

Soul Ties

We are starting another one of these lessons that is designed to dismantle the wall between you and God. How? By walking free from your past. Your past can stay where it belongs; in the past. Now all of us have a past. There is no one on the face of the earth that does not have things that have happened to them, that hurt them deeply, that disappointed them, that wounded them, things that they committed themselves, you committed, and I committed, things that were done to us. From the time maybe we were just three years old, who knows, even in the womb things spoken against us that harmed us and have harmed us all of our lives. So much of the time people say, why can I not get on with my life? Why can I not get on with my destiny? What is wrong? Nobody has been there to say, it is your past. It is tripping you up. You drag it around with you. Sometimes you realize it is with you and sometimes you do not realize it is with you and you say and do something and it is all like a hook tied to your past, just a hook. Sometimes some innocent person can say something to you and because of that hook to the past, you immediately flash back and you get so defensive.

You think, they did not mean anything by that, what is the matter with me? It is because of all of these things that are in the wall, the brick wall that God wants to dismantle. He wants to tear it down.

God is tender and gentle. He does not come in and say, "Well, you should have shaped up," and slap you around. That is not God. I had such a bad misconception of God when I was a teenager and I do not know where I got it. We just had so many bad things happen in our family. I had a lot of good things, I am not saying that, but the bad things were the kind that could just knock you for a loop. I can remember laughing with my brother and saying, "Hit me again, Lord." Now I wonder why in the world would I say that? Part of it is because God does allow things to come into your life, but they are not to destroy you, they are to develop you, they are to train you, they are to build things into you that are not there. I can tell you for sure that all of the things that happened in my life growing up have served to make me very compassionate. People can tell me stuff they have done and they will say things like, "Betty I have never told anybody in the world this but I want to tell you about this." They tell me, and I look at them, and they say, "You are not judging me, are you? You are not looking down on me." I say, "No. I just want to know what did God tell you after that." How did he help you walk out of that."

Today we are talking about one that may have tripped you up all of these years and you do not even know it. What am I talking about? I am talking about soul ties; things that tie you to another person.

We all have these hidden ties that bind us to the past. They bind us to present people. It can be many, many years ago. These things that I am getting ready to talk to you about are things that tie your soul to the soul of another person. Some are good and some are bad. We are going to talk about both of them. I really need you to get that piece of paper out because you are going to have to write some names down this time. I want you already, before I even get into this, to be thinking who are the people in your life that you feel tied to still. Some you may not think of but I may help you think of some. Some you are going to remember. You were too closely united with that person or that situation and God is going to sit you free today. We have a miracle working God and you are going to see a miracle for you. You have been wanting God to do a miracle for you, you are going to get to see one today.

Our souls are the part of us that makes up our mind, our will and our emotions. That is your soul.

What is your spirit? The spirit is something God has something inside of you, the spirit of a man. It is the thing that gets regenerated, renewed, born again when you receive Jesus into your life to be your Lord, your Savior, your Master, the one who controls everything that happens to you. When that happens your spirit man gets born again. You hear about people having those life after life experiences and they will say, "My spirit left my body and I was looking down and I saw my body."

That happens a lot. People will say, "I actually looked down on the operating table and I saw the doctor, I saw him write the death certificate, I saw him lay it on my body and I saw my spirit come back into my body." They will always describe it like this, "drawn down and I went back in." I have friends that it has happened to. I know it is a real thing. Some of you watching, you have had it happen to you. "That is what happened to me, Betty." That was your spirit man. That is the one that gets born again. It is the one that makes up the essence of you, who you are. We have that third part of you called your body. The best way to describe your body is a suit of armor. That is all it is. This thing

that you are looking at right now in me, you are seeing my suit of armor. You are seeing the thing covers me, the real me. The real me is my soul and my spirit. When you die your soul and your spirit go to be with God. Your body gets put in the ground. Some day everything is reconnected and you get a new body, a transformed body. People that are in heaven that sometimes have those experiences where they die, they say, "I saw my daddy, I saw my granny, I saw my mom." You do, but there is like a mystery in all of that. That is what the Apostle Paul calls it, a mystery that somehow it is there but it is not there. It gets connected when Jesus comes back and the last day and the trumpet blows and we all shoot up, those that are alive, those that are dead, we rise up to meet the Lord in the air. Yet, Jesus said to the thief on the cross, "Today, you will be with Me in Paradise." It is a mystery how it all works. Right now, on planet Earth, right now, watching this show, you are a three part being. You are a spirit. You have a soul and you walk around in a body or your suit of armor. I will give you another example. Do you know what a June bug is? For those of you that are watching this around the world, I do not know if you have June bugs but I am sure that you have something like this. You have these little bugs at a certain part of the year, around June or so, and they go through a process and they come out of that shell and they become something else. That is what this suit of armor, this shell, is like. It is only a covering for all of this other stuff. This soul man is what we are talking about today. Not your spirit man. The Bible says in Hebrews, "The Word of God is able to divide asunder the spirit and the soul."

