

A HOUSE THAT GRACE BUILT

Chapter 3: The Framework of Growth

RELATIONAL PURPOSE

God

Self

Each other

We will be focused on human relationship in the next several chapters.

RELATIONAL CONNECTION

- **A soul tie links us to another human being**
- **It acts as a transmission highway of the inner issues a person carries, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.**
- **Soul ties can be healthy, or unhealthy, depending on what's driving them**

HEALTHY SOUL TIE

- **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**

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

CYCLE OF NEED-BASED RELATIONSHIPS

1. A relationship is formed out of personal needs and desires
2. A sense of entitlement in the relationship is established.
3. We begin to demand our need be met
4. We judge the person's heart (make assumptions)
5. We punish or try to please the person for not giving us what we need.

FRUITS OF UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

- **When connections are unhealthy, they contain:**
 - **Pride**
 - **Shame**
 - **Control**
 - **Enmeshment**
 - **Emotionally dishonesty**
 - **Hatred and strife**
 - **Negative behaviors and emotions.**
- **The basis of unhealthy souls ties will be fear, guilt and shame**

MENTAL SOUL TIES

- **Who and what feeds our mind with what we accept as truth holds power over us.**
- **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 – words, truths and beliefs hold power – thus we need to listen and filter everything that we house internally in our database.**

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)**

SEXUAL SOUL TIES

- **Sexual relationships 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 – even if there isn't a sense of shame – it strips authentic intimacy.**
- **Unhealthy, sin-based sex also opens up a door of spiritual influence.**
- **Sexual abuse or violations are the most damaging of any.**
- **The Bible tells us how two people become one, despite the relationship. This is a Biblical example of a soul tie**

SPIRITUAL SOUL TIES

- **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**
- **Just the same, people can disrupt spiritual authority – trying to undo its influence by putting themselves as a counterfeit substitute.**

EXAMPLES 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**
- **Jezebel type behaviors that diminish ordained leadership with the agenda of personal control**

BREAKING SOUL TIES

- **We have the authority to break free from any soul tie using the name and power of Jesus Christ.**
- **However, sometimes these ties are deeply rooted**
- **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.**

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.**