

Destiny: An Intimate Journey

Session Four

Dealing With Sin Transgression And Iniquity

Become aware of the iniquity

✧As the Lord warns us through watchmen or shows us through people.

Ezekiel 33:7-9 So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. Nevertheless, if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

Ephesians 4:13-15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ.

✧As we wait before Him and listen

Habakkuk 2:1 I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected.

✧As we desire to know the truth

Proverbs 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged.

John 8:32 "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

✧As He reveals it through visions

Isaiah 6:1-5 1In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts."

✧As we become aware of our love for our iniquity

Isaiah 59:12 For our transgressions are multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them.

Confess the iniquity

✧As an individual, or as a family

Psalm 51:2, 5, 9 2Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. 5Behold I was brought forth in iniquity and in sin my mother conceived me. 9Hide thy face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Another word for "unrighteousness" is iniquity.

✧As a priest

Leviticus 16:21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel and all their transgressions in all their sins putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away.

✧As a town, or as a nation

Nehemiah 9:2 Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from all foreigners. They stood in their places and confessed their sins and the wickedness of their fathers.

Nehemiah and Daniel both confessed the sin, transgression and iniquity of their people.
(*Nehemiah 1 and Daniel 9*)

How is iniquity dealt with as we confess it?

✧It passes away.

Isaiah 6:7 He touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged."

✧It is forgiven.

Psalms 78:38 But He, being full of compassion forgave their iniquities.

Psalms 103:3 Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases...

✧It is purged.

Proverbs 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged.

Sin is like a graze, a cut or a surface sore. You can put antiseptic or a Band-Aid on and it heals naturally. But iniquity is under the skin. It is a bruise, something deeper.

Confession leads to repentance.

✧Repentance means a change in direction.

- ◆ We must know what we are repenting for.
- ◆ Godly sorrow produces weeping and brokenness. (David and Peter)

2 Corinthians 7:8-10 10For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

- ◆ Worldly sorrow produces remorse. (Saul and Judas)
- ◆ Repentance means a 180-degree turnaround.
- ◆ We need to recognize, admit it and repent of the wickedness.

Acts 3:19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Acts 8:22-23 22Repent therefore of this your wickedness. 23For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.

Repentance brings personal revival.

Having a love for righteousness

Hebrews 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity.

Coming under the anointed one

Acts 17:28 For in Him we live and move and have our being.

We choose to live and move and have our being in the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Acts 17:28*)

“Lord” means Lordship and authority. “Jesus” means He is God's Son, and a person who relates to us. “Christ” means Messiah, the Anointed One.

Isaiah 10:27 And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

It's our choice to be in the Anointed One, giving Him Lordship over iniquities, letting His anointing destroy the yokes of our iniquity, and not letting the enemy get a foothold.

Isaiah 10:27 says the yoke of iniquity is not just broken, but destroyed.

Seeing the victory gained for us at Calvary

Isaiah 53:5-6 5But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. 6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Letting Christ transform our character flaws

Romans 5:17 For if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. (New International Version)

✧Adam allowed sin and iniquity to enter in. As we come to the Lord Jesus Christ and we allow Him to do a work in our life, He allows us to reign in righteousness with Him.

Seeing it as a war

✧Pray that God gives you a practical strategy to war against the iniquity.

Romans 6:12-13; 19 12Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 19For as you have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

2 Corinthians 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds.

Instruments and weapons are the same word in the Greek text.

2 Timothy 2:19-22 Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." (King James Version)

The Lord knows those who are His, and let everyone who names himself by the name of the Lord give up all iniquity and stand aloof from it. (Amplified Bible)

Don't go near what fuels an iniquity.