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FOUNDATION STONES - STONE ONE THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S ORDER IN OUR PLANNING

David learned about doing a good thing that was right in the eyes of man or doing a God ordained thing with proper preparation and in order.

1 Chronicles 13:1-14

Then David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader. 2 And David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if it is of the LORD our God, let us send out to our brethren everywhere 4 Then all the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. 11 And David became angry because of the LORD'S outbreak against Uzza.

1 Chronicles 15:1-3

David built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it. 2 Then David said, "No one may carry the ark of God but the Levites, for the LORD has chosen them to carry the ark of God and to minister before Him forever."

1 Chronicles 15:13

"For because you did not do it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order."

Moses had to have his house in order and son circumcised.

Exodus 4:24-26

"And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the LORD met him and sought to kill him. 25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at Moses' feet, and said, "Surely you are a husband of blood to me!" 26 So He let him go. Then she said, "You are a husband of blood!" -- because of the circumcision."

Before Gideon could take the army into battle he had to first get his own father's house in order.

Judges 6:25-26

"Now it came to pass the same night that the LORD said to him, "Take your father's young bull, the second bull of seven years old, and tear down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the wooden image that is beside it; 26 "and build an altar to the LORD your God on top of this rock in the proper arrangement, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the image which you shall cut down."

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S ORDER IN OUR INTERCESSION

From the first six books of the bible, the lay out of the tabernacle we see there is a definite order in the way that things are to be done. When Moses laid out the camp in the wilderness and had the tribes marching, it had to be done in perfect order. When we enter into intercession we should do it in the right orderly way.

GOD DESIRES THE TOWER (INTERCESSORS) TO BE IN THE CHURCH (GOD'S VINEYARD)

Isaiah 5:1-2

"2 He built a tower in its midst, and also made a winepress in it."

THE CHURCH IS GOD'S INSTRUMENT TO DECLARE WAR on principalities and powers.

Ephesians 3:10

"To the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly (places) might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God." (ASV)

GOD'S ORDER IN THE CHURCH is that we follow the example of Christ, submitting to His will and allowing His Spirit to lead us into warfare.

Ephesians 5:1-2

"Therefore be imitators of God as dear children."

& Romans 12:1-2

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Submission and order should be modeled and demonstrated never demanded or strictly imposed.

BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT for doing His Will.

Ephesians 5:17-20

"17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit."

SUBMITTING TO ONE ANOTHER

Ephesians 5:21

"Submitting to one another in the fear of God."

IN OUR FAMILY - WIVES TO THEIR HUSBANDS **Ephesians 5:22-24** being key to releasing the men.

Ephesians 5:22-24

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

HUSBANDS seeing their responsibility to love their wives through following Christ's example and modeling it for their family.

Ephesians 5:25-33

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as him self, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

CHILDREN need to be obedient.

Ephesians 6:1-3

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 'Honor your father and mother.'"

FATHERS are to see the importance of their responsibility.

Ephesians 6:4

"You, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

IN OUR PLACE OF WORK - SERVANTS are to submit to their masters.

Ephesians 6:5-8

"Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eye service, as menpleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men."

MASTERS are to be accountable to the Lord.

Ephesians 6:9

And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him."

AFTER WE GET INTO ORDER, WE CAN CONFIDENTLY ENTER INTO WARFARE.

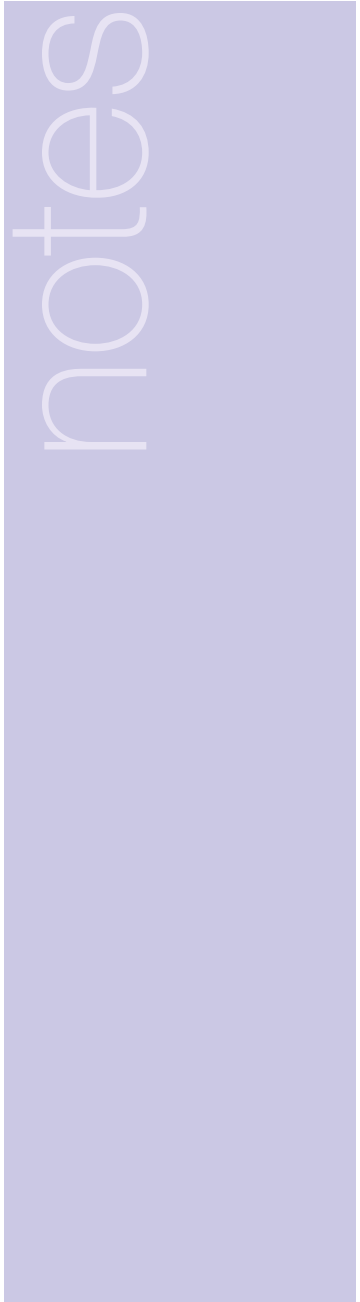
Ephesians 6:10-17

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

BEING FULLY EQUIPPED TO PRAY IN THE SPIRIT.

Ephesians 6:18

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." (NIV)



LIFE APPLICATIONS

Is there something that you have tried to do, but have not succeeded as you did a good thing instead of a God thing?

Have you ever been offended because your plan never worked out and the vision God gave you has therefore suffered? If so take a few minutes to repent and ask God to help you.

In your planning to continue with the school take some time to ask the Lord to show you what His order will be.

In your own words what would you define as submitting to the will of God?

List examples in your life of how you are submitting to His will.

How submitted are you to your local church?

How submitted are you in intercession within your local church?

What aspects of your family order as a wife, husband, father or child has the Lord brought to your attention that needs to be worked on?

Is there order in your place of work?

Do you think that there is any reason that the enemy could get at you to try hinder your from putting on the whole armor and being victorious in your warfare?



UNDERSTANDING TRUE SUBMISSION

EPHESIANS TEACHES US MUCH ABOUT GOD’S ORDER AND SUBMISSION.

CHAPTER ONE – God’s called us, made us accepted and wants to open our eyes to our calling and victory in Christ.

CHAPTER TWO - We are saved by grace, raised to sit with Christ in heavenly places as His chosen ones and that He has broken down dividing walls to form us into an orderly building.

CHAPTER THREE – We are to rule as His church victoriously proclaiming His victory to the rulers in the heavenlies. We are bowing before the God from whom all families get their name and praying that as His families may comprehend the fullness of the Father’s love for us.

CHAPTER FOUR – we learn we are all an important part of the family that He gives gifts to equip us to come to maturity and how we should behave as a mature family.

CHAPTER FIVE – How Jesus set the example for us to follow. We are to be aware of the danger of slumber preventing us from knowing His will and we are given the layout for His divine order.

CHAPTER SIX – When all that is in order we can boldly go into warfare fully clothed in His armor as His ambassadors.

