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INTRODUCTION

John 3:16 is probably the best-known scripture among Christian and non-Christian alike. It sums up the theme of the entire Bible in its first 6 words, "For God so loved the world..."

All true ministry is really God's love in action, and deliverance is certainly no exception. Let's make this perfectly clear right from the start; we do deliverance because we are carriers of God's love. Our motive is love and our methods reflect that. Deliverance is not supposed to be some kind of "freak show" or some great display of man's strength. It is a powerful release of the Lord's power and might that frees someone He truly loves.

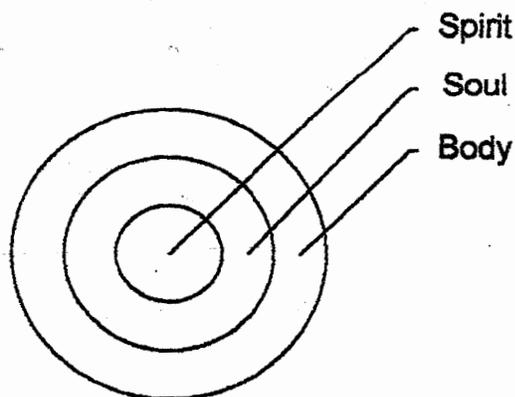
His love towards us is apparent right from the start of our lives. Psalm 139:14 declares that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made". That means we were "built" for freedom, not oppression. We were never created and designed to carry demonic strongholds!

This seminar exists so that people like you can be trained and empowered to help others to live the way that God intended; in FREEDOM!

With all that being said, there are a couple of basic points that we should cover before we go into module 1:

Man's Design

1 Thessalonians 5:23 says, *"Now may the God of peace sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*



We can see from this scripture that man is a triune or "three part" being. We all have a spirit, a soul, and a body. Paul was making a prayer-filled declaration over the Thessalonians (and all who would read this passage) that God would purify their lives thoroughly and completely.

This beautiful process begins when we are born again. When we give our life to Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes flooding into our spirit and we become a new creation. At that very moment, we are born of the seed of God; and what incredible power this seed has! 1 Peter 1:23 says, "...having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible..." By definition, anything incorruptible cannot be corrupted. That means that no demon can get access to our brand new spirit.

This is probably a ~~good~~ time to address the difference between "possessed" and "demonized". A possessed person is owned by satan. A true Christian cannot be owned by satan because he or she is owned by God. But a Christian can be demonized; or in other words, harassed, influenced, affected, and infected by demons in their soul or body.

Internal Agreement

Before we are saved, and it's certainly no different after, the power of agreement plays a major role in our life. That not only applies to our agreement with others, but especially agreement within self. Because we are a three part being, whichever two of the three parts agree, your actions will follow suit.

If you are born again, and your spirit is involved in the internal agreement process (the way God designed you), you will make good decisions that are reflected by positive actions. If your spirit is left out of this internal process, you will invariably make some bad decisions that will be followed by negative actions.

Deliverance accelerates the "sanctification" process in our soul and our body by breaking curses, embedded lies, and strongholds allowing greater Christ-like agreement on the inside.

This is why "praying in the Spirit" is so beneficial. Your body falls into agreement with your spirit and out comes this beautiful and powerful prayer language that now brings strength to you.

The Holy Spirit uses your spirit as His launching pad for eternal work that He is doing in your life. Without Him on the inside, we simply don't have the capacity to keep evil at bay. This is why we only do deliverance with Christians.

Demon Characteristics

There are a few basic characteristics that we should take a look at to help us to understand how the enemy works:

- 1.) Demons are created beings as is satan. They will at times manifest in grotesque forms, with putrid smells, and in perverse ways. This kind of deterioration always comes over a period of time to anyone or anything that resists God. But, they will at times manifest in enticing and seductive ways that appear to have positive benefits (of course, they don't).
- 2.) Demons act like people, or more accurately, people act like demons (Most people don't realize that they are having daily encounters with demons). The point is you have all dealt with them.
- 3.) Demons love to stay hidden (they love the shadows and darkness). They love to hear people blame their problems on other people, situations, and circumstances.
- 4.) Demons are all lying spirits. They seldom tell the whole truth, but specialize in lies and half-truths.
- 5.) Demons are all arrogant. Anyone or anything that constantly opposes God has to be arrogant.
- 6.) All demons have the same goal to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10), though they may seem friendly or even beneficial in order to entrench themselves.
- 7.) Demons are genderless. For example, the spirit of Jezebel may manifest in a man or a woman, though it prefers the aspects and nature of women.
- 8.) Demons operate in a hierarchy. Ephesians 6:12 says, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."
 - a. Principalities or Princes
 - The prince of this world is satan himself.
 - Principalities are princes that report directly to satan and have delegated authority over nations, empires, and even continents.

b. Powers

- Powers have delegated authority from the princes, and attempt to control regions, provinces, states, and cities.

c. Rulers of the darkness of this age

- These demons use propaganda to spread evil. They are promoters of darkness through media of all kinds, false religions, evil governments, etc. They operate under princes and at times under powers. The term "rulers" means world strength.
- In the U.S., some of the cities that serve as "headquarters" for these rulers would be Los Angeles (Hollywood), Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Washington, Las Vegas, and Miami.

d. Spiritual hosts of wickedness

- These are the demons that we commonly encounter. They harass people, businesses, smaller towns, and villages (when towns become cities, generally a "Power" will come in to take over.

9.) Demons run in packs. You will never find just one demon. Some common pairings are:

- Anger & Lust
- Abuse & Confusion
- Fear of man & Self-hate
- Adultery & Deception
- Addiction & Insecurity
- Jezebel & Ahab
- Pride & Competition

The reason that they run together is that they understand the power of agreement. Though they hate each other, and will turn on one another when the power of the Holy Spirit comes, they know that if they work together they will all get what they want.

MODULE 1

Flooding the Enemy!

There was a time when doing deliverance was like running a marathon. Gut it out, tough it out until you have victory. Push hard and you will win. After a while, we were all getting worn out and discouraged. We had some minor victories, but nothing worth shouting from the rooftops about.

But then, God in His infinite wisdom and mercy showed us a spiritual reality that revolutionized the way we do deliverance. The following is the revelation that changed everything. It all started with this simple verse:

Isaiah 59:19 *So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.*

The word "standard" means to vanish away, or flood away with a strong flow or current. When you see the true meaning of the word "standard", you now see this scripture in an entirely different light.

Now read it like this:

When the enemy comes in, LIKE A FLOOD THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD will lift up a standard against him!

The flood doesn't come from the enemy, but from the Lord! Flooding the enemy is a principle found throughout the Bible. In each scripture listed below, the word "delivered" means flow or current:

Luke 1:74 *To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear...*

2 Corinthians 1:10 *Who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us...*

Colossians 1:13 *He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love...*

We see Jesus talking about this life-giving, devil defeating flow in **John 7:38** which says, "He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart (belly) will flow rivers of living water."

Notice Jesus says "rivers" plural. Why does He say rivers and not river? The answer can be found in **Genesis 2:8-14**. There are four rivers listed here that help to explain what Jesus was talking about.

8 *The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. 9 And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. 11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush. 14 The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.*

- **Pishon** (Pi'-son)= Freely flowing. That means that no hindrance or obstruction can stop it!
- **Gihon** (Ghi'-hon)= Bursting forth. That means it comes forth suddenly
- **Hiddekel** (Hid'-de-kel) (Tigris)= Rapid. That means that things move quickly with a strong, continual flow.
- **Euphrates**= That which makes fruitful.

A key point here is that Eden=delight. In this example, we represent Eden (God's delight), and the water is flowing out of us!

So now we can say that when the Lord releases His flood through us, absolutely nothing can stop it! It happens so suddenly that it totally surprises the enemy, washing them away with a strong continual flow of God's power. And in its wake, things that were dead or dying, now become incredibly fruitful and full of life!

Now that's the way to do deliverance!

MODULE 2

Strongholds

A stronghold is an area of our soul (mind, will, and emotions) or our body that is not in submission to the authority of Jesus. It is a place where a lie, a demon, or both have been implanted.

Signs of a Stronghold

There are a number of signs that point to a possible stronghold and a need for deliverance. Here are some of them:

1. *Continual confusion*
2. *Repeating cycles of sin-repent-sorrow-sin*
3. *Continual anger and impatience*
4. *Continual friction with others*
5. *Inability to connect with God*
6. *Limited relief and freedom/ always feeling pressure*
7. *Feel like a puppet/ uncontrollable actions*
8. *Repeating cycles of loss or destruction*
9. *Obsessive/ Compulsive behavior*
10. *Extreme mood swings*
11. *Continual infirmity or sickness*
12. *Addictions*
13. *Avoiding People*

Ephesians 4:22-24 says, *"that you put off concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness."*

Every believer is certainly unique, and though we all possess amazing gifts and talents, and even have God Himself living on the inside, we also have old mindsets (the old man) that need to be dealt with. Those old ways of thinking can be fertile ground for both existing and new strongholds. We can "put on the new man" and destroy those strongholds. Putting on the new man means to be renewed by truth, or be renewed through deliverance, or a combination of both.

If truth and deliverance are not applied, demons will have a legal right to enter and *stay* in a believer. Once they have gained a foothold, demons assigned to a particular sin will try to use that sin to blind that person as to their true identity in Christ.

These demons will crave to be fed by the performance of that particular sin. The more a demon is fed the stronger it can become, allowing it to further entrench itself in that person. Strongholds can choke off the fruit of the Spirit, and ultimately, intimacy with the Lord and with loved ones.

