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INTRODUCTION



The subject of soul ties is an often overlooked, yet extremely important subject. Millions of Christians all over the world waste their lives in more or less frustration, waiting and wondering for God's perfect will to happen in their lives some day. In my opinion, many times soul ties are the hidden weapon that holds them back from breaking forth into their God-given destiny. These soul ties have brought more heartache and destroyed more relationships and divine callings than many of the sins we consider to be so serious.

Jesus Christ came to this world so that you may have life, and have it more abundantly (Jn.10:10). He gave His life to destroy anything that would enslave, oppress or depress you. He has called you into the glorious liberty of the children of God (Ro.8:21). He even warns us not to become slaves of men (1.Co.7:23). The stage is perfectly set for you to run your race victoriously, full of joy and anointing, and to receive your eternal crown of life and righteousness (2.Ti.4:8; Jas.1:12)!

And yet - how many sincere, well-meaning children of God spend their lives in mediocrity and frustration. They can feel the supernatural call into higher dimensions of God and His ministry, but many invisible strings seem to tie them down to the ground. Though they are eagles, supposed to soar with the wind in majestic ease, supervising the world beneath, they behave like chicken frantically scraping for worms!

That is your position in Christ: seated in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to

come (Eph.1:20-21)!

You are called to be delivered and to be a deliverer! You are called to fulfill your ministry, fight the good fight of faith, finish the race and keep the faith (2.Ti.4:5,7). Nothing else can ever satisfy you in this life!

Many people manipulate others through soul ties in a very secret, sneaky way. Both the offender and the offended party might be completely unaware of it, and yet there lies great danger in soul ties. The manipulated person is just unable to make his own decisions or live his own life. Some people never even marry because of manipulating parents, especially mothers. In Europe, we call such grown-up men 'Mummy's little boy'! Soul ties can weaken a person and almost annihilate their power of decision-making.

In Argentina, I have seen ex-witches using such strong soul- powers to control their husbands that these poor men even became impotent! After her salvation, one specific witch renounced her powers of control and manipulation, and we cut all soul ties. Miraculously, her husband was fully restored to his manly vigor without us even praying for him! How many secrets are there still to explore in the spirit world!

Jesus admonishes us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength (Mk.12:30; Lk.10:27). He commands us to 'hate' those we love most, and even our own life (Lk.14:26)! That means, the love we should have to Him should be so strong that even the greatest love we are able to feel looks like hatred compared to the love we have toward Him.

The Bible doesn't actually use the expression 'soul ties', but the concept is seen all over. Cutting soul ties is like a resurrection for your spiritual life! You will not destroy relationships but rather resurrect them, as Abraham experienced with his beloved son Isaac, and as Joseph experienced with his father's house (Ge.22; Ge.45).

When you cut soul ties, you will find a new freedom in your spiritual life. You will no longer waste your life in bondage and frustration. You will no longer squander your time, your gifts and talents, your

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emotions, your money and your tears. You will be free to discern in the spirit and no longer wonder in soulish thoughts and opinions. You will rise up in a new authority to deliver the captives and break heavy yokes.

This book will help you discover this secret weapon the enemy uses so easily since it appeals so much to our fleshly nature. Be aware that soul ties do not form only between family members but also between close friends or even colleagues and business partners. Whenever you feel you are too concerned and worried about a person, your soul is knit to that person, and you are even spiritually affected when that person is somehow upset or sick, a soul tie might have formed again. Just take the suggested soul-tie-prayer at the end of this book, insert the name of that person, and break it again!

Once you have discovered how soul ties work you will be apt and able to break and destroy them in your own life as well as in the lives of the people around you. You will break free to soar in the highest realm of the spirit world! You will reach your full potential in Christ! Study, pray and break free, in Jesus' Name!

I invite you to pray this prayer with me right now at the beginning of this book:

Dearest Heavenly Father,

I thank You for Your wisdom in commanding me to love You with all of my heart, my soul, my mind and my strength! Many times I didn't know how to fulfill this commandment from Your loving heart.

