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Session 2

**Demonic Influences**

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# 2 Demonic Influence

## A World within a World

When love broke through, everything just lit up! I went from that dark familiar place, to a world of incredible freedom. As love broke through, being totally surrounded by light, seeing the angelic, made me realize that I have just transitioned into a whole new realm, a whole new reality, where this incredible love just exploded in every cell and molecule in my body.

It was a world within a world discovery, which I later realized was the kingdom of heaven landing all around and within. And the biggest discovery of all was the incredible power behind that amazing name of Jesus, — a power that was second to none.

As I engaged with this new discovery, others, and I found that the adversary was not only ruthless and relentless, but that he was able to bend the rules and get away with some pretty heavy punches, as he was able to trash everything.

But when a revelation of what it is to truly be set free came across our paths, — I realized that this information is something that we all need to embrace. Strongholds and mindsets that have affected our way of kingdom living need to be broken off.

A big part of engaging in this new season is to heal the sick and cast out demons, taking back what was stolen and restoring whatever has been ripped apart, — to walk in that, we need to be totally set free!

This session of “Demonic Influences” is to expose the man behind the curtain who is pulling on all those loose ends that we got hanging out there!

## **Grab a Pen & Paper**

As Holy Spirit guides you through this session, write down whatever He is showing you. It could be the simplest of things while others may not make sense at all, but write it all down.

Then at the end of this session, during prayer time, we are going to leave that whole list at the cross and let Holy Spirit come and minister to us as Jesus sets us completely free.

This is where we humble ourselves, where we are honest with ourselves and evaluate our struggles honestly. We need to call it for what it is and write it down. You don't need to get all specific, — just get it on the list.

## **Demons and Their Activities**

**Mark 1:23-28** A man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!” “Quiet!” said Jesus . “Come out!” The evil spirit then shook the man violently and came out with a shriek. The people were amazed and asked “What is this? A whole new teaching – and with amazing authority! Wow! Never seen anything like it before.

In the Old Testament, there are no accounts of driving out evil spirits. This was a whole new ball game! It really was Jesus releasing a whole new form of ministry. The crazy thing is that this ministry was to be part of who we are today, to heal the sick, cast out demons, it was all part of the original call which was to be transitioned over to us.

## When Jesus Confronted Demons

This event that happened was a pretty dramatic manifestation. Not the kind of thing you would expect to see in the synagogue, that Jewish place of worship.

Jesus cast the demon out of the man, and left the man in the synagogue. That is an interesting piece of information. What we've seen a lot of in the past 500 years or more is that the man gets tossed out and the demon stays, — but that too is all about to change!

So Jesus dealt with the demon – **not the man**.

Remember – it was the **presence of Jesus** that stirred up the demon. So for us today, — walking in the Spirit is vital! To walk with the presence of God, you need to be dwelling in the presence of God. The two go hand in hand.

## Expelling the Demonic

**In the Gospels** — it talks about Jesus healing many who had various diseases. He drove out many demons, but he never got into a conversation with one.

That's because they all speak this lying language, because the one they follow is the father of lies. Chatting it up, can, and in most cases, turn into a bit of a square dance, — and in some cases it can actually get real ugly as some found themselves going toe to toe with them.

That's why we should be doing what Jesus did when He was confronted by the demonic. Tell them to be quiet,— and cast them out!

## The Jesus Ministry Unleashed

**Mark 1:39** So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

**Matthew 10:1** And when he had called his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and of disease.

**Luke 10:17** And the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through your name.

**Mark 1:34** And he healed many that were sick of various diseases, and cast out many devils;

**Mark 16:17** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Expelling demons was an ongoing and normal practice in the ministry of Jesus which He exemplified for a reason.

He was preaching and expelling demons in the whole of Galilee and in many of the synagogues, places of worship.

Jesus was meeting with orthodox Jews – normal, respectable people going about their everyday life. But it was amazing the number of those who were in some area in their lives were bothered by demonic influences.

And that still happens today, normal Christians being bothered by demonic influence who create all kinds of difficulties and disruptions in their lives and in their families.

Physically difficulties, emotionally difficulties, and mental difficulties.

So bringing all that closer to home, we need to actively tear down our own strongholds in the mind so that we can look at this area of demonic influences with a clearer lens.

**2 Corinthians 10:5** Says that we need to demolish arguments and every thought to every distortion that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and to take captive every thought and run it through the obedient to Christ.

## **Possession vs. Demonization**

- Demonization is not possession.
- Possession is not demonization.
- Demonization is where they are influencing the whole dog and pony show.
- Possession is where they are absolutely in control.

**Luke 4:40-41** When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. Moreover, demons came out of many of those people.

