingering pornographic fantasies, inability to stay faithful, inability to develop true trust and intimacy with your spouse, additional curses acquired, unbroken soul ties, etc.

F. Breaking Ungodly Soul Ties

- Repent of the sin, Renounce it's authority over you

We must repent of our past sexual sins in order to break their lingering spiritual after-effects. Although the sin may have been forgiven by past repentance, physical and mental effects from that sin often linger in the physical realm until broken through your declaration of authority over them, which authority you have by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Declare the severing of every ungodly soul tie in your life – whether to old sexual partners, controlling friends or acquaintances, relatives, etc.

Father, in the name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of His blood, I ask forgiveness for my sexual sin with (name each person/affair/sexual encounter, circumstance, and fantasy that the Holy Spirit brings to mind). In committing these sins I have defiled the temple of the Holy Spirit, and I am truly sorry. I repent and ask your forgiveness. I cancel satan's authority over me in each of these sins.

I ask You Father to write Your New Covenant in the fleshly table of my heart, so that these sins are as repulsive to me as they are to You. I now renounce all claims these soul ties to partners, fantasies, and soul-tie attachments have over me and I to them, and I break every ungodly soul tie with them in Jesus' mighty name. I restore my soul whole back unto me and I call each piece of my soul that has been tied to other people or things back to me.

I proclaim my love for my spouse that You have given me, and I ask You Holy Spirit to heal my heart, and help me stay pure and undefiled in my marriage to the precious partner You have given to me – my fellow heir together in the grace of life. I proclaim spiritual, mental, and physical liberty in Christ over my marriage, and ask that You bring us to a new, higher level of intimacy, trust, and love for each other in Christ Jesus our Bridegroom! In Jesus' name, Amen.

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