Example: Joe begins to feel a pull to see/read pornography. A demon of pornography orchestrates circumstances to tempt Joe to give in and view pornographic material. Once Joe gives in, an open door has been created giving that demon a legal right to attach itself. Now the demon increases Joe's desire for pornographic material because the demon craves to be fed. The more Joe falls into this sin, the more influence the demon of pornography gains. Imagine each sinful act as a building block of this demon's stronghold or fortress of protection and operation.

To break a stronghold and drive out demons, we use **James 4:7** as our guide. It says, "*Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*"

To break this scripture down, it simply means this:

- 1.) Every candidate for deliverance must really want it.
- 2.) Every candidate must submit to God. We utilize the "Candidate Questionnaire" and the "Open Door List" to help them to do just that.
- 3.) Every candidate must take his or her "legal" stand. When we release the gift of deliverance, we are helping them to do just that.

MODULE 3

Open Doors

Satan has to have a legal right to gain entry into your life and he knows it. Before a stronghold can be established, he must find a portal or an open door.

PORTAL= A door, gate, or an entrance into a palace!

By this definition you can see that not only does God place a great value on your life, but so does the enemy!

An open door is created when we come into "agreement" with evil. Deliverance is really an agreement issue. It would be great if at the very moment we received Jesus as our Lord and Savior, every single lie and every single demon was driven out of our life completely. But the fact of the matter is that freedom is more of a journey than an event.

The word "sanctification" is used to describe this journey or process. We like to define it as "taking a shower on the inside." As a believer exchanges satan's lies for God's truths, the freedom level rises within that person.

Another way to describe this is found in **James 1:21** which says:

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

When the word of God (truth) is implanted or engrafted into our soul, an implanted lie is rooted out and our soul experiences new levels of salvation (deliverance, healing, prosperity, posterity, etc.). We'll talk more about this later, after right now, let's take a closer look at open doors.

4 Types of Open Doors

There are 4 main types of Portals of entry or Open Doors that can lead to a stronghold:

1. **Trauma**
2. **Curses**
3. **Ungodly Soul Ties**
4. **Judgment**

TRAUMA

These are events that were shocking, terrifying, or extremely painful and produced a lasting soulful wound. Some examples would be rape, murder, home burning down, war, divorce, etc. It could also be any event that was traumatic to you, even though to others it may not have been that big of a deal. Traumatic events can even be experienced in the womb.

A traumatic event changes you. You think differently and therefore act differently. Walls are put up in your heart in an attempt to protect self from further trauma. These walls keep intruders out, but keep you a prisoner in your own heart as well..

Many people have experienced major trauma at a very early age, therefore they grow up in this "altered state", unaware that their thinking and behavior has been modified.

A trauma that involved physical pain (like a blow to the head) can resurface again and again, year after year, though any physical damage that initially occurred has been physiologically healed,

I remember one particular incident where a man was enduring tremendous back pain though doctors could find nothing wrong with him. It turned out that his father had broken a chair over his back when he was five years old. After that, whenever stress, or fear, or loneliness began to overtake him, his back would immediately begin to ache.

CURSES

There are a number of different thoughts that exist as to what a curse actually is. Our definition states that ***a curse is a spoken or written declaration of misfortune, doom, infirmity, or evil in general against a person(s), place, or thing.***

There are 4 types of curses:

1.) Lineage or Generational curses

Lineage or Generational curses are a result of unbroken strongholds passed down from parents, grandparents, great grandparents or beyond. The curse is actually "written" into our DNA. Any kind of demon can be passed through this type of curse.

Numbers 14:18 *The Lord is longsuffering, and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.*

This was the price for being "guilty" before a holy God, but Jesus became a curse for us so that we would no longer have to live a cursed life. And like most everything in the Bible, God's benefits must be received and applied in our lives.

Some additional scriptures on lineage curses are:

Deuteronomy 23:2 *One of illegitimate birth shall not enter the congregation of the Lord; even to the tenth generation none of his descendants shall enter the congregation of the Lord forever...*

And

Proverbs 17:13 *Whoever rewards evil for good, evil will not depart from his house.*

We had at one time believed that satan could not "legally" go beyond four generations with a lineage curse, but we have since come to understand that there are times when we must go back 10 or more generations to break an ongoing curse.

2.) Self-curses

Proverbs 18:21 *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*

Our words are containers for either death or life. When our words carry death, someone is always the target.

Words like "my back is killing me", or "I'm sure I'll die early just like my mom did" are self-destructive. But even when we speak evil against others, Galatians 6:7 comes into play and we will certainly reap what we have sown (self-destruction).

In module 4 we will look at a type of self curse called a "negative self oath."

3.) Curses from others

These curses may be imposed by: a witch, warlock, satanist, Indian curse, Santeria curse, Roots curse, Voodoo curse, doctor (negative prognosis),

mother, father, spouse, ex-spouse, or people that have or had influence with you.

Most of these curses come from those closest to you. Parents can cause the most damage to their own children with words like "you're stupid" or "I wish you were never born." Even in the womb, talk of abortion, complaining about the pregnancy, or even constant arguments with a spouse can open the door for demons like rejection, fear, and insecurity.

We have found that some of the most deadly curses come from other Christians! Why? Because we have the most authority on the earth.

4.) Curse of the Law

The book of Galatians lays out pretty clearly how powerful this curse can be:

Galatians 3:10-12 *For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them." 11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith." 12 Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them."*

AND

Galatians 5:1 *Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.*

If we live our Christian life in our own strength, working hard to make God move on our behalf through our efforts, we create an open door for the enemy to come in and wreak havoc in our soul, in our relationships, and in God's plans for us. We are attempting to live by the law instead of by grace through faith (**Ephesians 2:8**).

It's important to note that God is not the one cursing us; satan is using our own ignorance against us. The "Good News" is that this curse, as well as every other kind of curse has been dealt with on the cross:

Galatians 3:13&14 *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

One final point; Proverbs 26:2 says, Like a ^{more swiftly} flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, so a curse without cause shall not alight. From this scripture we see that there is always a reason for a curse; they don't "just happen."

come down
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UNGODLY SOUL TIES

A soul tie is created when two or more people become bonded or knit together soulfully. Think of it as an invisible umbilical cord. This connection will either supply healthy nutrients or destructive nutrients. This is why we call soul ties either godly or ungodly.

Soul ties actually influence the way we think. Godly soul ties release or reinforce truth and love in our mind, our will, and our emotions. Ungodly soul ties release or reinforce deception in our life through unhealthy and ungodly influence and control.

Some examples of godly soul ties would be with a spouse, children, parents, extended family members, other Christians, etc.

A scriptural example of a godly soul tie would be:

1 Samuel 18:1 *And it was so, when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathon was knit to David, and Jonathon loved him as his own soul.*

Ungodly soul ties can be created with the exact same people just mentioned, as well as authority figures, imaginary people, dead people, doctors, spirit guides, or even pets.

Two examples of an ungodly soul tie would be:

1 Corinthians 6:15-18 *Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! 16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." 17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. 18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.*

AND

Proverbs 22:24&25 *Make no friendship with an angry man, and with a furious man do not go, 25 Lest you learn his ways and set a snare for your soul.*

Here is a list of ways ungodly soul ties can be developed:

- 1. Trauma and abuse**
- 2. Wayward friends**
- 3. Family connections**
- 4. Sex outside of marriage**
- 5. Idolatry**
- 6. Attachment to the dead (including abortion)**
- 7. Erring authority figures (church leaders, doctors, etc)**
- 8. Hypnosis**
- 9. Tattoo artists**
- 10. Imaginary people**
- 11. Infatuation with famous people/athletes**
- 12. Judgment**

We have found that an ungodly soul tie can be developed between two people, even if one of them has no knowledge of the tie.

For example, an ungodly soul tie can be developed between a famous female singer and a young, impressionable girl. The girl copies the hairstyle, the dress, body movements, and speech of the famous singer so much that she is now controlled by the actions of the singer. The singer has no knowledge of this girl, but the girl has developed a definite ungodly soul tie with the singer.

The breaking of ungodly soul ties is essential for the tearing down of strongholds and driving out demons!

JUDGMENT

Let's start by giving two definitions:

- Honor= to esteem as very important, to be thankful for, to praise.
- Dishonor= to devalue, to make of little or no importance, to resent, to condemn, to hold a grudge against, or even curse.

Judgment is an issue of honor. The Bible is full of scriptures that speak about honor. Here are a few of them:

Deuteronomy 5:16 *Honor your father and mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.*

Romans 12:10 *Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another...*

1 Peter 2:17 *Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.*

1 Peter 3:7 *Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.*

We dishonor God's creation when we judge other people. This judgment could come in several forms like resentment, unforgiveness, bitterness, and criticism.

Having any form of judgment towards someone else (including self) will give satan a legal right to torment you. For example, most people don't realize that they are "sinning" when they are in unforgiveness. This very same sin will cause an ungodly soul tie to develop with the person that they are in unforgiveness towards, whether they are living or dead.

Let's look at how deadly judgment can be from God's perspective:

1. Reaping Judgment

Matthew 7:1-2 *Judge not that you be not judged. (2) For with what judgment you judge; and with the same measure you use, it will be measured back to you.*

Galatians 6:7-8 *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (8) For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*

Hosea 8:7a *They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind.*

- Judge= to distinguish between; to choose; to give an opinion upon. This could be good or bad.
- In a good sense, it means to use wisdom to preserve life (taking the keys from a drunken friend). Good judgment always protects and preserves life.

