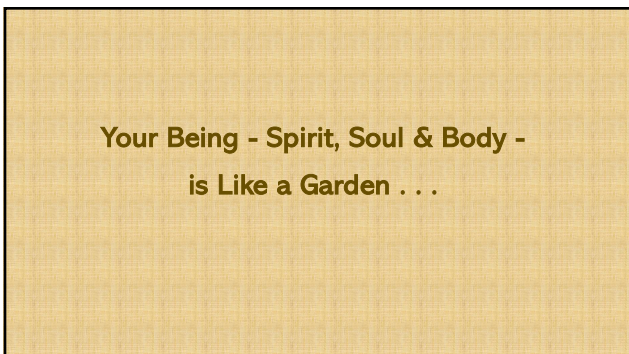


FREE TO BE ME
Session Eight: Healing & Freedom from Family Iniquities & Curses



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Our Garden . . .

Gardens must be tended to continuously; watered, pruned, weeds pulled, seeds planted, etc.

"[Jesus] am the true vine, and My Father is the keeper of the vineyard . . . I am the vine and you are the branches. The one who remains in Me, and I in him, will bear much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing." John 15:1,5

Allowing God to tend to our "garden" is a never-ending lifestyle, not a momentary experience to fix a certain ailment. (Dana's observation)

Isn't all this introspection and focus on "me" self-centered and therefore, ungodly?

You're God's *child*, not His workhorse . . .

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God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.
2 Corinthians 1:3&4

We must first receive from our Father in order to have something to give to others.

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Today's Topic: Healing and Freedom from Family Iniquities and Curses

Our ancestors made choices (planted seeds) that continued growing well beyond their lifetime on *our* land.

Circumstantially, our grandparents' choices and examples have impacted us (*sowing and reaping effect*):

- Did they stay married or get divorced?
- Were they abusive parents or kind and caring?
- Did they model biblical truth or scoff at faith?



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Our Ancestors' Choices Also Affected Us Spiritually...

The genetic aspect of inherited traits is as *spiritual* as it is biological . . .

*I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from **the land** of Egypt, the place of your slavery. "You must not have any other god but me.*

*"You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a **jealous God** who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.*

Third and fourth generations = 120 years –

chance to see your sin through a parental (Father God-like) lens and repent!

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So, Genetically and Spiritually Speaking...

We inherit our ancestor's sinful and godly traits. (See Ancestral Inventory!)

Some Examples . . .

Temperament of rage or that of peace.

Tendency toward alcoholism or moderation.

Tendency toward depression or joy.

Cellular trauma or cellular health.

Tendency toward perversion or purity.

Vulnerabilities toward certain health conditions or heightened immunities.

This is NOT about blame and resentment – "Honor your father and your mother, [and grandparents] so that you may live long **in the land** the Lord your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12

This IS about taking responsibility for the state of our garden (being) and allowing God to uproot every unholy "plant," no matter how it got there.

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Clarification: Sin / Transgression / Iniquity

SIN = OOPS

Wrongdoing prompted by impulse of the flesh; missing the mark in the moment.

TRANSGRESSION = INTENTIONAL REBELLION

To trespass beyond a boundary or limit into other territory; intentional violation of God's law or the conscience.

INIQUITY = UNREPENTANT WAY OF LIFE

A sin becomes a transgression that grows into an unrepentant way of life; affects genetic code so that it's passed on to descendants.

Repentance is two-fold:

(1) Confessing and forsaking the sin.

(2) Receiving the forgiveness.

"I'm sorry" vs. "I'm sorry, will you forgive me?"

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Spirit Realm Reality

Demons operate according to the Law. Any demons our ancestors submitted to will seek to bring us under their submission as well. "Ancestral demons" or "Familiar spirits" – *not* ghosts.

They come at us entitled.

Spiritual adultery (false religions and idolatry) is serious. Often involves oaths – never a light thing (ex: baby dedications / sorority). Sc/vs – serious thing to make a vow to the Lord – all vows are serious.

Secret societies and brotherhoods and sisterhoods. **Conditions for breaking oaths.**

Why arouse my anger with what your hands have made, burning incense to other gods in Egypt, where you have come to live? You will destroy yourselves and make yourselves a curse and an object of reproach among all the nations on earth.
Jeremiah 44:8

We have provided prayer that covers what we don't know.

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Family Curses

Word curses and oaths outlive our ancestors.

Reminder:

CURSE: A solemn utterance that invokes a supernatural power to inflict harm or punishment on someone or something. *Brings death.*

BLESSING: A sacred, faith-filled declaration inviting God's supernatural power of protection and/or prosperity on someone or something. *Brings life.*

In certain cults and ritualistic organizations, vows are intentionally stated so that they affect future generations. Can affect health, finances, spiritual atmosphere, and more.

How do I know if my misfortune is the result of a curse?

Break it, and you'll see! (Laura's testimony)

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We Have a Choice!

Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the Lord, you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Deuteronomy 30:19-20

Promised Land = God's promises being fulfilled in my life!

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Breaking Family Iniquity & Curses

Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:4-6

Iniquity =

Repent on behalf of ancestors (and self if need be); Receive forgiveness

Curses =

Repent, Renounce, Replace with God's scriptural blessings

Never too late to repent and model different way of life for kids, even adults.

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Have I introduced new iniquity into my family line?

AKA: Have I embraced a certain sin without any thought of repentance?

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Homework...

Get alone with the Lord and prayerfully consider . . .

- 1) What iniquities run in my family and that of my spouse?
HIGHLY suggest using provided ANCESTRAL INVENTORY.
Repent and receive forgiveness (Prayer Provided)
- 2) Are there any repetitive misfortunes that may be curses?
Repent, renounce and replace with scriptural blessings.

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Let's Pray . . .

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