What is the soul? It is the transmitter between your spirit and your body to somebody else. You are figuring out what I am like, not just by what I look like to you. Is she for real? Is she genuine? Is she a real Christian or is she playing a game? Does she know what she is talking about? Is she talking about something that she just read in a book but has never experienced it? You are doing all of that but you are not looking at my body to do that. You are picking up on my mind, my will and my emotions. Does that make sense to you?

We are going to talk about soul ties. This can be in the area of marriage. It can be in the area of friendships. It can be in the area of sex before marriage. It can be an adulterous relationship. It can be an unhealthy friendship. It can be good. It can be bad.

We are going to talk about how God blesses healthy soul ties and what He says to do about unhealthy soul ties. (Look at this picture. You see this old married couple. Are they not the cutest things? You can tell that they have been together for so many years and they have loved each other for so long that they are united. They are happy together. They have those big smiles on their faces. They are a unit. They have a soul tie.) Look at this first Scripture in Genesis 2:24, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and they will become one flesh." The two of you and you are usually very opposite, you become one flesh. There are people that are together for so long they look alike. They begin to look like brother and sister. They do the same things. They have the same mannerisms. I have been married basically about 43 years and I was with my husband, we were boyfriend and girlfriend for 2-1/2 years before we got married. So we have been together for about 45 years. We grew up together. We were 19 when we met and now we are grandparents. We have a soul tie with each other. There have been times that I have said to him, "If something happened to you, I am not sure I could breathe. I am not sure my body could breathe." What do I mean by that? We have been together for so long and depended on each other so long, we have gone through really hard things together. We have had a lot of fun together. We have laughed a lot together. Your soul is what causes you to laugh. It is what causes you to be strong during hard things. By being with somebody that forms one. These two shall become one. I think that God could have added a bunch of chapters to shall become, because if you have been married a long time you know that shall become one can take a lot of years and you can go through a lot of stuff to shall become. That is your soul mate. God wants this more than He wants anything else on earth. He says, "I want Godly children." Look it up in Malachi. He says, "What I want out of a marriage; I want Godly children." When your children can look at the two of you and see happiness and joy and a real soul connection, it gives them security. That is why you need to work through your problems. Never be a couple that says we cannot get counseling. Never be a man that says, "I am not going to do that. I do not want to talk to anybody about my stuff, about my marriage. We will figure it out." No. Sometimes in this shall become one flesh, shall become soul tied together, you need a little help. Just do it.

What else about your children? God wants you to form a healthy soul tie with your children so they can depend on you and, as they grow up, you can depend on them. You can have a greater and greater and greater relationship with them after they leave home. We were so close to our children when they were growing up that it was sad, it broke my heart, to think about them being gone. I actually went through a very hard process of letting go of my children because I loved them and I wanted to be with them. I did not want them to grow up. I wanted to stay with them. Part of that was healthy and part of that was not. Part of it I had to say, "It is time to let them go. It is time for me and Bill to get a life that is without our children, that we enjoy each other." Can a parent depend on

and Bill to get a life that is without our children, that we enjoy each other. Can a parent develop an unhealthy soul tie with their child? Yes, and we will talk about that in a minute, we sure can.

What would be another health soul tie would want you to have? Remember, it is somebody you connect with with your mind. It is somebody you connect with with your will. It is somebody you connect with with your emotions. What would be a healthy one with a friendship? I do not think you get very many of those in your life. Have you not heard the expression, if you go your whole life and you have one really good friend, count yourself blessed? I think you can have more than that. I think as you go through life there might be one that goes your whole life with you, there might be two, but you can have different experiences and for a short time you really connect with someone and there is a soul tie but not as deep as what I am talking about. Do you have a good friend? Do you have a friend that you know they are going to make you a better person for being friends with them and you are going to make them a better person for being friends? Jesus had friends but He had three, Peter, James and John, that He really spent the most time with. When you read about Mary, Martha and Lazarus, it says "Jesus really loved them deeply. He especially loved Lazarus." God wants to give you friends. In fact, it talks in Proverbs about iron sharpening iron. That is what a good friendship is about.

(Look at this next picture. This is what I am talking about. You see these two girls. They are young, they are full of life, and you can tell they really like each other. Look at their body language. You can tell they are comfortable with each other.) That is another example of a healthy soul tie. You are just comfortable together. You do not even really have to talk. Even though God is not a human and He is a Spirit, God wants to have a soul connection with us and that is the healthiest soul tie you can have. A soul connection with God; He says, "I want you to love Me with all of your mind, all of your heart, all of your strength, with everything in you, I want you to love Me." God loves you like that and He wants to have that kind of a relationship with you.