- In a bad sense it means to become judge and jury to retaliate, or pay back, or simply to cause suffering and trouble. Bad judgment always diminishes and destroys life.
- When viewing these scriptures together, we see two things; one, that the same shovel we used to dish it out will be the same shovel used when it's thrown back on us. And two, shovel full after shovel full will come back upon us. (Every farmer knows that you always reap more than you sow.)
- Example: If you consistently criticize others, you will soon have others finding fault with you at an ever increasing rate.

2. Self-condemnation through Judgment

Romans 2:1 *Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.*

- Condemn=to oppose; to put down; to blame; to criticize in a harsh or violent manner.
- We have brought this trouble upon ourselves.
- You will find yourself giving into the very things that you condemned others for (for example, you judge your father for being angry and distant, then before you know it, you find yourself being that same type of father).
- You will almost always have to wrestle with self-hate.

Other Open Doors

These type open doors are considered "second tier", and are fueled by one or more of the 4 major open doors (trauma, curses, ungodly soul ties, and judgment).

1.) Occult/New Age involvement

People tend to be drawn into the Occult or New Age activities because it has been in their lineage. They almost always have experienced some form of severe abuse as a child as well.

Galatians 5:19-21 says, *Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and such like; of which I told you beforehand, just as I told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Sorcery=witchcraft, magic, supernatural powers and experiences outside of God

Occult curses can be brought on by: Ouija boards, séances, horoscopes, witchcraft, satanism, superstitions (black cats, walking under ladders, etc.) palm readers, tarot card readers, eastern meditation, certain types of yoga or martial arts, secret societies, Santaria, Dungeons and Dragons, Harry Potter, blood brother ceremonies, soul travel, talismans, objects used in the occult, spells, charms, horror movies, certain video games, etc.

2.) Un-confessed Sin

James 5:16 says, *Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*

Un-confessed sin keeps the door open for sickness in our soul and/or our body. There are several words that describe ways to turn to God and close the open doors of un-confessed sin. They are submit, repent, and confess.

Submit= to yield under. **1 Peter 5:6** says, *Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time...*

To "humble" yourself is always stated in a good sense in the N.T. It means to "live under" His mighty hand. We do this by grace through faith, not by works (our effort, our ability). It's imperative that we understand this if we want to be free! Submission to God really means yielding to grace.

Repent= to think differently, to have a reversal. Many people think repentance deals strictly with salvation (or our standing with God), but subsequent to that initial experience, it somewhat changes in purpose.

Our journey with the Lord is one of continual revelation and growth. Our mind is constantly being renewed and changed as we exchange the lies of satan for the truths of God. Repentance is smack dab right in the middle of this process. Once we are saved, we don't repent to fix our standing with God, we repent to release the power of our "already established" standing with God.

This step does not require groveling, but simply a change of mind or direction.

Confess= to acknowledge or agree fully. Remember, deliverance issues are really "who are you in agreement with" issues. This step includes a verbal statement of responsibility for sins or actions (no blame-shifting) followed by a verbal statement "renouncing" those same sins and actions.

We also always encourage some sort of statement declaring the power of the blood of Jesus because it is the "forgiveness of sins" (Eph. 1:7)

3.) **Pride**

Proverbs 16:18 *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

Pride can puff us up for many reasons. The enemy sometimes allows victories in order for us to get puffed up. Some reasons for pride are: better looks, greater intelligence, better "stuff", better ministry, better marriage, etc.

4.) **Broken Vows/Oaths**

Proverbs 20:25 *It is a snare for a man to devote rashly something as holy, and afterward to reconsider his vows.*

AND

Numbers 30:1-2 *Then Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the Lord has commanded: 2 If a man makes a vow to the Lord, or swears an oath*

to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

Broken vows/oaths such as marriage vows, church membership, bankruptcy, etc. can open the door for a spirit of poverty.

5.) Gossip and Slander

Deuteronomy 27:24a *Cursed is the one who attacks his neighbor secretly.*

AND

2 Corinthians 12:20 *For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest there be contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults...*

Gossip and slander are sins that open the door to the enemy in our life. We bring a curse upon ourselves which many times manifests as a physical infirmity.

So how do we close the doors of trauma, curses, ungodly soul ties, judgment, or other open doors?

To close an open door, any demons that came in through that door must be driven out. Remember James 4:7? Demons don't have to leave until the person going for deliverance has submitted themselves to God through repentance. This is the key! Once the person has repented, you can now employ deliverance and close the open door.

MODULE 4

Negative Self Oaths and Embedded Lies

We have already talked about the power of self curses, but many people don't realize the damage that can be done by making what we call a "negative self-oath."

An oath is considered an unbreakable promise. Oaths are made with other people, but in this case, they are made with self (self-oath). They differ from vows which are promises made to God Himself.

People can make positive self-oaths or negative self-oaths. An example of a positive self-oath would be the newly saved man who promises himself that, "I will always trust in the Lord." An example of a negative self-oath would be the little girl who watches her father abuse her mother and makes a promise to herself that "I will never get married." Later on in life, she finds that she has broken relationship after broken relationship even though she really does want to be married (her negative self oath is still in effect).

Negative self-oaths are the result of a lie, specifically an embedded lie. Let me explain; a lie by definition is *a false statement made with deliberate intent to deceive; an intentional untruth; to contradict*. Satan's greatest weapon is deception, and lies are the substance of deception, so he is always attempting to loose those upon us (he is the father of lies).

Lies have varying degrees of power. For example, when playing a game that has the option of "bluffing" (lying), unless huge amounts of money are involved, nobody is really hurt by the bluff (lie). Once everyone realized that the person was bluffing, they all laughed it off and said, "You sure had us going." As soon as the accurate information came, the lie was exposed and removed.

But embedded lies are different. They can't be undone with accurate information only. For example, you have been around people that were so alone and so lost that you were moved to sit next to them and tell them how much Jesus really loves them. They nodded their head and said, "I know". Though they heard what you were saying, that truth was unable to penetrate through the layers of their heart to reach the embedded lie that says that they are "unwanted and unloved." (Embedded=fixed into a surrounding mass)

The embedded lies can create so much damage, that many times, we make negative self-oaths to protect self from the lies. But perhaps the biggest problem is that the embedded lies cause dependence or focus on self which allows doubt and even unbelief to blind us to the truth. (The first move for Adam and Eve

after their deception was to make coverings and hide- **Genesis 3:7&8** *Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. 8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.)*

This next scripture really describes what happens to us when we fall for satan's deceptions (lies), which causes us to focus on self, which many times causes us to make a negative self-oath:

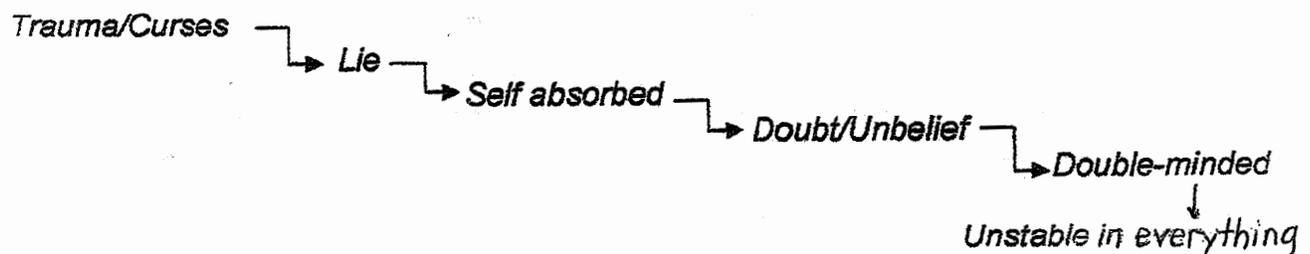
James 1:5-7

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

- Double-minded= 2 minds or 2 visions (division within self)
- Unstable= unsteady, wavering, liable to fall, likely to give in, likely to quit, unreliable, unsound mentally, emotionally shaky.

This scripture is saying, "Let him ask in faith without being self absorbed" (focused on self). Faith's target is God. If we are looking to God for help one second, and then turn right around and look to our own strength to rescue us, we have become double-minded.

Here is a visual look at what actually happens to us:



To be self-absorbed means we are totally focused on self. We are basing truth on our experiences, our emotions, and our perceptions. By focusing on self, we become self-dependant instead of God-dependant. Here is a list of 7 things that we do that reveal a self-absorbed life:

1. I do things to protect myself
2. I do things to control situations and outcomes
3. I take negative things in to feel better or to just get by
4. I do things for others so that they love, accept, or appreciate me
5. I do things to make myself a "better" person
6. I do things to punish myself
7. I do things to punish others

Let's take a closer look at each one:

1. I do things to protect myself

We try to protect ourselves in so many different ways. For example, let's take a look at the man that never says "I'm sorry." Though most would say that he is hard-hearted, stubborn, or prideful; his biggest problem may be that he is simply afraid. When he was a boy, he could never do anything right (at least according to his father), and would be struck every time he made a mistake. He learned that when you are wrong, severe pain is on its way. As an adult, he will not admit a mistake, therefore he can always avoid pain (at least that's the lie he believes). He protects himself by never admitting wrong.

2. I do things to control situations and outcomes

The woman that won't let her son play any sports at all, or the leader that won't allow anyone to make decisions other than himself are examples of people who are attempting to control in an ungodly way. They both are afraid of loss. Also, people that are perpetually late are actually "controllers." They appear to be out of control, but the opposite is true.

3. I take negative things in to feel better or to just get by

Things like pornography, alcohol, or our favorite drug of choice-television, help us to escape our troubles (at least we think they do). Though they may offer a moment of relief, they in fact put us deeper in the hole.