Our previous lesson showed us that submission is not total control, being a doormat or a dirty word.

Submission is two-way, balanced, is done in love from the heart because of a mutual respect, and a fear of God.

Submission should always give you a court of appeal.

Submission is the tool that allows us to have the authority, as we come under proper authority that we need to be effective in the kingdom.

The enemy knows the power of submission and, therefore, has misused it. He has taken it out of balance by using it to smother rather than to mother.

Submission should not be directed downward it should always be focused upward.

Without proper submission to God, family and leaders there can be little true victory.

All need to realize this in order to have the authority and liberty they need.

ISRAEL’S ZEAL AND HASTE COST THEM UNTIL THEY SUBMITTED TOTALLY TO GOD

In our own zeal of being driven instead of being led we do not really want to submit, but instead want what I call a rubber stamp approval. This is clearly illustrated in

Judges 20:1-2 & 18-28

“So all the children of Israel came out, from Dan to Beersheba, as well as from the land of Gilead, and the congregation gathered together as one man before the LORD at Mizpah. 18 Then the children of Israel arose and went up to the house of God to inquire of God. They said, “Which of us shall go up first to battle against the children of Benjamin?” The LORD said, “Judah first!” On that day cut down to the ground twenty-two thousand men of the Israelites. 22 And the people, that is, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves and again formed the battle line at the place where they had put themselves in array on the first day. 23 Then the children of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until evening, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, “Shall I again draw near for battle against the children of my brother Benjamin?” And the LORD said, “Go up against him.” 24 So the children of Israel approached the children of Benjamin on the second day. 25 And Benjamin went out against them from Gibeah on the second day, and cut down to the ground eighteen thousand more of the children of Israel; all these drew the sword. 26 Then all the children of Israel, that is, all the people, went up and came to the house of God and wept. They sat there before the LORD and fasted that day until evening; saying, “Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of my brother Benjamin, or shall I cease?” And the LORD said, “Go up, for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand.”

DAVID'S DOING A GOOD THING

David's zeal and being out of order cost a man his life and made David angry and offended with God.

I Chronicles 13:1-4 and 7-12

"If it seems good to you, and if it is of the LORD our God, let us send out to our brethren everywhere 3 "and let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul." 4 Then all the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. 11 And David became angry because of the LORD'S outbreak against Uzza."

THE ROMAN CENTURION COULD SEE JESUS' AUTHORITY BECAUSE HE WAS SUBMITTED

Being under authority gave him authority as he saw this demonstrated in the life of Jesus. Jesus equated submission to having great faith.

Matthew 8:5-13

"The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. 9 "For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me."

JESUS ONLY MET DIVINE APPOINTMENTS AND NOT NEEDS

He was submitted to His Father as a Father pleaser.

John 5:1-9

"In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. 5 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

OUR AUTHORITY COMES FROM BEING UNDER AUTHORITY first to God

James 4:7

"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

THE BATTLE AROUND COVERING

Many have been hurt due to not being correctly covered and protected. Causing rebellion, pride, deception, a persecution complex, etc. Adam did not cover Eve correctly and she did not submit to him fully thus both became hurt in the process.

Genesis 2:15-18

"Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." 18 And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

FALLEN MAN ALWAYS TRIES TO COVER HIMSELF BUT GOD DESIRES TO COVER US WITH PROPER COVERING.

Genesis 3:7

"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."

Genesis 3:21

"Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them."

When Abram / Abraham tells Sarai / Sarah to lie due to his fear and she obeys God fully protects her.

Genesis 12:10-20 and 20:1-18

But when she tells him to go in to Hagar and he does not seek the Lord (**Genesis 16:1-2**) God does not speak to him for 13 years. (**Genesis 16:16 and 17:1**)

Genesis 3:16

"6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate."

WATCHMEN -are placed in a position of great responsibility to bring warning about iniquity before it's too late

Ezekiel 33:1-19

"7 "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."

THE WATCHMEN NEED THE COVERING AND THE SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP to help them fight the battle

Joel 2:11-17

“The LORD gives voice before His army, for His camp is very great; for strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; who can endure it? 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; 16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and nursing babes.”

Ephesians 3:10

“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.” (NIV)

SATAN’S PLAN HAS NOT CHANGED

He still attacks the watchmen (Genesis 2 and 3) or if he cannot stop them praying he just takes them slightly off target.

LIFE APPLICATIONS

What are the four ingredients of true submission?

Why should we be submitted to one another in the Body?

Do you think it is important to submit to God when we enter into warfare?

In your planning to go into warfare do you seek His counsel in order to do it in your way or His way?

What comes up for you when you are called to submit in difficult circumstances?

Have you been hurt by an authority figure in your life and how has that affected your attitude to submission?

When did the need for covering begin and how was it attacked?

Do you have a spiritual cover over you?

What lesson can we apply to our family lives from Abraham and Sarah?

EMBRACING THE RISK OF DESTINY

Genesis 3:6-7

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. (7) 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.”

Psalm 22:1

“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

Malachi 4:5-6

“I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. (6) And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

Romans 8:15

“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption [sonship (NIV)] by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.””

1 Corinthians 4:15

“For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.”

FATHERS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN OUR LIVES TO GIVE US DESTINY AND HELP US TO COME INTO OUR INHERITANCE as their faithful children. God our heavenly Father has a destiny and purpose for us before we are born, but we must choose to want to go that way. Our fathers should point us to our Heavenly Father looking to Him for destiny, hope and blessing working with the Holy Spirit.

GOD INVESTS MUCH IN FATHERS

Genesis 18:17-19

““For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.”

1 John 2:13-14

“I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. (14) I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning.”

WHAT SHOULD A FATHER BE LIKE? A FATHER’S ROLE IS TO TRAIN AND EQUIP HIS CHILDREN TO BE ABLE TO FULFILL THEIR DESTINY

Ephesians 4:12

“For the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry.”

HE SHOULD TEACH, TRAIN AND NURTURE THEM

Deuteronomy 6:7

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”

Proverbs 22:6

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Ephesians 6:4

“And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”

Nurturing is vital for our growth in the Lord and maturity in your walk with the Lord.

PRAY FOR YOU

Ephesians 1:17-19

“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, (18) the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling.”

Galatians 4:19

“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.” (KJV)

BLESS YOU – being blessed was to be confirmed and was so important that it was irrevocable, a characteristic of Father God

Genesis 27:33-34

“I have blessed him -- and indeed he shall be blessed. 34 And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said to his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.”

Numbers 23:19

“God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”

ENCOURAGE YOU As Moses with Joshua

Deuteronomy 34:9

“Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses.”

Paul with Timothy

1 Timothy 1:18

“This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare.”

CORRECT YOU IN LOVE

Proverbs 13:24

“He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.”