Please reveal to me the truth about soul ties and help me to cut them in Jesus' mighty Name.

Please forgive me wherever I violated Your wise commandment that is meant for my own protection and well-being.

I confess any idol-worship where I put people in a higher

place in my life than You. I confess any sexual involvement outside marriage and any blood-covenant I ever made, and ask Your forgiveness.

Cleanse me from any ungodly soul tie by Your mighty, holy Blood! Thank You for forgiving me and cleansing me.

Right now, I break any soul tie and any manipulation over my life, in the mighty Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth!

I receive Your freedom, in Jesus' Name!

Amen!

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WHAT ARE SOUL TIES?



Soul ties are very important vehicles for demons and curses to be transmitted. They open up your life for the enemy of your soul to usurp authority over your relationships and make them strenuous and taxing. They bind two persons together in an unhealthy, addictive way. They force behaviors the person would normally not show. A soul tie makes it impossible or at least immensely difficult for your spirit to take control. Soul ties are satan's tricky weapons to destroy your life while you think you are doing God's will and loving with God's love!!! Soul ties make your life miserable and will even try to drag you down to the gates of death!

Soul ties make you unable to minister to the person your soul is bound to. You won't even correct wrong behavior. Only to the extent you are free from soul ties you can bless people. Soul ties block God's rivers of living water from flowing through you to the people. You will only be able to help the other person on a soulish level - crying, feeding, taking care, and pampering that person - but that never really helps. True help is possible only on a spiritual level, and that level is blocked when a soul tie is present.

When the spirit is in control of any relationship, soul and body submit to it. However, when the spirit is overruled by the soulish attachment between people, the relationship has entered dangerous ground. Any undue mending together of mind, will and emotions is a soul tie. Our God is a jealous God who requires us to love Him with all our

heart, soul, mind and strength (Mk.12:30). A soul tie can hamper your relationship with your Creator to the extent to which that person's approval or disapproval can become more important to you than the very will of God!

When two souls are knit together, they often experience the same things although they are millions of kilometers apart. Science is still studying the mystery of identical twins. Even if they lost contact with each other for many years, experience shows that they usually go through the same incidences at the same time. That is a clear indication of a strong soul tie through inheritance.

Though the exact expression 'soul tie' is not found in the Bible, the concept is seen all over. We are spirit beings, and we ought to love one another in spirit and in truth (Col.1:8; 1.Jn.3:18; 2.Jn.1; 3.Jn.1). Of course, the Bible commands you to love with a fervent love, but this fervent love begins in the spirit and should not be overpowered by the soulish realm (1.Pe.4:8).

What is a soul tie? What does it have to do with family or marriage relationships? Let us have a closer look at Leviticus 17:11. In this verse, we see thrice the same Hebrew word 'nephesh', a word with many meanings. It denotes 'soul, self, life, creature, person, appetite, mind, living being, desire, emotion, passion.'

11 For the life (nephesh) of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls (nephesh); for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul (nephesh) (Lev.17:11)

We could therefore say that the very essence of our being, of our earthly life and character, is in the blood. When God breathed the breath of life into Adam's nostrils, Adam became 'a living soul, a living *nephesh*' (Ge.2:7).

The blood has a great significance and carries specific characteristics of every person. Thorough studies must be done before giving blood transfusions because blood is not only distinguished in group A,

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B and 0, but also the Rhesus factor and other factors must be considered. If you have allergies, for example, you are not allowed to donate blood because these allergies would be transmitted by your blood into the receiving person. AIDS, Malaria, Filaria and myriads of other diseases are transmitted by blood contact.

Somehow, also demons seem to find blood a suitable vehicle for their evil powers. Have you ever wondered why satanists must drink human and animal blood in their inauguration into witchcraft?! Why are blood sacrifices so important in sorcery?! Why is blood shed to give legal rights to demons?! Why would God make the holy Blood of His own Son the redeeming agent for the entire world?! There are still many divine secrets to uncover about the importance of blood!