4. *I do things for others so that they love, accept, or appreciate me*

Many of us have been trained to believe, through living in a lust-filled, performance oriented society, that we have to make people respond to us. Over time, we find ourselves becoming great actors which the Bible calls "hypocrites." We may also be driven to be workaholics, enablers, or man-pleasers.

5. *I do things to make myself a "better" person*

Many people try to increase their value by becoming a better person. They think if they work hard enough, they can cross that threshold that leads to the improved version of self. But Christianity isn't a self-improvement plan or strategy. When we yield to and embrace God's incredible truth and life, we realize that we are not improving, but that we are already brand new.

6. *I do things to punish myself*

Women especially can be great at this. They will sacrifice everything for everyone else, yet they will wear beaten up, worn out shoes that hurt their feet because they can't see wasting the money to buy new ones. What they are really saying is, "I'm not worth it and I don't deserve it."

7. *I do things to punish others*

You see this driving down the Interstate on any given day. Someone is trying to get in front of another driver so they can make it to their exit, but they will not be "let in" because they didn't think a mile ago to get in the proper lane. They are being punished for their "stupidity" and for imposing on the other driver.

All 7 of these are ways we focus on self and depend on self. When we take a hard look at our lives through the eyes of the Holy Spirit, we can now see the traumatic events, the curses, the embedded lies, and the negative self oaths that have led us down this path of self-dependence.

One quick point; there are two different Greek words for "knowledge" that we should look at right now. The first is "gnosis", which is used in 1 Corinthians 8:1 to describe a type of knowledge that puffs a person up (or inflates with self). In Ephesians 1:17 we find the second word for knowledge "epignosis". This is a kind of knowledge that leads you to an encounter with Jesus.

To break the power of embedded lies and negative self-oaths over someone's life, we lead them into epignosis knowledge of Jesus by doing the following:

1. Use question #1 from the Candidate Questionnaire as your guide ("What are the top three traumatic events that you have had in your life?"). The "Breaking the Cycle" section will either confirm these as the biggest traumatic events, or reveal other ones that really are. Take your time.
2. Take a moment to be quiet and ask the Holy Spirit which events you need to deal with and in what order.
3. Have them close their eyes and then pray for the Holy Spirit to comfort them and create a safe environment in their heart to remember those events (ask them to keep their eyes closed throughout this process).
4. Now ask them to go back in time to the height of the traumatic event. We are not asking them to re-experience the event; we are asking them to view it as if they were watching a video.
5. Once they have connected with the event, ask them what they are feeling (ask the Holy Spirit to help them). Don't hurry. Write down the emotions they are experiencing (if it's fear, you may have to bind it in order to continue). You'll find it amazing how clearly they can remember the details. If they look like they are straining to remember, ask them to relax, and tell them the Lord will help them.
6. Now tell them to see the emotions in "word form" as if they were suspended in the air in front of them (ask them to see the words "pain" and "trauma" as well). Take your time. Now ask them to imagine that those words are floating down and attaching themselves to wooden blocks that are on the floor in front of them (one word for one block). Tell them it doesn't matter if there is one block or twenty blocks.
7. Next ask them to see "in their minds eye" that there is an empty burlap bag slung over their shoulder. Ask them to see themselves taking the bag off of their shoulder, bending down, and then picking up one block at a time and putting them in the bag (tell them to look at the word on each and every block as they put them in).
8. Now ask them to see themselves gathering the bag, standing up, and then slinging the bag over their shoulder. Now say these words over them, "In an instant, you are now standing in front of the cross. Take the bag off of your shoulder and set it at the foot of the cross."
9. Have them repeat these words after you, "Lord Jesus, I cast all of my cares upon you now. I have carried these emotions, the pain, and the trauma of this event for far too long in my life. I give them all over to you

now. I ask you to be Lord of this area of my life and in all areas of my life. I believe in You and I trust You with my heart, my past, my present, and with my future. You are the Savior of my spirit, my emotions, my mind, my will, my memories, and my body."

10. Now ask them to rewind the video and begin to watch it again. Tell them that "God the Father" or "Daddy God" is coming on the scene and that He wants to speak to them or gently touch them. Take your time; God the Father DOES want to speak to them or even hold them. This is the major part of this process. Ask them if they "sense" Him.
11. If they look like they are straining to hear reassure them that He is there. If nothing is happening, it is possible that:
 - a.) That they are contemplators that connect through words, not "experience" (This is especially true with men). Tell them God wants to speak into their thoughts. If nothing is happening, b, c, or d may be the problem.
 - b.) The person is not saved. Leading them in a prayer of salvation may be exactly what's needed at this point.
 - c.) The person has overlaid their father's shortcomings and failures on God the Father. If you haven't done it yet, use the "Forgiving father and Father" form. If you have, you may need to go back and deal with one or more of the six areas in the form again.
 - d.) They are in unforgiveness towards God. Lead them in a prayer of forgiveness.

After b, c, or d, return to step 4 and try again.

12. After they have heard or experienced God the Father in the midst of the event, now it's time to lead them in a prayer of repentance for cursing what God loves- IF a negative self-oath was involved. Ask them if they felt differently about self as the event unfolded. Ask them if they made any statements about self, or promises to self (this confirms the lies and exposes any negative self-oaths). They may have said it out loud or simply thought it.
13. Have them renounce the embedded lie and negative self-oath, and then have them break the power of it over their life. You will probably need to lead them into this by having them repeat what you are saying. For example, if they said out loud or thought to themselves, "No one will ever love me", you would have them say the following: "I renounce the lie and the negative self-oath that 'no one will ever love me.' I don't want it and I don't need it Jesus name. I now break the power of those words and any curse attached to them in the name of Jesus."

14. Now tell them that their Father wants to touch them again (again, there eyes should be closed throughout this entire process). Tell them that, "God's hand is moving towards you, gently touching you on the chest. But His hand is not stopping there as it passes through your chest right to your heart. His hand is releasing life and light into you."
15. As God's hand is still releasing power into them, now ask them to forgive the person(s) that were involved in the traumatic event. Say for example it was their father, they would then say something like this, "Dad, I forgive you for what happened, so I open the cage of my heart and say to you, 'go free.' Lord, I ask you to bless him and overwhelm him right now with Your incredible mercy and grace." If in this case their father has died, you will need to have them say something like this instead, "I now speak to the memory of my dad that I had of him at the moment of that traumatic event and I say, 'Dad, I forgive you for what happened, so I open the cage of my heart and say to you, 'go free.' Lord, I ask you to bless the memory that I have of my dad in Jesus name."
16. Have them break the ungodly soul tie between themselves and that person(s) that they just forgave. Following the example used in step #15, have them say, "I now break any ungodly soul tie between my dad and me in the name of Jesus."
17. Tell them that they are no longer controlled by that event and that they now have authority over it. Tell them that they have their hand on the doorknob of that traumatic event. Now have them say these words, "I am no longer under the control of that formerly traumatic event. I fully agree with God the Father regarding my life, so that I am now fully empowered to close the door to that event- which I now do in the name of Jesus."
18. Bless them with the Father's love.
19. Have them now pray a prayer that reflects their true heart's desire in the area that the embedded lie or negative self-oath was made. In other words, have them tell God what they want.

The reason this works is because they are experiencing the Lord on the inside, right at the home of the embedded lie.

Depending on how things are moving, you may have to do the previously mentioned steps in a different order. Just follow the Holy Spirit's lead.

MODULE 5

"Fractured Soul" and "False Identity" spirits

Psalm 86:11 *Train me, God, to walk straight; then I'll follow your true path. Put me together, one heart and mind; then, undivided, I'll worship in joyful fear. (The Message Bible)*

If you have done deliverance for any amount of time you already know that a sizable number of the people that come to you for freedom are carriers of Fractured Soul spirits (about 75% of them are women). To help explain what they are, it might be best to look at how they get in.

If the power of severe abuse, or a traumatic event is great enough, it can cause a separation or "fracture" in a person's soul (which is spontaneous and involuntarily). When fracturing takes place, a part of the soul is separated from the rest. We call this part a "fragment". The fragment takes on its own identity, so when it does step forward or "come out", it appears as if the person has become someone else all together. It appears as an altered personality, so we refer to it simply as an "alter." When this takes place we call it "switching."

An alter is not someone else, it is still part of the person. It's just separated from the "host" or "core" personality. This all took place in order to survive the hurt nature and pain of the event. Though the person wants to be somewhere else, or even someone else, the split happens without effort. Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) and Multiple Personality Disorder are the clinical definitions of these events.

Most fracturing is the result of childhood pain and suffering (before the age of 7 or 8); therefore the fragments/alters haven't had a chance to experience full growth and maturity. What has actually happened is that once a child is traumatized and fractured in their soul, an open door is created for a Fractured Soul spirit (FS) to come and "sit" on that area, keeping it wounded and stunted. It may be a FS spirit of shame or a FS spirit of abandonment, but in any case, it wants fed by the performance of its name, and it wants to keep the wounded area damaged.

You may have seen examples of this in a number of people that you might know. They have a physically mature body, they have achieved a measure of success in life (a family, career or business, etc.), and yet they have outbursts or responses that seem juvenile.

Though there are many opinions about this next statement, we believe that once fracturing takes place, there are always at least two alters that are created. One is the "absorber" who takes in the emotional pain; the other becomes the

"protector" to steer away from the pain whenever possible (the protector can be violent).

Other alters that are common are the "embracer" who willingly accepts the actual abuse or trauma (like the "sex toy"), the "dreamer" that escapes into a fantasy land, or ones that are "gatherers" (they hoard things, they can be gluttons, etc.).