Hebrews 12:8-9

“But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.”

The Jewish culture had this training and equipping wonderfully built into a child's life:

Birth to 5 years – They taught them obedience.
(Correction phase)

6 – 12 years – They filled them with facts and information.
(Teaching phase)

13 - 20 years – They molded their character.
(Galatians 4:19 growing phase)

20 – 30 years – Servant training. (Testing and maturing phase)

30 – 50 years – Leadership. (ministry phase)

50 – until death – Mentor and father the next generation.
(Mentor / Father / Elder phase)

THE RESULTS OF A GOOD FATHER

A father should function in the life of his children producing lasting fruit in the life of his children. Abraham set a good example for his family in spite of his weaknesses

Genesis 18:17-18

“For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.”

Abraham's servant was so impacted by his master's life that he was fully obedient to him and discovered his God

Genesis 24:9-12

“(12) Then he said, “O Lord God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham.”

MOSES SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR JOSHUA to be able to follow

Numbers 27:22-23

“So Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation. (23) And he laid his hands on him and inaugurated him, just as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses.”

ELIJAH SET A GOOD EXAMPLE THAT ELISHA WOULD NOT DEPART FROM HIM

2 Kings 2:1-14

“(9) And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?” Elisha said, “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.””

PAUL SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE CHURCH

Galatians 4:19

“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.”

PAUL SAW TIMOTHY AS HIS SON

1 Timothy 1:2

“To Timothy, a true son in the faith.”

NAOMI'S SON HAD SET SUCH A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR RUTH that she was willing to give up all and go with her mother-in-law into a foreign land.

Ruth 1:16-18

“But Ruth said: “Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. (17) Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me.””

EXAMPLES OF A BAD FATHER

ELI - Eli was a bad father and an absent father not dealing with his son's iniquity

1 Samuel 3:13

"For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them."

THE PHARISEES were false fathers not bring forth fruit in keeping with repentance

John 8:44

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do."

Instead of being a blessing they hindered putting heavy burdens on them

Matthew 23:4

"For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers."

AHAB was a false father. His selfishness had a direct effect on his family.

1 Kings 21:25

"But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the Lord, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up."

& 1 Kings 21:29

"Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days. In the days of his son I will bring the calamity on his house."

DIVORCE - The Lord says He hates divorce, but allows it because of the hardness of man's heart [Matthew 19:8]. When parents get divorced, it has results on the children often be abandonment.

Matthew 19:8

"He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.""

CO-DEPENDENCY - Not having a good father image we can worship or idolize a good father and not want to let go of him when we should, he becomes like a surrogate father to us. This can become a hindrance to our growth and God will have to bring about a separation.

Genesis 12:4 and 13:5-13

"So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran." Genesis 13:5-13 "(7)And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. (11) Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other."

MIXTURE - ABRAHAM WAS A GOOD FATHER, BUT FEAR AND A LACK OF PRAYER ALLOWED THE INIQUITY OF DECEPTION TO BE PASSED ON TO HIS FAMILY

Genesis 12:10-13

"(12) Therefore it will happen, when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. (13) 'Please say you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you."

HEZEKIAH WAS A GOOD FATHER, BUT HIS BAD DECISIONS TO NOT SUBMIT TO GOD'S WILL HAD AN AFFECT ON HIS SON, who was born three years later.

2 Kings 20:1-6

"In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the Lord: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.'" (2) Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying, (3) "Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly."

& 2 Kings 21:1-6

"Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah. (2) And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, according to the abominations of the nations whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel. (6) Also he made his son pass through the fire, practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger."

RESEARCH RESULTS

Some United States military research gathered by a team of psychologists and sociologists from 200 children, age 3 to 18, whose fathers were absent due to military service, showed the following results:

- Rage – Crime
- Denial & fantasy – Personality disorders
- Reunion attempts – Possessiveness
- Guilt – Depression internalized
 - Delinquency externalized
- Fear – Neuroses
- Impulse changes – Psychosomatic disorders
- Regression – Psychoses

LIFE APPLICATIONS

Comment on what the following scriptures mean to you in light of this lesson. [Psalm 22:1](#), [Malachi 4:5-6](#), [Romans 8:15](#) and [1 Corinthians 4:15](#)

Identify 5 functions of a true father.

What have you seen how the Jewish culture impacted their children?

Can you make a comparison and contrast from our society today in our homes and churches?

Give examples, from your own experience, of a good father and a bad father.

Identify four biblical examples of good fathers, natural fathers, and spiritual fathers and their impact on their children.

Give an example of a bad father and a false father. What would you see as the major difference between them?

From what you have learnt in this lesson which do you think is worse, a false father or an absentee father?

Name three possible results from not having a good father.

Give examples of two fathers who were good and yet affected their families in a positive and negative way. Why was this the case?

THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYER

IT IS VITAL TO JESUS. HE MINISTERED BRIEFLY BEFORE RETURNING TO INTERCEDE FOR US CONTINUALLY.

Hebrews 7: 25

“Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

JESUS BECAME ANGRY TWICE; AT THE BEGINNING AND AT THE END OF HIS MINISTRY

John 2:13-17

“15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers’ money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, “Take these things away! Do not make My Father’s house a house of merchandise!”

Matthew 21:12-13

“13 He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.”

& Isaiah 56:7

“For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

THE MONEYCHANGERS WERE IN THE GENTILES’ PRAYER CLOSET

2 Chronicles 6:32-33

“Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but who comes from a far country for the sake of Your great name and Your mighty hand and Your outstretched arm, when they come and pray in this temple.”

WHO DESIRES US TO PRAY AND INTERCEDE? – GOD THE FATHER—HE URGES US THROUGH THE WORD

2 Chronicles 7:14-15

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

Isaiah 59:16

“He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him.”

Ezekiel 22:30

“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.”

Jeremiah 29:11-13

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (NIV)

Jeremiah33:3

‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’

GOD THE SON, JESUS – ENCOURAGES AND MOTIVATES US

Matthew 7:7-8

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Matthew 9:37-38

“Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 “Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Matthew 26:40-41

“Then He came to the disciples and found them asleep, and said to Peter, “What? Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.”

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT – INSPIRES AND EQUIPS US

John 14:15-31 16

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever. 26 “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

HE HELPS US IN PRAYER

Romans 8:26-27

“And in the same way – by our faith – the Holy Spirit helps us with our daily problems and in our praying. For we don’t even know what we should pray for nor how to pray as we should, but the Holy Spirit prays for us with such feeling that it cannot be expressed in words.” (TLB)

THE BATTLES ARE WON ON OUR KNEES AND ARE REWARDED By The Lord.

Psalm 68:12

"Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil."