Here we read of healing and deliverance being interwoven in many cases, for the cure to actually manifest, the cure was demanding for the expelling of evil spirits.

**Matthew 8:16** “When evening came, many who were demon possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits first with a word, and then healed the sickness.”

See, evil spirits caused some of the deaf, dumb and blind issues that Jesus dealt with. Well it is the same today!

**Luke 13:10-16** “On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by an evil spirit for eighteen years. She was hunched over and couldn’t straighten out. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Indignant was the ruler at the synagogue because Jesus healed on the Sabbath, but Jesus responds, “You hypocrites! You untie your donkey on the Sabbath and lead it to water? But this **daughter of Abraham**, whom Satan bound for eighteen years cannot be set free on the Sabbath.”

We know this woman was a believer because Jesus referred to her as a “ Daughter of Abraham ”

The evil spirit had doubled her up physically until Jesus said “ You are Free! ” or “ You are Loosed ” which indicates a release, a freedom, from being bound.

## **Jesus Exemplified Some New Ministry Technics**

No one was sent out to evangelize without first having to learn how to deal with evil spirits.

Deliverance was included as part of their “ tool crib ”.

Jesus did not send them out until He had trained them to deal with demons, — and so it should be today!

**Matthew 10:7-8** “As you go, preach this message that the kingdom of heaven is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, and cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out the demons.”

**Mark 16:15-17** He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues.”

**Part of the Ministry of Jesus**, — was to expose the demonic realm and unhinge that realm that has attached itself to the people of God. This whole new dynamic of unleashed the kingdom was always meant to be part of the children’s bread. What Jesus exemplifying, when it came to exposing and dealing with the demonic, — needs to all be a part of who we are today.

**Think about it!** Whatever anger issues Peter had, that had to go, whatever manipulating spirit Matthew had, well that had to go, whatever peace love and Woodstock spirit John had, well that had to go, and all the demonic that Mary was packing around, well they had to go, and the list went on and on. He cleaned them up; fine tuned them, and sent them out. And according to how the Ministry of Jesus functions, we all get to go through it, — no one is exempt! We live in a dark world full of demonic influences, full of self-centeredness, and full of self-preservation. All this misalignment needs to be realigned.

## **Evil Spirits – What Do They Look Like?**

**Spirit of Infirmity** - Demonic influences creating a crippling environment creating physical weakness and sickness.

**Familiar Spirits** - Demonic influences that just hang around.  
A spirit that serves or prompts an individual.



**Generational Spirits** - Demonic influences passed down by parent's who were involved with darkness.

**Spirit of Confusion** - Witchcraft assignments coming against you.

**Spirit of Fear** - Demons of anxiety, stress, confusion.

**Mocking Spirits** - A spirit assigned to tear down, ridicule, belittle, giving you a sense of worthlessness.

## **Demons have been Assigned the Following**

**Top priority** - To keep you from knowing Jesus Christ as Savior.

**If they loose that battle** - To slide you into a counterfeit gospel, isolating you from your true calling because you are a threat to them.

**And if they loose that battle** - To restrain you and have you walk in the minimum of who you really are, steering you away from the fullness of what your heavenly Father has for you, again isolating you from your true calling because you are a threat to them.

**And if they loose that battle** - Then they will push you forward creating a disconnect between you and the rest of the body. A pride creeps in where you are now totally dysfunctional to the rest of the body.

## **Their Dark Assignments**

**To Entice** – To tempt people to do evil, to enticing them that it's ok to walk in those mixed streams and muddied waters.

**To Harass** – To follow, stalk, and wear you down so that in your weakness you drop your armor.

**To Torment** – To torment physically, to torment mentally, torment spiritually to create a spiritual flatline in your walk.

**To Compel** – To drive into compulsive behaviors such as addictions and disorders through stress, anxiety and depression to totally eliminate you from the scene.

**To Enslave** – To drive you into consuming destructive behaviors to get on that never ending hamster wheel that'll take you no where.

**To Defile** – To make you feel dirty or unclean by shame and bringing up of past destructive memories to get you to hit the pavement hard.

**To Deceive** – To pull you into destructive religious doctrines such as cults or false religions that are absolute counterfeits as you, without knowing, are now playing checkers on his chess board.

**To Weaken** – To lull into spiritual complacency. That whole slumbering spirit that drags you into lukewarmness where you are able to compromise on almost everything.

**To Kill** – A spirit of suicide will try to convince you that suicide is an acceptable way or even the only way to solve your problems.

# How Do They Get In?

## Through Breaches in our Walls

**Proverbs 25:28** “Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control.”

Your city may also have breaches in the wall. Ask the Lord to show you ways in which you can mend the walls and fortify your city.