To list them they would be:

1. The absorber
2. The protector
3. The embracer
4. The dreamer
5. The gatherer

It seems that most alters fall under one of these categories in some way.

In dealing with SRA (satanic ritual abuse) survivors, it's important to note that FS spirits have been used to develop systems and release demonic programming. Though, from a "counseling" perspective, it seems like these programs and systems are so intricate that it could take months, or even years to unwind it all, the fact remains that when the FS spirits involved are identified, bound, and cast out, much of the programming and many of the systems dissipate. Additionally, when the power of blessing is loosed in these formally "closed off" areas, the results are amazing.

While we're on the subject of SRA, survivors are waiting for you to doubt their stories and call them "crazy". Though much fantasy is used by the perpetrator of SRA, it doesn't really matter whether an event was real or fantasy, the damage is the same because it's a soulful *and* spiritual problem (that means that we treat the event the same when doing deliverance).

One final point, alters may appear to be much older than the actual age of the person, and they may be of the opposite sex of the person. In any case, you must treat them with respect and age appropriate.

Here are the two major things that cause Fracturing to take place allowing an FS spirit(s) to enter:

1. Traumatic Event

The most common way Fracturing takes place allowing a FS spirit to enter a person is through a traumatic event(s) that is so painful that the person takes on another identity or personality to deal with, or even avoid the

pain. Some examples would be war, hurricanes, fires, witnessing a murder, divorce, losing a loved one, or any event that was traumatic to the person.

2. Abuse

There is a clear difference between correction and abuse when dealing with children. Parents can cross the line and dish out punishment that doesn't fit the crime. For example, locking a child in a closet or fruit cellar isn't correction; it's abuse. We have seen a FS spirit of obsessive compulsive counting develop because the alter of the "dreamer" was created through Fracturing.

Of course, any kind of abuse (sexual, verbal, physical, etc.), if it is devastating enough, can also open the door for Disassociation, Fracturing, and the release of an FS spirit, but probably the most devastating types of abuse out of all of them are the withholding of love and ritual abuse.

a. Withholding love

We were created by God to be vessels filled with love. When those people in our life (primarily parents) who are positioned to release love withhold that love, the effects can be devastating. A child can feel almost non-existent, opening the door for Fracturing.

b. Ritual Abuse

Ritual Abuse can be defined as a soulical, sexual, or physical assault (or combination thereof) on an unwilling victim. This type of abuse can be committed by one or more people whose primary motive is to fulfill a standard or "ordered" ritual. The ritual is done in order to achieve a specific goal (perhaps gang related), or to satisfy the perceived needs or desires of a false god.

Satanic ritual abuse (SRA) is a type of Ritual abuse that is much more common than many would think. Children and young adults are sexually abused, pierced for their blood, forced to drink blood, forced to make ungodly pacts, and bombarded with all kinds of hexes, spells, and curses. They are at times urinated and defecated on, and pretty much brutalized.

c. Severe control

When control is severe, it can open the person up to Fracturing because of the pressure to please the person or persons controlling them.

d. Word curses

The power of a parent's words can be so strong that they actually cause Fracturing. Calling a child "stupid" can loose a FS spirit of stupidity into that child. They will act stupid even when they aren't because a FS spirit has kicked in.

Also painful nicknames can open the door for Fracturing. Names like "fatso" or "pickle nose" are like darts right through the heart.

It's important to note that when Fracturing has taken place, the person may appear to have "blocked out" the memory (memory repression) of the actual traumatic event. The reason is that the core personality is unable to connect with the memory because it is stored in one of the fragment alters. As you minister to their core personality, and bring a measure of freedom and "safety" into their heart, you will begin to access the alters which will now open up memories that may cause shock, grief, or even shame to the core personality (this may be spontaneous or delayed). Go slowly! Move with love and grace.

Satanists, witches, and warlocks will also install memory blocks (mind binding spirits) into their abuse victim so that control can be exercised over them for years to come. Don't be intimidated or frustrated, the Holy Spirit will give you the keys that you need.

The embedded lies are strong and the need to protect self runs deep, but with persistent, firm Spirit-led ministry, these strong spirits can be rooted out. Once the FS spirit is cast out, there is still a need for healing and growth in that person's soul (Integration- or the gathering together of the fragments and the core). We have seen tremendous healing and growth happen over the period of an hour or two for some. In any case, over time, bathed in God's word and God's love, full restoration will come.

False Identity spirits

False Identity spirits (FI) are strong spirits just like Fractured Soul spirits. The difference between the two is that FS spirits are always tied to an alter, and False Identity spirits are not. A FI spirit will manifest as a personality, but it is not in any way, shape, or form the person's actual personality. It is a spirit causing

so much fear and intimidation that the person shrinks back (hides) and the FI manifests.

FI spirits can enter through the same ways as a FS spirit can, but there are two major ways that give them access:

1. Involvement in New Age, Occult, Satanic, Witchcraft activities

Willing or forced participation in these activities can open the door to false god's and spirits like Ashtoreth, Baal, Ra, Lilith, Mare, Horus, Leviathan, etc.

2. A Familiar Spirit

Though these are much misunderstood spirits like Leviathan and Antichrist, let me give it a whirl. The term "familiar spirit(s)" is only found in the Old Testament. In the places where the term is used, in the original Hebrew there is not a word for "familiar" and a word for "spirit(s)"; there is just the word for "spirit(s)." The Hebrew word used is "owb" meaning the *sound coming from a bottle or necromancer*. This ties familiar spirits to the dead.

The word "familiar" that is used is actually from the Latin word "familiaris" which means *household servant*. When you put this all together you see that a familiar spirit is tied to a family line that keeps bondages in place generation after generation.

It is stronger than a generational curse that has the potential to manifest. A familiar spirit WILL manifest. When someone conducts a séance and tries to connect to a departed family member or friend, they will actually speak to the familiar spirit that knows everything about the family and can impersonate any one of them. But most of the time a familiar spirit will manifest as a type of bondage (abuse, addiction, or witchcraft) that former family members have had to deal with. Like the woman who says, "I'm becoming just like my mother" the probability of a familiar spirit is very strong.

Spirit guides are a type of familiar spirit. Familiar spirits can leap across family boundaries through the occult and through certain ungodly soul ties, though this is fairly uncommon unless the family line is coming to an end. In most cases, these spirits will use generational curses to move from mother to child, or father to child (especially adult children). I personally experienced this transfer as my mother was on her deathbed.

3. Feeding an existing Stronghold

Any demonic spirit can become a FI spirit if it is "fed" long enough. This spirit causes the person to do things that he would not normally do, or even want to do.

For example, if a spirit of sexual lust is "fed" long enough, it will become a personality or identity that at times, takes the lead in the person's body and/or soul and causes him to indulge in pornography and lust-filled activities. In some cases where a FI spirit is extremely strong, the individual may not even be aware of what he/she is doing.

A couple of more ways that a FI spirit can gain access are:

4. Sin identification

People can so identify with their sin that they develop a FI spirit of it. For example, a woman who had been involved in prostitution tries to make a clean break from it, but finds she can't stop acting like a prostitute though she doesn't need the money or even the attention.

We did a deliverance with a young man who had a nickname of "Doobie." You can probably guess that he had an addiction to marijuana that he could not shake. When this FI spirit of Doobie kicked in, he had no choice but to go light one up.

5. Spiritual Legalism

Those that live according to the "law" are many times pious acting in Christian gatherings, but at other times, they may act angry, rude, and selfish. They seem like two entirely different people living in the same body. A FI spirit of religion can manifest without any desire or willingness of the person it inhabits.

6. Theatrics

An adult who pretended to be sad and cried as a child to get his way may develop a FI spirit of sadness which manifests when he wants to get his way as an adult. Adults who were the only child in the family seem to wrestle with this stronghold more than others. They may also manifest FI spirit of a spoiled little boy/girl. When this happens, they may throw a fit, yell and scream, or give the silent treatment.

When doing deliverance, you must always think "three dimensionally." Other spirits always surround Fractured Soul and False Identity spirits. You must work your way in to get to these 2 strong spirits. In other words, you must deal with the other spirits that are tied to them before you can unseat them.

How are they discovered?

We use the "Candidate Questionnaire" to help us uncover the traumatic events and curses that launched powerful lies, which in many cases led to a FS spirit or a FI spirit.

Here are some of the questions that we ask:

- 1) Do you have any major, negative mood swings that happen for no apparent reason?
- 2) Do you have a negative mood swing that happens frequently?
- 3) Do you have any obsessive compulsive behavior?
- 4) Do you, or did you have any nicknames?
- 5) Do you ever feel like two different people living in the same body?
- 6) Do you ever just "lose control" and feel like a powerless spectator?

MODULE 6

The "How to" of Deliverance

2 Corinthians 10:4 says, *For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds...* The weapons we are to use when dealing with evil forces and foes are not "natural" or "formed by the hand of man", but supernatural, originating from God.

Here is a list of your supernatural arsenal:

- The flood of the Holy Spirit. (See page 4)
- The name of Jesus (Philippians 2:9&10)
- The Blood of Jesus (Rev. 12:11)
- Your Testimony of Jesus (Rev. 12:11)
- The Word of God (Luke 4:1-13)
- Blessing (1 John 4:18)
- Words of knowledge and words of wisdom (1 Cor. 12:4-10)
- Discernment (1 Cor. 12:10)
- Angels of deliverance (Hebrews 1:14)

You can use any combination out of your arsenal to set a person free. These weapons are mighty in God and will allow you to bind and cast out any demon and tear down their stronghold.

Breaking Lineage curses:

As we covered in Module 3, lineage curses can go back hundreds of years. We verbally break those curses by saying, "In the name of Jesus I break every lineage curse back to ten generations!" There are even times when a curse can go back a thousand years or more (though this is infrequent).