You will only reap as much as you have sown in prayer. Deeds do not produce relationship with Him. Only after we have talked to God about the man can we talk to man about God

Acts 1:4-8

"And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me."

THE MEANING OF INTERCESSION

is to *"Enter-Into-A-Session-With-God"*

From the Collins Dictionary:

"To come between two parties or act as a mediator or advocate; to intercede in the strike."

The two key words being: MEDIATOR and ADVOCATE.

THE TRUE BIBLICAL MEANING OF AN INTERCESSOR IS SEEN IN

STANDING IN THE BREACH

Psalms 106: 23

"Therefore He said that He would destroy them, had not Moses His chosen one stood before Him in the breach, to turn away His wrath, lest He destroy them."

STANDING BETWEEN THE DEAD AND THE LIVING

Numbers16:41-50

"48 And he stood between the dead and the living; so the plague was stopped."

MAKING USE OF DISCERNMENT AND PRACTICAL ACTION FOR DELIVERANCE

Exodus 4:24-26

"At a lodging place on the way, the LORD met and was about to kill him. 25 But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched feet with it." (NIV)

TAKING PRACTICAL ACTION BECAUSE OF A BURDEN

Nehemiah 1: 1-11, 2: 1-20 and Daniel 2: 10-23

AS THE MEDIATOR OR DAYSMAN, TAKING HOLD OF THE NEED AND GOD

Job 9:33

"Neither is there any daysman betwixt us that might lay his hand upon us both." (KJV)

In the Eaton's Bible Dictionary a Daysman is described as an umpire or arbiter or judge Job 9:33. This word is formed from the Latin diem dicere, i.e., to fix a day for hearing a cause. Such a one is empowered by mutual consent to decide the cause, and to "lay his hand", i.e., to impose his authority, on both, and enforce his sentence.

DISCERNMENT AS TO HOW YOU HANDLE GOD'S SECRETS IS VITAL.

Matthew 7:6

"Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces."

notes

LIFE APPLICATIONS

Have you felt a stronger desire to want to intercede now that you know more about it?

In **Isaiah 59:16** and **Jeremiah 29:11-13** who desires for us to pray and intercede?

In **Matthew 7:7-8** who encourages and motivates us to pray?

In **John 14:15-31** and **Romans 8:26-27** who helps us in prayer?

What does **Psalm 68:12** tell us about intercessors?

What is Bradley's meaning of intercession?

What does intercession mean from the following scriptures?

Psalm 106:23:

Daniel 2:10-23:

And in **Job 9:33** what does intercession mean?

Have you ever felt that you have shared too quickly what God has shared with you?

notes

WHO CAN ENTER INTO A SESSION WITH GOD?

I believe that all believers can and should, but some go deeper than others

Ezekiel 47:1-5

“3 And when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the water came up to my ankles. 4 Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water came up to my knees. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water came up to my waist. 5 Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed.”

_____ DEEP – you pray occasionally usually when in need as you begin. You choose to do it.

_____ DEEP – your prayer life becomes more important and regular to you through discipline.

_____ DEEP – you begin to intercede and listen to the Lord’s heartbeat as you wait.

DEEP _____ – you now go in all the way in, developing a lifestyle of intercession and you let Him take you to where He desires you to be.

Each believer can go in as deep they desire to or as they are willing to allow the Lord to take them to.

Prayer is _____ Prayer is _____ . We must choose to pray.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INTERCESSORS AND PRAY-ERS

1 Timothy 2:1-2

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men.”

INTERCESSORS DESIRE TO

Identify with God and the need that is on His or their heart. Join with Jesus in His heartbeat about the matter. Stand in the gap with Jesus on the matter. Become a part of His intercession. Draw into intimacy with Him to deal with any problems still needing a break-through. Get down to the specific root of the problem until it is completely resolved. Go deeper to get a strategy for practical action and deliverance. Intercessors are often prophetic and specific

PRAY-ERS ARE MORE GENERAL IN THEIR PRAYERS AND ARE USED BY THE LORD TO

Present the needs directly to Jesus for Him to carry out the intercession. Become aware of the need and simply give it to the Lord through prayer. They carry the larger burden, as they do not have the time to go into intercession. Pray-ers are often more pastoral and caring.

PRAY-ERS AND INTERCESSORS NEED EACH OTHER

With the cooperation of the pray-ers, the intercessors are able to spend the time it takes to go deeper with the specific problems thus freeing the pray-ers to have enough time to carry out their duties. Without the pray-ers to identify the deeper needs, the intercessors wouldn’t be able to remain in a place of intimacy to hear clearly. Sometimes the intercessors act as watchmen to alert the pray-ers about a coming attack so that they can stand together with them against the enemy. Intercessors and pray-ers need to work hand in hand with each other. One group is no more special than the other group, but each has a different heart and function.

JESUS NEEDS PRAY-ERS AND INTERCESSORS

Not every prayer request needs intercession. The pray-ers give it to Jesus for His intercession. Pray-ers and intercessors need to co-operate in God’s order for victory. Intercessors pray and do not always enter into intercession. Intercessors carry the burden for specific matters that He gives them. At times the intercessors are shown a need taking the burden to Him to receive instruction and strategy for victory.

HOW CAN THESE TWO GROUPS WORK TOGETHER?

Have a prayer chain of mainly pray-ers getting the everyday prayer requests to pray for. However if a particular item is not answered they can hand that over to the intercessors. Secondly break into different groups when you get together and pray let some pray for lists and others for a specific thing.

JESUS TAUGHT INTERCESSION

Showing us three ways to ask

Matthew 7:7-8

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

ASK – Asking is done in various ways but is always just asking.

SEEK – When we are not sure of His perfect will, we need to seek Him.

KNOCK – Having found God’s will, we persistently pray (knock) until we see results.

PAUL’S UNDERSTANDING OF INTERCESSION

Praying in the Spirit - varied prayer directed by the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 6:18

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” (NIV)

Praying with the Spirit - praying with an unknown tongue

1 Corinthians 14:14-15

“What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.”

Travail - the deepest form of intercession. It involves our Bridegroom sharing His heart’s cry with His Bride and giving us the Holy Spirit as our midwife.

