

1 **CHAPTER 4****THE POWER OF CONNECTION**2 **GOD'S RELATIONAL PURPOSES**

- God
- Self
- Each other – we will be focused on human relationship in the next several chapters.

3 **RELATIONSHIP CONNECTION**

- What is a soul tie?
- Ties the inner heart together and acts as a transmission highway for any spiritual issues.
- Healthy versus unhealthy

4 **HEALTHY SOUL TIES**

- Soul ties can be assessed by the fruits they produce.
- A healthy soul tie will be evidence by the general system that it operates through.
- This is not a behavioral manifestation, but rather a system where giving, humility, interdependence, submission, individuality, love, grace, encouragement, honest emotional healthiness, etc. are present
- All human relationship will have problems, but in a healthy soul tie, it can always be brought back on track through grace and forgiveness

5 **UNHEALTHY SOUL TIES**

- We aren't just dealing with "flesh and blood" but the emotional and spiritual issues that another person is carrying.
- When a soul tie is unhealthy, the connection to a person becomes a channel of curses, rather than a channel of blessings

6 **THE CYCLE OF NEED-BASED RELATIONSHIPS**

- A relationship is formed out of personal needs and desires
- A sense of entitlement in the relationship is established.
- We Begin to Demand Our need be Met
- We judge the person's heart.
- We punish or try to please the person for not giving us what we need.

7 **FRUITS OF UNHEALTHY SOUL TIES**

- When connections are unhealthy, they contain pride, shame, control, enmeshment, emotionally dishonesty, hatred and strife, and the other negative behaviors and emotions.
- The basis of unhealthy souls ties will be fear, guilt and shame

8 **MENTAL SOUL TIES**

- Letting out minds be fed leading to the formation of belief systems.
- When unhealthy, we can give people control of our minds, thus impact our decisions and choices
- Peter telling Jesus something that contradicted truth was an example of an effort to manipulate mentally – to give a false truth that contradicted God. Jesus responded to Peter "Get behind me Satan"
- Everything is a spiritual battle

9 **EMOTIONAL SOUL TIES**

- Emotional soul ties can be healthy or unhealthy
- When we use a human to fill a broken emotional need, we will typically attach to them in

unhealthy ways.

- Once we feel we cannot live without a person because of our emotional attachment to them, we will be prone to do anything necessary just to ensure the person won't leave us.
- We can enmesh and eventually be unable to separate our own feelings from that person (the nature of codependence)

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#### 10 **SEXUAL SOUL TIE**

- Sexual relationship were created to satisfy a sacred and blessed covenant.
- When sex is brought out of the marriage relationship, and used to satisfy selfish needs or seek personal fulfillment there are deep emotional and spiritual ramifications.
- Unhealthy sex shatters the soul and leaves devastating messages of unworthiness and shame
- Unhealthy, sin-based sex also opens up a door of spiritual influence.
- The Bible tells us how to two people become one, despite the relationship. This is a Biblical example of a soul tie

#### 11 **UNHEALTHY SPIRITUAL SOUL TIE**

- When we attach ourselves to someone who is claiming spiritual authority, but is leading us away from God by a different spiritual agenda
- Pharisees and hypocrites created spiritual soul ties
- People in ministry leadership can abuse positions to abuse or create power

#### 12 **EXAMPLE OF SPIRITUAL SOUL TIES**

- Praising human being in ministry
- Affiliating with a cult that denies the Deity and Personhood of Jesus Christ
- Focusing on behavioralism and moralism rather than the grace of Jesus Christ
- New age
- Witchcraft , occult, sorcery fortune-telling, mediums or other demonic activities
- Abuse by ministry leader

#### 13 **BREAKING SOUL TIES**

- We have the authority to break free from any soul tie using the name and power of Jesus Christ.
- Praying over a soul tie does not diminish the damage to our soul. We still need to heal.
- We want to close the door that was accessed – and remove any permission we gave another spirit in our lives. Spiritual realm works by allowance and permission.

#### 14 **PREPARING FOR INTIMACY**

- Soul ties and intimacy section will overlap – but intimacy is going to refer more to the access we have give to spaces in our soul – and the order and sacredness of that.
- We need to “clear our heart” to allow God to do inner healing.
- Each room and each relationship that has influenced us on the inside will be dealt with throughout this workbook.