We always break lineage curses at the beginning of any deliverance, but when encountering a stubborn demon, you may need to break them again.

It's so important when you break lineage curses to listen to the Holy Spirit. He will not only give you direction as to how far back you need to go, but He will

also give you a word of knowledge as to the source of the curse. In most cases involving a curse beyond three to four generations, the source is one or more of the following: bloodshed, idolatry, torture (or bondage), witchcraft, broken covenants, or a major traumatic event.

Breaking word curses:

Word curses can be written or spoken and can come from a number of sources. When breaking a word curse and you know the source, say the following (again using Joe as our example knowing that his mother had cursed him when he was five years old), "In the name of Jesus, I break the word curse over Joe spoken by his mother when he was five years old." Be as specific as you can. If you don't know the source, but do know a word curse has been loosed, use the warrior's stronghold list names. Remember, the strongest word curses usually come from loved ones and authority figures.

Breaking ungodly soul ties:

Though the deliverer should have broken all ungodly soul ties when they did their homework, they can sometimes miss one or more of them. We like to say, "In the name of Jesus, I break every ungodly soul tie connected to Joe" when dealing with any stubborn demon, but there are times when you must know a specific name in order to break the tie. For example, knowing the name of the first person the deliverer had a cigarette with is vital when breaking a spirit of addiction to nicotine. Let's say Joe's first cigarette was with Tom. We would then say, "In the name of Jesus I break the ungodly soul tie between Joe and Tom." We now could bind and cast out the spirit of addiction from Joe.

Binding demons:

After curses and soul ties are broken, you can now bind demons. Binding is simply putting spiritual restraints and constraints upon a demon (rendering them powerless). I like to imagine glowing white cords wrapping around the demon I have just bound. We like to say, "In the name of Jesus, I bind the spirit of addiction."

You always have authority to bind any demon, but the deliverer must be "submitted to God" before you can cast it out (in other words, they can't have a legal right to stay).

Casting out demons:

After a demon(s) is bound, you can now cast it out (again, as long as the deliverer is submitted to God). We always command demons to go to dry places or uninhabited dry places. Actually, both terms mean the same thing. A "dry" place to a demon is a place where there is no person or animal to inhabit (demons desire living flesh to dwell in).

We also like to name the specific areas that the demon must vacate. Those would be the mind, heart, soul, and body (the mind, heart, and soul are somewhat alike, yet at the same time different, so we name all three of them). Sometimes we will be even more specific and also say the conscious, sub-conscious, and un-conscious mind.

So what would all that sound like? We'll use old Joe as the example: "In the name of Jesus, I command you demon of anger to leave Joe now! Get off of his mind, heart, soul, and body and go straight to uninhabited dry places!"

If the demon won't go, there are several reasons as to why:

- Joe is still in unforgiveness
- An ungodly soul tie still needs broken
- A lineage curse may still exist (maybe you didn't go back far enough)
- Joe is unrepentant and likes his sin
- There is another demon shielding anger

Closing doors:

After the demon is cast out, or better yet, after going through the strongholds under a particular heading, close the door to the heart, mind, soul, and body of the deliveree to these particular demons.

Now is the best time to ask the Holy Spirit to fill those areas that have just been vacated. Don't hurry through this. Many times the Lord will come in such a strong way that the deliveree will be totally overwhelmed by His love. Additional deliverance will continue to take place as well as some much needed healing.

So how would all this sound? Let's use the heading of "rejection" as our example: "In the name of Jesus, I now close the door to Joe's heart, mind, soul, and body to the spirits of rejection, fear of rejection, self-rejection, abuse, abandonment, illegitimacy, condemnation, isolation, loneliness, offence, sensitivity, shame, and withdrawal. I now pray Lord that for every area that has just been vacated, you would now fill it with your Holy Spirit."

I would be even better if you had the deliveree declare this over their life. We try to get them to proclaim God's truth over their life as much as possible throughout the deliverance process.

MODULE 7

Deliverance Do's and Don'ts

Remember, you are well qualified for this task! The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead is in you!

Here is a list of the most common do's and don'ts for anyone doing deliverance ministry:

- 1.) Wear appropriate (conservative), comfortable clothing. Women are not to wear dresses, skirts, short shorts, or low cut tops. Men nor women are to wear shorts, hats, T-shirts or tank tops. Jeans are OK. Do not wear clothing that is "busy" or that has pictures on it.
- 2.) Men are to be teamed up with men and women with women if at all possible.
- 3.) A man may only touch a woman's forehead, shoulder, or hand. He may touch a woman's stomach **ONLY** if another woman's hand or the deliverer's hand is underneath his and vice versa if it is a woman with a man. However, when a woman ministers to a woman or a man to a man, contact should be made with the deliverer by holding or touching their hand, touching their forehead (if dealing with a mind influencing spirit) or their stomach (if dealing with addictions) in order to put pressure on the demons.
- 4.) Do be very firm when dealing with demons. Don't say things like, "please go in Jesus Name". Strong authority is needed when dealing with demons.
- 5.) It's not necessarily wrong to shout, however, demons have great hearing and are able to hear even a whisper. Again, remember that you do need to speak with authority.
- 6.) Follow the order of the Stronghold List unless the Holy Spirit specifically directs you in a different way. It is all right for you to go back and redo any strongholds as you feel necessary, but always deal with every demon on the Stronghold list.
- 7.) Never argue with demons; Bind them, forbid them from speaking, and cast them out. This is what Jesus did.
- 8.) **Do not diagnose infirmities or illness.** Let the deliverer inform you of medical or psychological issues.

- 9.) In this style of ministry, there is a lot of conversation taking place. Be sensitive to the fact that some demons will attempt to turn or delay a deliverance session through idle or insignificant chatter. The deliveree is not to talk in tongues during the deliverance. They are to silently "will" the spirits go as you deal with each demon on the Stronghold list.
- 10.) Keep eye contact with the deliveree at all times. If you've asked the deliveree to pray a prayer of forgiveness, he may bow his head and close his eyes during prayer, but you should continue to look at him.
- 11.) Frequently ask the deliveree how they are doing.
- a.) Encourage them that they are doing well.
 - b.) Hug them after a rough manifestation.
 - c.) Assure them the demons are going. Demons will lie to the deliveree and tell him they aren't.
 - d.) Offer them tissues, water or mints as you feel is needed.
- 12.) In case the deliveree needs a bathroom break, go out quietly with them and wait for them. Then quietly bring them back. Do have the deliveree stand up and stretch if they need to.
- 13.) Some common manifestations of demonic spirits are:
- Yawning
 - Tears
 - Facial, eye, and body movements change at appropriate times
 - Coughing
 - Laughing
 - Burping
 - Severe head pain
 - A demon may cause a deliveree to appear to "go out in the Spirit." This is just a ploy.

Some other manifestations may be:

- Nosebleeds
- Discharge (unusual amount or may turn to unusual colors)
- Gas
- Vomiting
- Falling Asleep
- Profanity is used by demons to intimidate you, but it is usually a sign of fear on the demon's part
- The demon will say through the deliveree, "I think it's gone."
- After a difficult spirit has left, the remaining spirits will try to

- “shut down” the deliverer in order to protect themselves.
- Demons may try to scare you in the middle of the deliverance by saying things like, “You have cancer now!”
- The spirit screams the loudest or refuses to go. This is only a ploy. It’s about to leave.

- 14.) After each stronghold group, speak in positive qualities, or better yet, have them speak positive qualities over themselves.
- 15.) Never strike or push the deliverer unless for self-protection. Call for the team leader to assist you.
- 16.) When two warriors are doing deliverance on one deliverer, both warriors should have a Strongholds List to stay focused..
- 17.) During a deliverance, demons will unintentionally give away clues. (Ex: A demon may cause the deliverer to glance nervously at a tattoo, which was the demon’s portal of entry.) Be watchful for these clues, yet remember they are all lying spirits.
- 18.) At the end of the deliverance ask the Holy Spirit to fill the deliverer and to stir up the gifts in them.
- 19.) Ask the deliverer if they speak in tongues. If they do, you need to “test” their tongue (1 John 4:1-3). Both of you should speak in tongues for about one minute, then ask the deliverer to say, “Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.” If the deliverer’s tongue is from the Holy Spirit, they will have no problem saying this. However, if the deliverer has a false tongue (they can’t say it right if at all), you need to bind and cast out the spirit of a false tongue and then ask the deliverer if they would like to receive the authentic Baptism of the Holy Ghost. If they says yes, then pray for them to receive the Baptism and then test the tongue again.
- 20.) The very last thing you do with the deliverer before they leave the deliverance area is to break any ungodly soul tie between you and them. Always do this in a way that guards their heart yet accomplishes the task.
- 21.) After the deliverance is finished, do not engage the deliverer in any lengthy conversation. It is time for him to go home in order for you to evaluate the deliverance and possibly engage in a debriefing.

- 22.) Deliverance is a very personal type of ministry. Deliverees can get emotionally attached to the warrior doing their deliverance. We recommend that you do not give your home or cell number to the deliverer. We are here to do deliverance only, **not to do any type of counseling.**
- 23.) You need to know right from the start is that there is no "set way" to do deliverance every single time. The fact is you will never have two deliverance sessions that are exactly the same. In this seminar we are presenting truths and a system for you to follow, but I guarantee you will have to make adjustments almost every time you release the gift of deliverance. (Don't be intimidated; the Holy Spirit will guide you!)