Romans 8:26-27

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

& Galatians 4:19

“My little children, of whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you.” (ASV)

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND EXHORTATION

Be disciplined in your prayer life, but don’t get into rituals and routines that lock the Holy Spirit out. Get fresh manna every day and allow your intercession to be filled by the Holy Spirit’s life, always remembering God’s ways

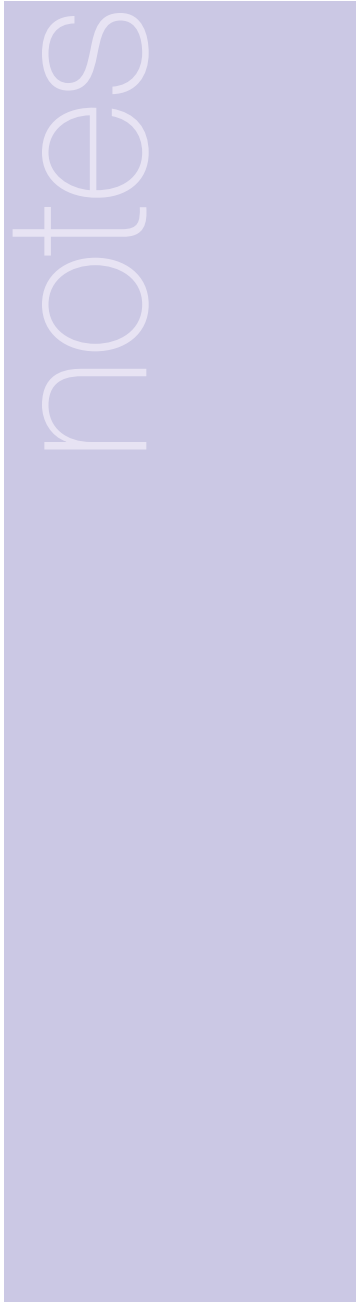
Isaiah 55: 8-11

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. 9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

Beware of becoming secure in a set method or formula in your prayer life. Patterns are not wrong, unless you become bound and rigid in them. Remember to keep balanced.

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LIFE APPLICATIONS

Can and should all believers desire to enter into a session with God?

How does **Ezekiel 47:1-5** describe the different levels of intercession?

What level would you desire to go to in the river of prayer and intercession and are you aware of the price you pay to get there?

How would you differentiate between pray-ers and intercessors?

Would you now say that you feel you are a pray-er or an intercessor?

Do you feel a stronger desire to intercession now that you know more about it?

Would you say pray-ers and intercessors need each other?

_____ are more pastoral and caring.

_____ are prophetic and specific.

_____ help carry the burden of Jesus' intercession for specific matters.

In **Matthew 7:7-8** Jesus taught intercession three ways. What are they?

Describe the three types of intercession seen in **Ephesians 6:18**

1Corinthians 14:14-15

Galatians 4:19



PRODUCING MORE THAN YOU CONSUME

The goal of the Lord is to bring us to a place of true maturity. He doesn't desire for us to constantly be feeding on the milk of His word, but He wants us weaned to come to a place of knowing who we are in Him. [Psalms 131:2] From 13 years onwards children were to be weaned to move into maturity and be freed to serve as mature leaders passing on an inheritance to the next generation.

Ephesians 4:8-16 HERE WE SEE THAT CHRIST GAVE GIFTS TO HIS BODY

- For the equipping of the saints for the work of service
- For the edifying of the Body.
- So that we could come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of Him.
- So that we could become a perfect man.
- So that we could mature into the stature of the fullness of Christ.
- So that we would not have to be tossed back and forth by every wave of doctrine.
- So that we would not be deceived.
- So that we could speak the truth in love.
- So that we would grow up into Him.

This results in all working together as a mature Body (part) fulfilling their function. Most battle to attain these goals of maturity as it's not a one-time event, but a life long process. Many bring along baggage. If we will allow Him to, He will take it from us in His way and time replacing it with freedom and joy. Many have become disillusioned and perplexed by the results. We will go through the journey and stop at some of the places that most of us have to pass through and see how we can identify this baggage [iniquities] and get victory with His help.

JESUS' FIRST VISIT

Luke 4:18

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." (KJV) "And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed." (NKJ)

Quoted from **Isaiah 61:1-3** we see that the Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon us and anoints us to:

- Preach good tidings to the meek.
- Bind up the brokenhearted.
- Proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.
- Proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God.
- Comfort all that mourn.
- Appoint to them that mourn in Zion and give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.
- Help believers to be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified.

Jesus told His disciples He would give the Holy Spirit to help them do greater works than He did.

He also commissioned His disciples to go and carry out that ministry. The disciples went out and carried on His work after they had received the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. We see that they were not led by formulas or methods, but by a Person who was there helping them. They had to take responsibility for what they were called to do and had to go out and do it. This course is not designed to give you a method or formula by which you can be set free nor intercede for others to be set free. It is simply a stimulant to help guide you to find the solution as you seek the Lord by His Holy Spirit and let Him guide you into all truth.

Being involved over the years in helping brothers and sisters to hear the call to intimacy, I have noticed that so many have this desire, but have not been able to break through to see their vision and destiny become a reality. I have discovered that there are many reasons for this and I will share some of those with you in this course. As in my previous courses, this one is designed to help you to get hold of some truths, which will help lead you to a more victorious, mature walk with the Lord. It is not designed as a quick fix method to freedom from the problems of life. Jesus Christ has paid the price for our total redemption, yet so few of us walk in the fullness of it. There are many reasons for that. Sometimes, it is due to a lack of knowledge.

Other times, it is because we are simply not applying the ointment that He has provided. We have applied a Band-Aid to a wound and wondered why it has not helped.

In the past as an intercessor, I often wanted to blame every difficult circumstance on the devil, when it was not always he at work. It was the Lord preparing me to live my life more fully. For example, I first ask God “What are you trying to teach me through this?” I have been amazed at the results. The approach I will be taking in this course is to share some of those valuable lessons that I have learned so that, like myself, you and others will be able to grow up into maturity and thereby be able to fight the good fight more effectively. I sense that God is saying it is time to mature. Over many years, we have been able to function in ministry because of the gifts and anointing which He has given us, but it is now time to also be men and woman of tried and true character for the battle ahead.

A DIFFERENT PROCESS OF GROWING INTO MATURITY

Today, most of us learn by the Greek method of education in which we are taught principles abstracted from real life situations. These can easily lead to knowledge that puffs up. In the Hebraic, the model Jesus used, He taught from real life experiences illustrated to us by the Father who had sent His Son to go through and be trained by many of life's problems, so that He, in turn, could teach us how to deal with them.

Hebrews 5:8

“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.”

& Hebrews 4:15

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

It is only the power of the cross that can bring change in our lives as we allow the Lord to work in our lives through our confession, repentance and brokenness. However, many times we are not aware of our need to go to the cross in this way. My prayer is that through this course, you will allow the Lord to work with you as a believer and intercessor to help you and those for whom you are standing in the gap, to move into greater maturity. Together, let's determine in our hearts to allow the Lord by His Holy Spirit to take us on to victory, personally and corporately.

LIFE APPLICATIONS

What did you hope to get out of this teaching series?

Explain the nine things that we can learn from **Ephesians 4:8-16** about the process of maturity.

Do you feel that **Luke 4:18** applies to you as a believer who is anointed by the Spirit?