HOW ARE SOUL TIES FORMED



Soul ties are established mainly in three ways: By blood relationship, by sexual contact and even by close association. The first sexual experience for a woman creates an especially strong bond since in God's wise and perfect design, blood flows to seal the marriage covenant.

In rare cases, soul ties develop even by the so-called 'love at first sight'. An example of that is found in the deep friendship and covenant of David and Jonathan that began the first time Jonathan saw David (1.Sa.18:1-4).

Blood Relationship

Because of that special ability in the blood, even the normal blood relationship in a family is one of the ways soul ties are created. I personally know two people who were severely demonized by the death of a close family member. In both cases, an uncle died in their house, and both of them felt a strong impact on their bodies as these demonic spirits left the dead body of their former host and took possession of their bodies. Such easy demonization would not be possible without the vehicle of soul ties, in these cases through the blood relationship. Remember, the life of the flesh is in the blood (Lev.17:11).

Let me give you an example from my own life. When we were

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small children below ten years of age, my two cousins and me formed a 'club' and made all kinds of vows to each other. It was just a children's play and soon forgotten by me - and yet, today I understand it did have an effect in the spiritual world. In this case, we were even blood relatives which made the soul tie even stronger.

When my cousin met her future husband, I encouraged that marriage with all of my heart. I prayed a lot for them - and yet, once they were married, her husband vehemently cut off our friendship and relationship. He showed tremendous jealousy that none of us could understand. He would brand us as 'the holy cousins' and not even allow me to visit their home. I was extremely hurt since my cousin had been my best and closest friend since our childhood.

Some time later, the Holy Spirit reminded me of that vow we made in Grandma's garden. I asked God's forgiveness and canceled that covenant by the mighty Blood of Jesus. When I told my cousin about it, she said the Lord had shown her something similar when her first child was born. Unconsciously, her soul was still bound to me, and she craved my approval more than anybody else's. Still in the hospital, she prayed and cut herself free from that old covenant. Something happened in the spiritual world, praise God!

Her husband has since then changed his behavior toward me and my family in an astounding way, and my cousin is free to live the life God wants her to live without comparing herself with me. For me, cutting that soul tie made it easier to forgive her husband for separating us so fiercely.

Maybe you experience such incomprehensible hatred and rejection from somebody. I encourage you to pray and find out if a soul tie could be the reason behind it. It might be a soul tie through blood relationship or a covenant. Many times people make covenants, even blood covenants, to form something like clubs or secret societies. Even if it was only a child play, better insert these names and break any soul tie that might have developed.

For more about soul ties and curses through the 'blood line' or

other relationships, please refer to my self-help manual "How to Break Cruel Curses". You will find many helpful instructions on how to destroy satan's previously undiscovered hold over your life and family.

Sexual Contact

The second and instantaneous way soul ties are formed is sexual contact. We see a very clear example of that in the 'Dinah-incident' in Genesis chapter 34.

1 Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and <u>lay with her, and</u> violated her.

3 <u>His soul was strongly attracted</u> to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young woman and spoke kindly to the young woman (Ge.34:1-3)

The soul tie was established through this illicit sexual relationship. Though these verses seem to show a positive picture of love and kindness, we will see the disastrous outcome of it later on.

God's Word tells us, "Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For 'the two,' He says, 'shall become one flesh'" (1.Co.6:16). In the Western world with all its promiscuity, I have seen over and over again young people whose souls were scattered into pieces by multiple sexual relationships.

If you still have a soul tie with somebody, even from a fantasy relationship, you can never be truly happy in your marriage. Your spouse will always feel that there is somebody else in your life, and real trust just cannot develop.

I remember ministering in a village in Andhra Pradesh, India, some

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years ago. When I was asked to pray for the pastor and his wife who couldn't have children, I saw in a vision another woman standing between these two spouses. When I spoke out what I had seen, people were shocked. They said, "Sister, we wanted to keep it secret, but since the Lord Himself has shown you, we will tell you what happened. This pastor was married before and was not satisfied with his wife, so he just sent her away. This lady is his second wife!" How tremendously real is the spiritual world!