MODULE 8

Problems and Solutions

Problem #1- After you have completed the first column of the "Stronghold List" you find that you are making no headway. There are a number of possible reasons as to why this is happening:

1.) The deliverer is in unforgiveness

Solution- *This is the number one cause for failure in deliverance. At this point you need to stop the deliverance and ask if there is anyone living or dead that they need to forgive. Remind them of the absolute need to forgive to get out of bondage. Lead them to the throne of grace to ask for forgiveness for their sin of unforgiveness. Now lead them in a prayer to forgive those that they have been holding captive in their heart (it's almost always a parent, spouse, ex-spouse, God, or self). If there is breakthrough, break the ungodly soul tie with the person or group the deliverer was in unforgiveness towards, cast out the demon of unforgiveness, and continue the deliverance. If they can't forgive, then you must stop the deliverance and gently tell them that we are unable to help them until they resolve this issue.*

2.) The deliverer doesn't really think they need deliverance

Solution- *It is our ministry's position that if a person has never been through a deliverance process, they absolutely need deliverance. Simply stated, we believe every person on the planet has a need for deliverance. If after the first two classes the deliverer still isn't convinced of their personal need for deliverance, it's best to stop the deliverance and gently tell the person that we are unable to do anything for them until they see the need for, and have a desire for deliverance. (They will probably be anxious to leave anyway)*

3.) One or more soul ties need to be broken

Solution- *This may take some time and definitely the leading of the Holy Spirit. To have no movement at all at*

this point in the deliverance probably means that the soul tie(s) that needs to be broken is with someone in satanism, witchcraft, or with someone who has severely abused or dominated the deliveree. There may even be a mental block as to who this person(s) is. The Holy Spirit will need to lead you in the steps that you take at this point. Restart the deliverance and see if there is now movement. Take your time.

4.) The deliveree is in willing and/or un-confessed sin

Solution- *Remind the deliveree of the fact that active unconfessed sin gives any demon legal right to stay that would have been covered in their preparatory classes). If they aren't willing to repent or if they only go through the motions of repentance, it's best to stop the deliverance and gently tell the person that we are unable to do anything for them until they see the need for authentic repentance.*

5.) The deliveree came for deliverance because of pressure from a spouse, parent, etc.

Solution- *This will sound like a skipped record, but if they have no real passion for their own deliverance, we will most likely be unable to help them. Graciously tell them this and stop the deliverance. Tell them when they want deliverance for themselves, and not because of pressure from someone else, we'll be here to help them.*

Problem #2- *You're encountering a very difficult spirit and it's not moving*

Solution- *It's not moving because it has a legal right to stay. This is almost always due to unforgiveness, at least one ungodly soul tie, and/or a curse that is still in effect. You will need to lead them in a prayer of repentance for the sin of unforgiveness and then lead them through a prayer of "release" for the person that they are in unforgiveness towards. After that, you must break the ungodly soul tie between the deliveree and the person that they were in unforgiveness towards. We then like to have the deliveree bind and cast out the spirit of unforgiveness. If unforgiveness with its ungodly*

soul tie is not the problem, you'll now need to focus in on the nature and source of the curse. It is probably a strong generational curse or a spoken curse from an abuser. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. If all else fails, command the demon in the name of Jesus to tell you why it has a right to stay. It may speak audibly through the deliverer or it may simply speak to their mind. You may need to really exhort the deliverer through this process (they may feel very intimidated at this point). Many times the stubborn demon will send a lesser demon to "block" you. You may now need to bind up and cast out that demon at this point, or you may be able to command it to "get out of the way". Use anointing oil, pray in the Spirit briefly, and put a Jesus Christ Bloodline around the demon(s) to help the process.

Problem #3- The demon you are dealing with has taken control of the deliverer

Solution- *You're probably dealing with a False Identity Spirit. "Call" the person back. Say "Joe, I want to talk to you." Ask them if they have their car keys or any question that will shake them free. They'll be pretty shaken up at this point so they need you to be strong, calm, and firm. Encourage them that the tide is turning, and that this particular demon must bow its knee to Jesus. Do the same steps that you followed under "solution" for problem #2 (specifically the part about dealing with a curse).*

Problem #4- A demon is manifesting and you're not sure what it is

Solution- *Say, "I bind and cast out you demon spirit that is manifesting right now in Jesus name." If it persists, ask the deliverer what they are hearing or thinking and you will probably find out what the spirit is.*

Problem #5- The deliverer can't speak

Solution- *Command the demon to loose their throat and mouth in Jesus name. Apply oil to the deliverer's throat area and touch their lips with it as well. You may*

need to deal with a deaf and dumb spirit before they can speak.

Problem #6- The deliveree is choking or can't breath

Solution- *Command the demon to stop choking them and apply oil to their throat area. Be firm! (It's normally the spirit of Mare that does this)*

Problem #7- You find that there is a block of memory that the deliveree can't access.

Solution- *This is particularly true when severe abuse, witchcraft, satanism, or the occult has been a major part of the deliveree's life. The block could be from a mind binding spirit loosed on the deliveree, or it could be their mind shutting down for self-preservation. Discernment is definitely needed here. If the block is demonic, it is there to hide the ungodly soul ties and/or curses that are in effect. The Holy Spirit will give you a word of knowledge and a word of wisdom on what to do next.*

If the block is for self-preservation, you will need to remind them that they are in a safe place and that Jesus wants to heal them and set them free. With gentle urging along with the presence of the Holy Spirit, deliveree's minds are "unlocked" and soul ties can then be broken. You may need to pray for healing for them right now. Take your time.

The block could also be due to heavy drug use. You must first bind the spirit of pharmakia, and then ask the Holy Spirit to bring to remembrance those events and relationships that took place during the blocked out time.

MODULE 9

Ministering to Children

Jesus loves to touch the lives of children.

Mark 10:13-16 *Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. 15 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." 16 And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.*

AND

Luke 9:47&48 *And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him, 48 and said to them, "Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great."*

Bringing the power and the love of God to bear at an early age will not only protect the child from unbridled demonic influence later on in life, but will also protect future relationships and even future children.

Children are the easiest people to do deliverance with for a couple of reasons. One, strongholds have had a shorter life span than say a thirty-year old. Demons have not been able to reinforce their position and insulate themselves with an outer core of protection. Babies in the womb are actually the easiest to minister to. We simply alternate back and forth between mother and baby as we work through the Stronghold list.

Two, they simply believe what you tell them and are ready to receive the gift of deliverance. They haven't had decades of lies deposited in their soul that could resist the touch of God.

Some important things to remember when ministering deliverance to children:

1. Make sure that they understand that you are not dealing with them, but with bad things that are trying to hurt them.
2. Always be gentle with them and reassure them as the process unfolds.
3. Try not to have Dad and Mom in the room unless absolutely necessary.

4. Always encourage the parents to go through deliverance first. At least one of the parents should. If neither will, it may be best not to do the child's deliverance.
5. We try to use women with boys or girls under the age of 10; after that, we pair men with boys and women with girls.

It's also good to know that for children that are about 5 years and younger, the best time to minister to them is when they are sleeping. You just minister in a quite yet firm voice using the stronghold list as your guide. They may toss and turn, but they are not being harmed.

MODULE 10

Trends and their impact on deliverance

Blending

Galatians 4:9-11 *But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? 10 You observe days and months and seasons and years. 11 I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.*

The first trend we want to look at is a return to "Jewish tradition" among frustrated Christians. I'm not talking about those things that point to the power and glory of Jesus the Christ, but of those things that are done to impress God, or to make Him move because of our "performance."

People that are hope-deferred can sometimes turn away from the truth in order to find some kind of relief. Christians who are not experiencing the presence and the power of God, at times are no different. Some have turned away from the provisions of Jesus Christ by returning to certain aspects of Old Testament Law.

We are seeing the "blending" of *the Law and freedom in Christ* gaining momentum in certain Christian circles. This can be an open door for unknowing participants of this practice. Rebellion, religious spirits, double-mindedness, a false Christ, and pride are just a few of the demons that can gain access through blending.

There is a real pull to go back to a lifestyle of "works" which can open up the whole can of worms of living under the curse of the law. **Galatians 3:10** says, "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse..."

Though we don't do counseling at The Cleveland Deliverance Center, we do make clear to the deliverer that the practice of blending can open doors to the enemy. If they are resistant to that possibility, it may cause problems for the warrior who will be doing their deliverance.

If they are willing to turn away from blending, a prayer of repentance would be the first move. Remember, repentance is the key for all deliverance. Use discernment here to make sure the person is actually praying, and not some religious spirit just mouthing the words.

The next step would be to loose "grace" into their life. Remember, flooding will defeat demons, so loosing grace starts the rivers flowing. This could be in blessing form or by using powerful scriptures like **Galatians 3:11-14**.

Finally, go after any remaining demons that team up in blending (Rebellion, religious spirits, double-mindedness, etc.)

We recommend the use of oil too when dealing with this set of demons. As we stated earlier, it represents the Blood of Jesus. The Blood totally blows away religious spirits, etc.

Wedding ceremonies with Jesus

The second is "wedding ceremonies" where Jesus is the groom and a Christian woman is the bride. At first glance it seems like this type of ceremony could be a wonderful time of encounter with the Lord, and might even have some scriptural support to back it up.

The problem with all this is that fantasy plays a major part in the ceremony. Wedding dresses are worn, rings are received, and marriage certificates are handed out to participants. They are encouraged to "visualize" their groom coming to them. We must point out that almost all the participants are lonely, have self-esteem and inadequacy issues, as well as low self-worth. Rejection, shame, and guilt are also present.