Do you think that it is important for you to first receive ministry before you go out and minister to others?

Have you sensed things that have hindered you from moving into intimacy with the Lord?

In light of **Luke 4:18 and Isaiah 61:1**, what would you say could hinder you from being more intimate with the Lord?

Can you think of some instances when you have ever fallen into the trap of blaming everything on the devil? Be specific if possible.

How does the Greek way of learning differ from the Hebraic way? Give examples from your own life.

Can you now highlight the three stages to breaking free and staying free?

BINDING UP THE BROKEN HEARTED

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BINDING UP THE BROKEN HEARTED

Psalm 147:3

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

TWO MEANINGS FOR THE WORD "BIND" ARE TO BANDAGE OR TO GOVERN.

God wants to bandage up our hearts and to bring them under the governing power of His love.

WE CAN BE HEALED OR BOUND BY

1) BINDING COVENANT RELATIONSHIPS

Exodus 3:13-15

"Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'"

1 Samuel 18:1-3

"Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. (3) Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul."

The most powerful of the covenant relationships is the marriage covenant

Mark 10:6-9

"But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female. 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

2) VOWS - We can bind ourselves by our own words or vows made in haste.

Numbers 30:2

"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."

3) GOD PRUNING US AND BINDING US UP

Jesus talked about the Father being a vinedresser. Pruning involved cutting off and then binding to a stake.

John 15:1-3

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. (2) Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. (3) You are already clean because of the word, which I have spoken to you."

4) HAVING THE OIL AND WINE POURED IN illustrated with the Good Samaritan.

Luke 10:30-35

"(33) But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. (34) So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him."

UNDERSTANDING THE HEART

The heart it is the place where the soul and the spirit blended together. The place where these are bridged. Love is a spiritual decision, done with our whole being. We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, our soul and our mind. Love is not a feeling. It's a heart felt decision. We don't love God because the circumstances are good, but because of the hope that we have in Him knowing that His love has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:1-5

"(5) now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Love isn't a soulish thing, but a decision made in our heart confessed with our mouth.

Romans 10:9-10

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

There is confusion in understanding the difference between our soul and spirit. The Word is our most accurate form of discernment of all things.

Hebrews 4:12

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

DIFFERENT EMOTIONS CAN BE EXPERIENCED BY THE HEART THESE CAN BE EITHER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, ALLOWING US TO EITHER EXPERIENCE

LOVE OR HATE

1 Peter 1:22

“Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart.”

& Psalm 105:25

“He turned their heart to hate His people, to deal craftily with His servants.”

JOY OR SORROW

Ecclesiastes 2:10

“Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart rejoiced in all my labor.”

& John 16:6

“But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.”

PEACE OR BITTERNESS

Colossians 3:15

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts.”

& Ezekiel 27:3

“And weep for you with bitterness of heart and bitter wailing.”

COURAGE OR FEAR

Psalm 31:24

“Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart.”

& Genesis 42:28

“Then their hearts failed them and they were afraid.”

Broken, wounded or bruised hearts can cause us to be negative allowing iniquity in.

INIQUITY COMES OUT FROM THE HEART

Psalm 41:6

“And if he comes to see me, he speaks lies; his heart gathers iniquity to itself.”

Jesus addressed the Pharisees and said that they were filled with iniquity within (in their hearts) and that was one of the reasons they acted the way they did. **Matthew 23:28** Rebellion, stubbornness, jealousy, fear, hatred, lust,

adultery, doubt, mischief, pride and sorrow are all iniquities that come from the heart. We will see this more clearly when we study iniquities. However, positive things like gladness, love, meditation, obedience, purpose, reason and thought all flow from the heart as well.

Matthew 23:28

“Thus you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.” (WEB)

The following flow from the heart

WISDOM

Proverbs 2:10

“When wisdom enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul.”

DECISIONS FROM WHAT WE BELIEVE, PERCEIVE OR PURPOSE

Acts 11:23

“When the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.”

ATTITUDES AND INTENTIONS

Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

CHOICES

Ephesians 6:6

“Doing the will of God from the heart.”

UNDERSTANDING

Job 38:36

“Or who has given understanding to the heart?”

IMAGINATIONS

Jeremiah 9:14

“But have walked after the imagination of their own heart.”

MEMORY

Deuteronomy 4:9

“Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart.”

OUR HEARTS CAN BE

PURE OR EVIL

Matthew 5: 8

Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

& Jeremiah 3:1

"Would not that land be greatly polluted? But you have played the harlot with many lovers; Yet return to Me," says the LORD.

BLIND AND DARKENED OR ENLIGHTENED

Ephesians 4:18

"because of the blindness of their heart."

Ephesians 1:17-18

(18) "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened."

SINCERE OR HARD

Exodus 4:21

"But I will harden his heart."

Colossians 3:22

"Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God."

COVETOUS AND LUSTFUL OR LOVING

2 Peter 2:14

"They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children."

Proverbs 6:25

"Do not lust after her beauty in your heart."

Romans 5:5

"Because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit."

FULL OF EVIL OR FULL OF GOOD

Genesis 6:5

"That every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

Psalm 31:24

"Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart."

OUR HEARTS CAN BE

UNREPENTANT OR TRULY REPENTANT

Romans 2:5

"But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart."

2 Corinthians 7:8-10

"(10) For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death."

PROUD OR HUMBLE

Jeremiah 5:23

"But this people has a defiant and rebellious heart."

& Isaiah 57:15

"To revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

MATURE OR REBELLIOUS & STUBBORN

Psalm 101:2

"I will walk within my house with a perfect heart."

Jeremiah 5:23 & 23:29

"But this people have a defiant and rebellious heart."

Exodus 4:21

And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go."

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HEART

GOD KNOWS THE HEART OF EACH PERSON

1 Samuel 16:7

"For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

SINCE A PERSON SPEAKS AND ACTS FROM HIS HEART, HE IS TO GUARD IT WELL FOR IT CAN BE EASILY WOUNDED, BRUISED, HURT OR BROKEN

Proverbs 4:23

"Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life."

Matthew 15:18-19

"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. (19) "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.""

THE MOST IMPORTANT DUTY OF MAN IS TO LOVE GOD WITH THEIR HEART

Matthew 22:37

“Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’”

WITH THE HEART MAN BELIEVES IN CHRIST AND SO EXPERIENCES BOTH LOVE FROM GOD and the presence of Christ in his heart.

Romans 5:5

“The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 10:9-10

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Ephesians 3:17

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.”

JESUS HIMSELF SHOWED HOW IMPORTANT THE HEART IS WHEN HE SHOWED THAT IT IS THE SOURCE FROM WHICH OUR LIFE FLOWS

Matthew 15:18

“But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.”