This pastor had fallen in adultery and developed a soul tie with another lady. In order to marry her, he invented all kinds of complaints about his wife and finally sent her back to her parents. That man was in so much deception that he couldn't even see how wrong and horrible his actions were! He felt completely justified and was sure to be in the will of God! All my words couldn't convince him, but at least he agreed to attend one of my curse breaking sessions.

One week later, he took a train and came to my meetings in another city. This time he was in tears and agony, having realized the horrors he had done! Soul ties had brought deception and curses on him, and only after breaking these curses, he was again able to think clearly and to repent from his deeds. How much heartache and destruction can come through soul ties!

Soul ties even come through fantasy relationships. Today's youth become 'fans' of some cinema actor or musician and spend a lot of time daydreaming about a relationship with that 'idol'. In many cases, the picture of that person still haunts the young person's mind even in the intimacy of marriage. You will never enjoy fulfillment in marriage unless you confess such thoughts to God and break all soul ties that developed from them.

Maybe you experience sexual dreams or fantasies. That could have different reasons, among others unbroken legal rights through sexual sin in your forefathers.

If your dreams and fantasies involve always the same person, however, you definitely have a soul tie with that person. Confess this lust as

a sin, ask God's forgiveness and the cleansing of the precious Blood of Jesus, and then break any soul tie that binds you to that person.

Close Association

The third way soul ties are formed is by close association.

Very often, soul ties start out in a very beautiful, 'spiritual' way by praying or counseling together. How many homes have been destroyed by this subtle weapon of the enemy! Who has not heard stories of 'the boss and his secretary'!

Alas, even spiritual leaders have fallen prey to this special weapon of satan. How easy it is to start thinking, 'Oh, my secretary is so much more spiritual, she understands me so much better, she is so much more interested and involved in my life...'! The poor wife is sitting at home taking care of his children, washing his clothes, cleaning his house, cooking his meals, and when he comes home at night, he is too tired to talk to her.

Without much intelligent conversation and no quality time and affection from her husband, she gets more and more frustrated, while her husband feels more and more attracted to that woman in his office that shares so many hours of his life and even his occupational interests. The trap is perfectly set, the soul tie can develop, and the rest is sad history in so many cases all over the world.

Believers also face the same dangers. The vehicle the enemy uses to start with are soul ties formed between well-meaning believers! Even in church, you need to ask the Holy Spirit concerning each and every relationship! Is it pleasing to Him, or is it crossing any boundary in your thought life, in your time, in your emotions?

Beware! Never allow the enemy of your soul to connect you unduly to others by using a spiritual appearance! Entrust your soul to the Shepherd and Overseer of your soul (1.Pe.2:25). Set your full affection on Him, and you will escape the snares of the enemy!

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Sisters, beware - even ministry can lead to soul ties. Pastors, beware in counseling women! Never counsel alone with somebody from the opposite sex. As they open up their soul expounding their problems and seeking your counsel, very easily your souls can be knit together by soulish and emotional understanding and compassion.

Soul ties work in a hidden way to obstruct God's plan for your life. They keep you bound to people you might even have forgotten. They force others to hate the person your soul is bound to, often without even understanding why they feel so strongly about that person. Soul ties affect every area of your life.

Maybe you grew up very closely with somebody who is not a family member. Just to be on the safe side, better break the soul ties that could have formed! By breaking soul ties in prayer, you will not loose anything, but you might gain a great blessing and a completely different, strife-free, easy-going relationship.

SOUL TIES AND LOVE



Our God is a God of love - in fact, He Himself IS love (1.Jn.4:8,16). He is the author of all genuine love and desires nothing more than for all His creatures to walk in His perfect, pure love. Cutting soul ties does in no way mean to reduce or destroy love. See His command and the way to experience true love: "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" (1.Pe.1:22).