Is there an example in the Bible of someone who had a good soul tie? Yes, there is. There is a great one. It is I Samuel 18:1, look at this Scripture. It is David and Jonathan. "By the time David had finished reporting to Saul, Jonathan was deeply impressed with David. An immediate bond was forged between them. He became totally committed to David. From that point on, he would be David's number one advocate and friend." From the minute they met an immediate bond was forged.

I have had that happen, look at somebody and think, "I really like you and I would like to be friends with you." I met somebody from Israel recently and I had the chance to spend time alone in my home with her and I looked at her and I thought, "If you lived here, we would be best friends. I can tell right now you are my kind of woman. I really like you." God has those for you. If you do not have that kind of a good friend that you can even have a soul tie with, ask God to give you one. He would love for you to have a good friend, but wait for it to happen. It might not happen immediately.

Now we are going to talk about those unhealthy soul ties. These are the ones that have tied you to your past. These are the ones that today God is going to do a miracle for you and cut them. You are going to be set free today. Who are they? Old boyfriends, old girlfriends; the ones that were bad for you and the ones that God did not even want you in that relationship and you did it because you were strong-willed and stubborn and you did it anyway. They were bad. Everybody told you, "They are bad for you. Do not have anything to do with them." Because of the intensity of the relationship, almost like an ink blotter soaking it up, you formed a soul tie that is still there. You have never cut it. You have never severed it. It is still there. It is also be if you had an unhealthy dependence on your mother or your dad. Maybe your spouse was that. You cannot make them break that but you can certainly pray for it to be broken in them. Another could be a past friendship, a past business associate, that what you did took so much work, so much effort but it was not good. It formed this unhealthy tie.

What are the causes of a soul tie that is not good? It is a deep relationship that was not blessed by God. You became out of balance, too involved with the person. You became too dependent on them or they became too dependent on you, or both of you. You had too deep of the feelings for them. You became attached to them in some way. That is what is wrong and bad about unmarried sex. Every time you have sex with someone who is not your marriage partner, then you become attached to them. God says it in the Bible. You become one. You become attached. If you have had a lot of sex partners, then you could be attached to ten people, whether you are a man or a woman. Sometimes when I have led people through breaking the soul tie, I have had to say, "I am going to stop up my ears and I want you to name the names. I want you to name the people that you have a soul tie and I want you to repent." Look at this third Scripture in I Corinthians 6, "Do you not know that he, who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, the two will become one flesh (but God intended it in the marriage realm) but he who unites himself with the Lord is one in Spirit, so flee from sexual immorality." You can have secondary virginity. You can repent right now. If you are not married and you have had sex with a lot of people, even some

repent right now. If you are not married and you have had sex with a lot of people, even some people, you can repent and get secondary virginity and say, "Lord I will never do it again. I will never do it again."

What is the danger of having these with people? As I said, you can become too dependent on them. Did you know you can become more dependent on them than on the right people God has in your life? You can become more dependent on them than God. You are not thinking what does God say, you are thinking what do they say and what do they think? What happens? As a result, you are never free of them or their opinion. It pulls you. You are never free of their influence or their words. You remember what they said.

In conclusion, we are going to break your unhealthy soul ties and we are going to give thanks for the good ones. Are you ready? Have you been thinking of names and situations where there were people you know it was not healthy for you and the end result, when you got out of the relationship, was that it nearly destroyed you. Here we go, are you ready? First, repent right now and say, "God, I want to repent of the unhealthy relationship I had with _____(name that person)." Go to the next one. "God, I want to repent of the unhealthy relationship I had with _____(name that person)." Some of these people you might be in a relationship with them right now and God will say get out of it. Some of them, like your parents, you cannot get away from that. Some of them are really bad and God says to love them from a distance but do not be around it. Most of you watching this show, if you have this unhealthy dependence, God says it is time to sever the unhealthy part of it but keep the good part.

What is the next step? Actually repent of any sin in it. What was the sin? Name the baby. What was the actual sin that you did? God already knows. You know. Just say, "Lord, here is what I did wrong. I depended on them too much. I looked to them instead of you. You told me not to get in the relationship." Whatever it is, repent of it and then say, "Lord, I have made a mistake. I have formed a soul tie with them and did not even know it and I would like to be set free of it. Set me free."

Are you ready? I am going to take you through one of them. Think of one of them. Here we go. Bow your head and close your eyes and say this. "Lord, I want to break the soul tie with _____(name them) in the name of Jesus. I do not want it and I do not want its hold on me anymore. I receive freedom right now, from Jesus. I receive it by faith right now." If you did that, it is gone and you do not ever have to do it again. That is why it is so important to stop and repent and be serious about it because God is listening. He gives grace. He gives you grace. He says, "I paid the price for your mistakes." What if you begin to feel the hold on it again? Every time you do, break its hold again. Maybe they come around your life again and because they have that controlling spirit or whatever, they try it again. You just stop, repeat the prayer again, "Lord I break this unhealthy relationship. I break the soul tie. Set me free. Thank you for the good ones and thank you for delivering me today, Jesus."