## Mind - Emotions and Attitudes

Behind every negative emotion or attitude there lurks a demon that wants to control the mind. The emotion of rejection is one of the most prominent. It leads to loneliness, misery, self-pity, depression and despair. The attitude of rebellion is like witchcraft, which commonly manifests as hatred, resentment, anger and violence.

The main battlefield is in the mind. Common landmines are doubt, unbelief, confusion, indecision and insanity.

Those who are involved in the occult almost always have a problem with confusion and depression.

## Tongue

A lying spirit, compulsive lying, compulsive exaggeration, criticism, blasphemy, unclean speech and negative talking.

## **Soul Ties - Sex Outside of Marriage**

Involvement in adultery, homosexuality and lesbianism absolutely creates a breach in your wall, solidifying that breach are the soul ties generated through those actions.

## **Lusts**

Perverted sexual desires and appetites, including pornography

## **Counterfeit False Religions**

The adversary is an expert in the area of “religion”. Leviathan and Jezebel are the big demonic influences behind the charismatic counterfeits, along with the false prophetic and the false prophet. This bunch here are master of deception. And then there are 18 other false world leading religions and 2000 denominations. Anything that is not Jesus centered is off the rails.

## **Occult Backgrounds**

Family history, where you have other Gods, automatically exposes you to demons. Your occult involvement and or that generational occult influence passed down to you will also affect those around you. Those who are involved in the occult always wrestle with confusion and depression.

## **Soulish Domination**

Completely controlled, completely manipulated or completely dominated, — being completely handled by one or all of these, witchcraft is having its way with you.

## **Pressure in Early Childhood or Prenatal Influence**

Disharmony between the parents ( before the child is five years old ) opens the child up to emotional problems ( breach in their wall ).

## **A Moment of Weakness**

Physical trauma such as automobile or other accidents, severe disappointments, or unconsciousness resulting from alcohol, and drugs.

## **References**

**1 Timothy 4:1** The Spirit clearly says that in later times, some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

**Deuteronomy 18:10-11** Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.

### **Matthew 24:27-28**

Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather

Flesh is the old carnal nature.

Flesh is the carcass mentioned in Matthew.

Demons are the vultures that settle on the carcass once you give them the green light.

Demons attach themselves and influence areas of your personality once you've totally entrenched yourself into some altered lifestyle that serves the flesh.

A big part of your walk now includes making sure you keep all the hidden things well hidden.

So where there is NO flesh . . . there is NO vultures!

## **Dealing With the Flesh**

**Galatians 5:24** “ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.”

Crucify the flesh on the cross, — for many that's not an easy process cause that old nature likes to come off the cross and walk around every now and then. That's why I carry my own personal bag of nails. For those who contend for the Christian lifestyle, it can be an on going process but the day will come when it's a done deal and that flesh is on the cross permanently.

We cannot expel the flesh, and crucify the demonic along with all its influences – we need to crucify the flesh first to expel the demonic!

## **Beware of Strongholds & Bondages**

Strongholds and bondages are also passed on by curses that come down through family generations. There are familiar spirits that follow families for generations and are manifested in such ways as alcoholism, anger, addictions, homosexuality, lesbianism and in some cases mental illness.

Normally we are not aware of those witchcraft activities, occult practices, or curses through our family bloodline, and those things are pretty secretive, that's why some of them are called "secret societies". As Holy Spirit goes after these strongholds, you may experience bizarre resistance.

It seems unfair that unborn children are required to suffer the effects of the law for sins committed by ancestors, however, God established the law of sowing and reaping before sin entered the world. The law was designed to increase blessings. This is where the table gets flipped and manipulated on the whole sowing and reaping. The tables on the following page will help you identify possible generational sin patterns in your family line.

## **Curses Without a Cause**

What we are talking about here are the generational stuff, that same old stuff that your parents were challenged with and that your grandparents were challenged with. Just giving clarity that what may look like a curse, may not be generational!

So, Knowing that God visits the iniquity of the fathers upon the children up to the third and fourth generation has been quite a shocker for some. We have learned that curses don't visit the family without cause. Someone up the family tree messed up and are the originators of that curse.

The iniquity of parents is visited upon their children. To be clear, this does not mean that children are charged with guilt for the sins of their parents.

Deuteronomy 24:16 and Ezekiel 18:19-20

However, the sins of parents do have huge effects upon their children and open the door transferring similar patterns of sin. When parents, — who are meant to provide spiritual protection for their children, — walk in iniquity, idolatry, and sin, children become open targets for the enemy. And its amazing how many walk in that today.

Breaking family curses required you to actually nail down those reoccurring things that have constantly attack the family tree.