Love covers a multitude of sins (Jas.5:20; 1.Pe.4:8). It is as strong as death, and it always seeks the best for the other person (SS.8:6; 1.Co.13:4-8). Many of the greatest inventions and ventures on this planet were done because of love. Love is God's design for this world and for you. Love will always lift up and bless both persons involved.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 says, "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor; for if they fall, one will lift up his companion". A soul tie, however, will make you drown together with the other person. Imagine!

What will happen if you are bound to a person that is falling? You will fall with that person! When both of you lay on the ground, how can you save that person? If you stand tall, however, you can easily lift up the other person!

Just check your life. Do you have a soul tie with anybody? A very

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clear indication of a soul tie is when you get so worried you cannot even eat when that person is sick. When he or she just shows any small sign of disease, you are unable to sleep, and you debilitate your own body. If that other person is depressed, you yourself fall into a deep dark pit of sadness and hopelessness. How then will you be able to help that person when you destroy your own health?!?!

Of course, if the Lord gives you a concrete burden to fast and pray, that is a different situation. I can understand it is not easy to eat happily when your loved one is sick, but your spirit must rise up and overcome. Only then, you will be able to take care of yourself and also of the other person. This is impossible or at least extremely difficult when there is a soul tie. Here we see once again: Soul ties are satan's tricky weapons to destroy your life while you think you are doing God's will and loving with God's love!!!

Let me give you a revelation: Jesus loves you so immensely that He gave His own life for you, but He never worries about you! The Father loves you so much that He gave His only begotten Son for you, but He is never anxious or insecure concerning you. The Holy Spirit, your jealous Lover who made His permanent home in you loves you extremely, but He never forces or manipulates you. He always believes in you and patiently works on you. This divine agape kind of love can freely flow through you! You can be a little Jesus to your world!

There is a very clear distinction between God's love and compassion and these ungodly soul ties. God so loved the world that HE GAVE His only Son (Jn.3:16)! God didn't sit in heaven and worry and cry about the pitiful state of His creation - HE ACTED! God's love and compassion stands tall and acts! Jesus was filled with compassion and HEALED the sick (Mt.14:14). He didn't just sit with them to lament and comfort them, "you poor sick little thing"! Love is action! Faith works through love (Ga.5:6)! Love allows and empowers you to heal and change the circumstances whereas soul ties only drown you in the same perdition.

We have a beautiful illustration of the danger of a soul tie from the field of swimming and life-saving. In Germany, when we learn swim-

ming we also get some theoretical and practical instructions on how to save a drowning person. It may sound quite cruel, but it is absolutely vital for the success of the operation. A drowning person will be so scared and in panic that he will cling with all his strength to the person coming to his rescue. What is the result? He will draw the other person under water, and both will drown. We are instructed therefore to place a very well directed hit on the drowning person's chin to make him unconscious! The unconscious body will not cling to us or drag us down. The person can then easily be brought out of the water.

Cutting soul ties is somewhat similar. It might seem cruel at the moment, but it definitely saves lives and callings, just like a medical operation would.

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SYMPTOMS OF SOUL TIES



Are you affected by a soul tie? Let me give you a check list to find out.

When there is a soul tie, you can hear people say, "I can't live without you", "I can't get you out of my mind", "I can't be happy without you", etc.

When you have a soul tie, you cannot have peace and joy when the other person is not hundred percent pleased with you. You are unable to function in the Kingdom of God that consists in righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. That makes you and your ministry unacceptable to God and unapproved by men (Ro.14:17)!

When you have a soul tie, you are actually in danger of wanting to please and obey men more than God - the exact opposite of what is required in God's kingdom (Pr.29:25)!

When you have a soul tie, you are very vulnerable to manipulation and control. You will just follow the dictates of that person and not obey God's command to walk in the Spirit (Ga.5:16). Your soul will overpower the voice of the Holy Spirit. You will not be able to do what God requires for you to receive the Holy Spirit: obey God more than men (Ac.5:29,32)!

When you have a soul tie, it will be very difficult for you to receive

the Holy Spirit and to remain full of Him (Ac.5:32). That again endangers you more because your soul will take stronger rulership when your spirit is weakened.