Without realizing it, 2 Corinthians 11:4 comes into play, and "another" Jesus comes on the scene during this ceremony. An Incubus spirit portrays itself as Jesus, and slips into the soul of these unsuspecting women. It behaves itself early on, even showing counterfeit signs of gentleness and love that the real Jesus shows to all His People. But soon, things go very bad.

These women will begin to experience sexual dreams on a regular basis. In the beginning, these dreams seem exciting and even OK because in their mind it is Jesus, and they are now married to him, and it's all right for the husband to sexually engage his bride. The dreams become more perverted and leave the woman unsettled and exhausted by morning. The next step is that they hear a voice in their head that begins to dominate their life. Incubus so takes over their life that they become puppets for him. Incubus will begin to manifest physically to them, even raping them during the day.

Though demons are genderless, Incubus will take on the form of a man (The counterpart for men is Succubus, who will take on the form of a woman).

Before dealing with Incubus and the "false Jesus" in a deliverance session, we always go after the spirit of fantasy. You may have to deal with rejection, shame, guilt, abuse, loneliness, inadequacy, inferiority, and like spirits before Incubus will go. It's also important that the deliveree renounces the wedding ceremony, takes off the ring, and gets rid of the wedding dress and marriage certificate. All points of contact must be broken off.

An additional problem is that most of the friends that this deliverer has in her life have also married this Incubus spirit. Pointing them to a new support group is imperative (we don't deem this action as counseling, but as part of the total deliverance process).

One final point on this subject; Witches, warlocks, and Satanists have stepped up their attack on the Body of Christ. They have become the facilitators of these wedding ceremonies, while at the same time appearing to be a loving and caring Christian. They will use astral projection and soul-travel spirits to accomplish their goals. We always deal with these spirits during all our deliverance sessions. We also break any "silver cord" attached to these spirits. (A silver cord is like an invisible umbilical cord)

Pornography

Webster's defines pornography as "writings, photographs, movies, etc., intended to arouse sexual excitement." That means that we are surrounded by, and bombarded by pornography just about at every turn. It's on TV, on the radio, in magazines, on billboards, in movies, and in your local mall. But the biggest problem, at least for men, is the ease of access to the most hardcore porn just by a simple click of a mouse. And sometimes, you don't even have to be looking for it; it finds you!

But why does porn have such an addictive power over men? Is it because we are "sight-oriented"? Is it because we supposedly think about sex every seven seconds? (which is the craziest thing I think I have ever heard!). Is it because men are a bunch of perverts who are selfish and oozing with lust? None of these are really the problem.

Men that struggle with pornography have a number of things in common. One, there is a history of some form of addiction in their family line. The stronghold of addiction keeps sliding down generation, after generation in the form of a curse that is actually written into their DNA (hence, like father, like son). Though this stronghold is aptly named-strong, it still isn't the biggest problem that drives men to porn.

Commonality number two is this; most of these men never properly related to their mother when they were a boy. These same men never received the measure of love, care, protection, and touch that only a mother can give. Most were hugged sparingly, if at all. They weren't complimented and blessed by the reassuring words of the most important and influential woman in their life.

Point number three is this; In that cold, lifeless environment, these boys grew up longing for intimacy and touch. I'm not talking about sexual or sensual stuff; I'm

talking about true love and affection. Addictions thrive in an atmosphere void of love.

So what do these men do? They struggled through their teen years because they didn't know how to relate to girls. They grew up, they married (maybe 2 or 3 times), and now that relationship is strained because they are waiting for their wife to make up for all the shortcomings of their mother. They don't want a divorce, but they are unhappy, restless, and trapped (through no fault of their wife).

These men now find themselves drawn to the women on the web (aptly named in this case). The women of porn are always smiling, always inviting. They are there waiting for you anytime you need them or want them. They are ready to help you. There are obviously sexual strings attached to all this, but the real driving force is the cry for intimacy.

This is why intimacy with the Lord is so vital. His intimacy delivers us, heals and makes us whole. He is always smiling, always inviting. He is there waiting for you anytime you need Him and want Him. He is ready to help you!

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

OCD is on the rise in our country, because fear and anxiety are on the rise. One of the specific disorders that we see on a regular basis is obsessive compulsive counting. Most deliverees that have this stronghold were locked away when they were children by their parent/parents for punishment; and boy was that traumatic! It may have been the bathroom, a fruit cellar, or any uncomfortable area that would be difficult to spend any amount of extended time in.

To pass the time, they would begin to daydream (see module 5 for the alter called the "dreamer"). Daydreaming would soon turn into counting. Not just 1,2,3,4, but grouping things into sets by 5's or 10's or any other combination. They would change the combinations so that there were always plenty of things to count and put in sets. They became obsessive compulsive counters because of this habit.

The counting would continue to persist into adulthood, especially during times of stress, pressure, or loneliness. Most of the people we run into with this stronghold are single (either divorcees or have been single their entire life).

We deal with obsessive compulsive counting as a multiple personality spirit, but we always go after the spirit of daydreaming first. You will have to deal with abuse, rejection, and abandonment at this time as well. The Holy Spirit will guide you.

Every obsession stems from some unrealistic fear. This fear then causes some type of compulsive behavior, action, or ritual. The compulsion is an action that MUST be done. If it is not, the person believes the unrealistic fear will come to pass. That's why we always deal with an OCD as two parts. We first go after the unrealistic fear and then the compulsion. Many times the compulsion just stops because the unrealistic fear is gone.

MODULE 11

The Heart of a Warrior!

1 John 3:16 *By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

Love looks to give even at the expense of self. God is looking for courageous, love-filled saints who are willing to take on the task of setting His own people free. Christians are in bondage all around us. Will you answer the call?

If the answer is YES, there are some things that you need to do to prepare your heart:

- 1.) Intimacy with Father God. (Song of Solomon)
- 2.) Let the Word wash you. (Ephesians 5:26)
- 3.) Be still and know He is God! (Psalm 46:10)
- 4.) Guard your heart against unforgiveness. (Matthew 6:14&15)
- 5.) Guard against judgment and criticism. (Matthew 7:1&2)
- 6.) Guard what goes into your heart. (Proverbs 4:23)
- 7.) Guard what comes out of your mouth. (Matthew 15:11)
- 8.) Be under covering. (1 Corinthians 11:3-16, Message Bible)
- 9.) Move in humility. (James 4:6)
- 10.) Repent Quickly. (Revelation 2:4&5)
- 11.) Be Teachable. (James 1:21)
- 12.) Be a Team Player (Matthew 18:19)
- 13.) Be Thankful. (Ephesians 5:18-21)
- 14.) Stay Connected! (Hebrews 10:24&25)
- 15.) Choose your friends carefully (Proverbs 14:7)

MODULE 12

"Spiritually Cleansing" your home and your land

CLEANSING YOUR HOME

Before we cleanse our land, we need to remove all points of demonic "contact" from inside or outside of our home. Points of contact are any objects that can open a door into your life or your family's lives. Some examples would be:

- 1.) Any new age objects like crystals, Tarot cards, etc.
- 2.) Any pornographic material including videos, books, magazines, etc.
- 3.) "Spiritual" objects from other religions and cultures. This includes dream catchers, etc.
- 4.) Gifts from Jezebel "carriers".
- 5.) Gifts from former lovers.
- 6.) Any objects that fuel an ungodly soul tie.
- 7.) Death, mutilation, and violence in video, book, or picture form.
- 8.) Music that embraces "illegal sex", drugs, violence, death, foul language, etc.
- 9.) Games like Dungeons and Dragons, Ouiji boards, etc. This includes certain video games as well.
- 10.) Links on your computer to any sites that touch on the above mentioned areas.

CLEANSING YOUR PROPERTY

The following scriptures will help you to understand the importance of "Clean" land:

Ephesians 4:11-16 *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we*

should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head- Christ- 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

- Growing the Kingdom takes a city!
- Everyone must do their part.
- Cleansing your life, home, and land grows the Kingdom

Leviticus 18:24-28 *"Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you. 25 'For the land is defiled; therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants. 26 'You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations, either any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells among you 27 '(for all these abominations the men of the land have done, who were before you, and thus the land is defiled), 28 'lest the land vomit you out also when you defile it, as it vomited out the nations that were before you.*

- Things like pollution, murder, climate changes, bad government, lack of gainful employment, etc. are all signs of a defiled land that forces people out.

Ezekiel 22:29&30 *"The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger. 30 "So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one."*

- God is looking for someone to stand in the gap on behalf of the land!

SEVEN STRONGHOLDS

There are 7 primary sins/events that can give the devil authority over land:

- 1. Idolatry**
- 2. Broken Covenants**

- 3. Bloodshed**
- 4. Immorality**
- 5. Witchcraft**
- 6. Slavery/Bondage**
- 7. Major Traumatic Events**

When cleansing land for the Kingdom, we must remember that authority precedes power. You must have the authority to do something no matter how much power you have.

If you are on someone else's land (meaning you don't own it and you're not leasing it), it would be best to have their permission to cleanse it. If you're on public land, you have authority to cleanse it as long as you are a citizen of the nation that it's in. If you are on foreign soil, someone indigenous to that nation must invite you in to cleanse that land.

How to break the devils authority over land:

- 1) Start with repentance. Stand in the gap for your ancestors or for past generations that have lived on the land concerning the 7 strongholds.
- 2) Break every spoken or written curse released over the land or the people of the land.
- 3) Take authority over the 7 strongholds and break them in Jesus name.
- 4) Now bind and cast out every demon spirit attached to the land or the people of the land.
- 5) Close the doors to those strongholds by putting a Jesus Christ bloodline around the property.
- 6) Now bless the land.

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