## **Generational Curses**

### **Three Types of Generational Curses**

There is no exact list of the different kinds of generational curses, but based on Scriptural examples and real life experiences, — here are three basic types. They do overlap at times, but defining them separately will help in identifying if there is a generational stronghold at work.

#### **1. - Idolatry**

Idolatry relates to the worship of anything other than the one true living God. This can happen in the traditional sense of the worship of physical idols and covetousness, but idolatry is much broader than this.

Another specific type of generational idolatry is the involvement in the occult. Any type of involvement in the occult is equated with idolatry. It is seeking to gain from evil spirits. Many types of occult practices and secret societies require that you to take oaths and curses, and even commit your children to those curses for selfish soulish reason of personal gain.



This type of Idolatry and occult involvement is an iniquity that is visited upon the family line and passes from one generation to the next, which could take on forms of an unexplainable sickness and pain, a drawing to spiritual darkness, which includes all kinds of destructive patterns.

## **2. - Destructive Behaviors and Faulty Mindsets**

Similar to sinful patterns, destructive behaviors can be passed through the family line. You can often see cycles of harmful tendencies going from one generation to the next.

Suicidal inclinations and self-harm can go from parents to children. Abuse of all kinds can end up passing through a family line for generations.

Addictions to alcohol and drugs can run in the family. Patterns of marital breakdown and divorce can be traced through a lineage.

Destructive generational behaviors can usually be obvious to identify, but faulty mindsets can be subtler. For example, religious strongholds of legalism and traditionalism can be passed down.

There was a generational resistance to hearing God's voice and allowing the Holy Spirit to work.

There were traditions passed from one generation to the next which opposed the work of God, even though they were religious in nature.

Mindsets of condemnation, perfectionism, skepticism and unbelief, judgmental attitudes, are all strongholds that can flow through the family line.

### **3. – Physical / Mental Sicknesses**

One of the first things that doctors do is check into your family's medical history. They know that certain types of diseases have a tendency to pass on through the family line.

But what they may not recognize is that this pattern can actually be a spiritual problem, not just a genetic one.

While not every sickness, disease, and mental torment is the result of a curse, all are included in the list of curses that are outlined in Scripture where it speaks of plagues coming upon you and your descendants, showing the generational impact.

## **Leaving Your List at the Cross**

**Now we are at the place where we lay that list at the cross.**

In a moment, I'm going to ask you to stand and pray to Jesus. If you want to be set free and walk in the freedoms that have been rightfully given to you, then you need to go to the one who sets people free! Now when you have said the prayer, the last thing you say is "Amen".

No more prayer, and no speaking in tongues, just breathe out and expel. I just want you to take a deep breath first, and then just breath out. Again, if you speak in tongues, just hold back from speaking in tongues and just wait on the Holy Spirit. Wait upon the Lord after you exhale. Let Holy Spirit come upon you and when He does, just let Him minister to you. Speak to the Holy Spirit when you sense Him and say "I receive you Holy Spirit!"

## **Group Prayer - Repeat After Me**

JESUS! I believe that You are the Son of God and the only way to God. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins, and rose again from the dead. I come to You now for forgiveness.

I believe you have forgiven me and receive me as Your child, and because You receive me, I receive myself, as a child of God. Lord, You know the challenges that I struggle with. I lay them all before you, that whole list I lay it before your feet at the cross.

Lord, I want to meet Your conditions, and receive Your deliverance. I forgive every person that ever harmed me, and wronged me. I forgive them all now. I lay all bitterness down, all resentment, all hatred, and all rebellion, and I believe You have forgiven me. I thank You for it Jesus.

I renounce every evil contact with Satan, with any form of witchcraft, and every occult perversion, every secret society, anything in Satan's territory. I repent for being on that territory, and I turn my back on it.

I renounce all Generational curses put on my family through my ancestors, parents, or myself. I break the power, and reject all the sins of my ancestors, by the power and authority of Jesus Christ.

I renounce all satanic assignments that have been put against me, and cancel every curse that Satan and his forces have put on me.

I cancel all the power of evil words or curses spoken out against me from the moment of my conception in my mother's womb, until this moment.

I am under the covering of the blood of Jesus Christ. I now command every familiar spirit and enemy of the Lord Jesus to leave my presence, and in the Name and authority of Jesus Christ, I cut these ties forever.

And Lord I come against any evil spirit in me that occupies any area of my personality, any part of my mind, and any part of my body.

They are my enemies; I will not compromise with them anymore. They will have no more place in me.

I turn against them now, and in the authority of Your name, Jesus, I command them to leave me.

I expel them right now in the name of Jesus.

*Now take a deep breath and breathe out!*