1 Samuel 16:7

“For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

Proverbs 4:23

“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.”

Matthew 15:18-19

““But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. (19) “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.””

When our heart gets defiled through unredeemed hurts from our childhood, it affects our being as well as our attitude towards others. Satan’s main attack is to constantly influence and bring perversion around us. These attacks can develop into strongholds if we do not deal with them.

One of God’s greatest desires is to change the heart of His children so that they can be sensitive to His touch. **Ezekiel 11:19** (Sensitive and responsive to the touch of our God.) The enemy tries to attack these emotions and feelings to try to get us off track and defile our character in some way or another. He will attack each of us in a different way and at a different time, but he usually tries to do this as early as possible in our life and he often does not just do it once, but many times. The Lord was aware of this and that is why He provided the working of the cross to take care of all our needs.

WE CAN HAVE OUR HEARTS PROTECTED BY

NOT BEING ANXIOUS

Philippians 4:6-7

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; (7) and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

DELIGHTING OURSELVES IN THE LORD

Psalms 37:4-5

“Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.”

GUARDING OUR HEARTS

Proverbs 4:23

“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.”

Matthew 5:27-28

“(28) “But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

ABIDING IN HIM AND HIS WORD

John 15:7-8

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”

ENTERING COVENANT (BINDING) RELATIONSHIPS that can bring restoration Covenant love will break through the hurt.

1 Samuel 18:1-3

“(3) Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.”

Exodus 2:23-25

“(24) So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. (25) And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them.”

BRINGING OUR HURTS, BRUISES AND PAINS THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED INTO THE LIGHT and breaking the hold and lie of the enemy

1 John 1:7-9

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (9) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

& James 5:16

“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.”

LIFE APPLICATIONS

Can you now identify the three parts of **Isaiah 61:1** and **Luke 4:18** and what they mean to you?

What do you now believe the meanings of bind up, to bandage and to govern, mean to you in your life?

What have you learnt from the story of the Good Samaritan about taking care of the hurting?

Can you give four positive and negative attributes of the heart?

From where can iniquity originate?

Why do you think it is important as intercessors to allow God to deal with our hearts?

Can you list seven areas that can be affected by our heart

Give seven things that will help us to have our hearts protected and our motives pure.

How can the enemy keep us in bondage to bruises and hurts?

What has challenged you the most through this study?

Take some time now and over the next week to allow the Lord to show you if your heart has been broken in any way and then allow His anointing to touch these areas.

RESTORING THE SOUL**Psalm 23:3**

“He restores my soul.”

Restore here means to bring back to. God knows that the enemy of our souls has continually tried to wound us so that we lose control of our emotions. Therefore, when we come to Him, He desires to bring our emotions back into conformity with His will and destiny for our lives and works on restoring that. However we need to allow Him to do this by continually offering ourselves up as living and holy sacrifices.

Romans 12:1-2

“Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

The first use of the word soul in the Old Testament expresses this meaning: “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being (soul)” (**Genesis 2:7**) This means more than being given physical life; the biblical writer declares that man became a “living soul,” or a person, a human being, one distinct from all other animals.

FUNCTIONS OF THE SOUL**THE SOUL DESIRES FOOD****Deuteronomy 12:20-21**

“You say, ‘Let me eat meat,’ because you long to eat meat, you may eat as much meat as your heart desires.”

HAS THE ABILITY TO LOVE**Song Of Solomon 1:7**

“Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth.”

LONGS FOR GOD**Psalm 63:1**

“My soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.”

DESIRES TO REJOICE**Psalm 86:4**

“Rejoice the soul of Your servant, for to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.”

DESIRES TO KNOW**Psalm 139:14**

“I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.”

REMEMBERS**Lamentations 3:20**

“My soul still remembers and sinks within me.”

THE SOUL CAN**BE EXCEEDINGLY SORROWFUL****Matthew 26:38**

“Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death.”

MAGNIFY THE LORD**Luke 1:46**

“And Mary said: “My soul magnifies the Lord.”

BLESS THE LORD**Psalm 103:1-2**

“Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!”

BE CAST DOWN**Psalm 42:3-4**

“(4) When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me.”

Our soul is made up of our mind, our will and our emotions. All three of these have a direct effect on our heart and very often affect our feelings. It is the area of our soul that is constantly attacked by the enemy. As one saying goes ‘The enemy of our souls.’ If he can attack our soulish realm in some way or another, he knows that he will have power over our hearts and spirits and it will eventually affect our physical bodies. This is one of the reasons that the Lord, our Shepherd, knows that our wounded or afflicted souls, which affect so much of the rest of our lives, need to be restored by Him. However, if we do not allow Him to do this, many times we will be in a constant battle and we will wonder why.

The heart and the soul are very closely connected and so if we have not allowed Him to bind up our broken hearts when trouble or hardships come, we will not know what to do. We will lack wisdom, lean on our own understanding and end

up getting even more hurt. Many, in a broken, bruised condition, end up getting even more broken and bruised as their feelings, minds and emotions govern them rather, than Christ and His powerful love.

Ezekiel 34:4 talks about what the false shepherds have not done and verse 16 about what He as the good Shepherd desires to do showing binding up the broken hearted and restoring the soul.

Ezekiel 34:4

“You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost.”

Ezekiel 34:16

“I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy.” (NIV)

Paul had an understanding of how important it was to minister to the whole man and he prays the following prayer for the believers in

1 Thessalonians 5:23

‘Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame.’ (NAS)

Another version says he prayed that they would be sanctified wholly, through and through. In a sense, wholly could also be seen as ‘holy.’ So you could say, in praying for complete wholeness or holiness, he asked the Lord to sanctify them body, soul and spirit. He knew that if one of these were unsanctified it would affect each of the others. This is much of what we see in the church today.

Many believers, having been born again, have strong spirits; yet have weak souls and bodies, which constantly drag them down. Others, not having been born again, have weak spirits; yet have strong souls (strong personalities and characters) and bodies that constantly drag them down. Still others, having been born again, have strong spirits; yet have strong souls and weak bodies that constantly drag them down.

ISAIAH SHOWS HOW VITAL IT IS TO DEAL WITH OUR SOULISH REALM

Isaiah 10:18

“Both soul and body; and they will be as when a sick man wastes away.”

This was confirmed to me in a vision that I had in intercession at one time in which I saw an army filled with crippled soldiers. Almost all of them were disabled in some way or another. The enemy delights in doing this as, when one is wounded, it takes at least one or more to take care of them. We are called to be a united Body and yet if the enemy can get us side tracked having to take care of our wounds or others wounds, he knows that we will be isolated from the Body which is a dangerous place to be. We need to allow the Lord to touch us and set us free in each of these areas or we will constantly be out of balance and battling.

PAUL SHOWED OUR NEED TO DEAL WITH OUR BODY AND SOUL

1 Corinthians 9:27

“But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection.”

James 1:21

“Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

JESUS SHOWED THAT WE ARE TO POSSES OUR SOULS

Luke 21:19

“Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

John understood how all of these work together, so he prayed the following prayer

3 John 1:2

“Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.” (NAS)

He shows that their prosperity in all respects (in all things [NKJ]), including their health, was directly related to the prospering of their souls. In order for us to be balanced and whole (holy), we need to allow God to touch our lives fully and then we will also prosper, as the Lord would want.

One of the main problems that we will face if we do not allow the Lord to touch our soulish realm is double mindedness.

James 1:6-8

“(14) But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. (15) This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. (16) For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”

Double mindedness can cause us to be tossed back and forth by our emotions, which have not been healed. Double mindedness can have a direct effect on our faith and our ability to function in true wisdom. Faith and wisdom are two vital ingredients in our Christian life. The enemy loves to use our emotions (soulish realm) to attack these if he can. Often this confusion comes through being dominated, intimidated or manipulated.

James 3:13-16

“(14) But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. (15) This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. (16) For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”

This problem caused Israel to be undecided and to halt between two opinions.

1 Kings 18:21

“How long will you falter between two opinions?”

The Lord continually admonished His people to make a firm choice as to what they wanted to do.

Deuteronomy 30:19 being able to make the correct decisions is most vital to our Christian walk. We cannot afford to be ruled by our minds alone. We need to be divinely led by Him at all times.

Deuteronomy 30:19

“I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; (6) In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.”

WE CAN ALLOW OUR SOULS TO BE RESTORED AND SANCTIFIED

THROUGH THE POWER OF HIS LIVING WORD

Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (ASV)

SUBMITTING TO HIM AS WE DELIGHT OURSELVES IN HIM

Psalms 37:4-5 & Proverbs 3:5-6

“Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.”

BY PRESENTING OURSELVES AS LIVING AND HOLY SACRIFICES

Romans 12:1-2

“Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

BY PRAYING

1 Thessalonians 5:23

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless.”

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LIFE APPLICATIONS

How do you interpret the word restore mean in **Psalm 23:3**?

Can you name six areas, which describe the soul?

Can you explain to yourself and to another what is our soul made up?

How does **Ezekiel 34:4 and 16** encompass binding up the broken hearted and restoring the soul?

Explain what **1 Thessalonians 5:23 and 3 John 2** mean to you in light of this teaching?

Briefly give two examples of where you've been double minded. Be specific.

Based on this teaching, how would you resolve it?

Explain three ways in which we can renew our minds and have peace brought to our souls?

How can our soulish life affect our prayers?

What two things can hinder the Lord from being able to minister to our soulish emotions?

How have you allowed the Shepherd of your soul to minister to that area of your life?

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THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF REPENTANCE
REPENTANCE DEFINED

IT MEANS TO TURN AND TO CHANGE

Repentance comes from the Greek word metanoeo, from which we get the word metamorphosis.

REPENTANCE STARTS BY A PERSON COMING TO THEIR SENSES THAT LEADS THEM TO TAKE ACTION

Luke 15:17-19

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! (18) 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, (19) "and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.""

1 Kings 8:46-52

"(47) "yet when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land of those who took them captive, saying, 'We have sinned and done wrong, we have committed wickedness; (48) "and when they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul. (49) "then hear in heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause, (50) "and forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against You; and grant them compassion before those who took them captive, that they may have compassion on them"

REPENTANCE CAN BRING PERSONAL REVIVAL

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."

James 5:16

"Confess to one another therefore your faults, your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins that you may be healed and restored to a spiritual tone of mind and heart. The earnest, heartfelt continued prayer of a righteousness man makes tremendous power available dynamic in its working." (Amplified)

FRUITS OF REPENTANCE

Many times repentance should lead us to make restitution to God or others that we have offended or grieved through our wrongful actions. You could say that repentance is planting the seed, but restitution is the water that causes true growth to take place.

Luke 3:8

"Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance."

GODLY SORROW

2 Corinthians 7:8-10

"(10) For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death."

- Godly sorrow protects nothing and it is impacted for others. Godly sorrow usually comes as a result of good Godly conviction by the Holy Spirit whereas condemnation comes from the enemy to try break us down and destroy us.

John 16:7-8

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment"

& Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

EXPRESSED BY DAVID AND BY PETER

2 Samuel 12:1-16

"(13) so David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

Matthew 26:69-75

"(74) Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. (75) And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times. So he went out and wept bitterly."

WORLDY SORROW

Tries to save face and to shift the blame.

2 Corinthians 7:8-10

“But the sorrow of the world produces death.”

Adam

Genesis 3:8-11

“(10) So he said, ‘I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ (11) And He said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?’”

Saul

2 Samuel 21:10-25

“(14) But Samuel said, ‘What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?’ (15) And Saul said, ‘They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the Lord your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.’”

Judas

Matthew 27:3-5

“Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.”

HUMILITY – TRUE HUMILITY

Humility is a willingness to be known for who you really are. Humility is a sense of true respect for someone who is greater than you, to whom you are willing to submit.

SHOWN BY THE ROMAN CENTURION**Matthew 8:5-13**

“(8) The centurion answered and said, ‘Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. (9) ‘For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me.’”

BY THE WOMAN WHO HAD BEEN FORGIVEN**Luke 7:37-44**

“And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, (38) and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head;

and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. (44) Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, ‘Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head.’”

There can be no permanent change taking place without a change of heart and true humility. We will usually succeed or fail depending on our heart attitude. Humility includes brokenness over what we have done to wrong another and should lead to us having a broken and a contrite heart as David did. This brings us back into God’s redemptive purpose for us.

Psalms 51:17

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart – These, O God, You will not despise.”

FALSE HUMILITY

It is where we will act in a dominating, intimidating or manipulating way to try and change circumstances rather than being willing to be changed or to change. It allows us to develop a victim mentality and often it can pervert our motives for doing or not doing things.

False humility is an unwillingness to believe that God can do what He said he would.

Shown by Moses in **Exodus 3-4** where he resists the divine call of God on his life.

In **Exodus 3-4** he resists the divine call of God on his life.

Jeremiah

Jeremiah 1:4-10

“Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: (5) ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.’ (6) Then said I: ‘Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.’”

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LIFE APPLICATIONS

What do you understand is meant by repentance?

What does it mean to come to our senses?

What usually happens when we come to our senses?

What does worldly sorrow lead to and why?

Explain how worldly sorrow differs from godly sorrow?

How would you describe humility?

How do you think that affects our relationship with God?

How would you describe an example of true humility?

How would you describe an example of false humility?

How have you seen repentance help or destroy relationships in your life?

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