When you have a soul tie, you will walk in the flesh instead of walking in the spirit. You will mind the things of the flesh more than the things of the spirit and hamper your life and peace! You will actually reap death and be unable to please God as your mind is constantly occupied with earthly things (Mt.16:23; Ro.8:5-8; Col.3:1-3).

When you have a soul tie, you will idolize that person. Let me warn you once again: This happens in such a subtle, almost unnoticed way that you might not even be aware of it. Only the scrutinizing light of the Holy Spirit can search your heart, soul and mind for such inoculations of the evil one.

When you have a soul tie, you will be unwilling or even unable to believe any negative report about that person. You will be blind for any corrections or help from others. You will trust and believe that person more than anything or anybody else and be overly zealous to guard that person.

When you have a soul tie, you will even suppress the voice of the Holy Spirit concerning that person! You will suddenly be deeply shocked when the evidence can no longer be denied. You did not heed the Holy Spirit who was all the time trying to get your attention so you could act and avoid further shame and destruction.

When you have a soul tie with your child, you will take offense when anybody tells you about a flaw in him or her. You will avoid and even hate those who try to help you save your child's spiritual, moral and even physical life. By that, you will actually destroy your child, keeping away any spiritual help God is trying to bring your way through His children and servants.

When you have a soul tie, you will violate the first and foremost command of our Lord Jesus (Mk.12:30). You will find excuses like, "Well, God understands. I wanted to pray, but now I first have to call

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that person..."

When you have a soul tie, you will spend your time, your energy and even your money with that person, for that person, worrying about that person instead of putting God and His Kingdom first in everything you do (Mt.6:33).

When you have a soul tie, your spiritual discernment will be severely distorted (1.Pe.1:22).

When you have a soul tie, you will easily fall prey to deception since you observe an idol in your heart. God Himself will allow you to err in order to draw you out of the deadly snare of soul ties (Eze.14:3-8).

When you have a soul tie, you will water down Bible standards and even invent new doctrines! You will condone and even hide the sins of your soul mate.

When you have a soul tie, you will lack all spiritual discernment and authority to correct, rebuke and uplift that person (1.Sa.2:22-25,28).

When you have a soul tie, your mind and thoughts will always revolve around that person. Your first thought in the morning and your last thought at night will be how to satisfy and please that person.

When you have a soul tie, your will and decision-making will be severely hampered. You won't be able to take decisions based upon God, His Word, His will and His calling for your life. In every decision, you will consider that person and be in danger of completely missing God's will for your life.

When you have a soul tie, you will also draw the other person away from God's will in that frenzy of clinging together at any cost.

When you have a soul tie, you will not be able to bring your emotions under the control of your spirit. You will be at the mercy of that

person's emotions. Their happiness is your happiness, their gloom is your doom (Jdg.16:16).

When you have a soul tie, your emotions will not be available for Jesus to live and love through you since they are bound to that one person of your obsession. All the devil has to do is to put one tear into the eyes of your soul mate, and he has rendered you completely useless for God's service.

When you have a soul tie, your health will be affected. You will tie your life around that person instead of observing God's command and guidance concerning a moderate, healthy lifestyle.

When you have a soul tie, even your mental health will suffer since you are almost obsessed with something or somebody other than your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

When you have a soul tie, you won't be able to forgive easily when that person hurts you. The pain will be so deep it can actually kill you by inviting cancer, heart disease and other tormentors into your life (Mt.18:18). Even after years without any contact to that person, the soul tie can be intact and do its destructive work in your life unless you consciously break it.

When you have a soul tie, you will live in constant fear. Because that person is so precious to you, any small discomfort that person may feel will throw you into an abyss of terror. Your mind will immediately show you all kinds of horror-scenarios of what could happen (Ge.42:4,36,38).

When you have a soul tie, you will fear that person might go into depression or even commit suicide if you try to loosen just a little bit the grip of that suffocating relationship.

When you have a soul tie, you will be a very suspicious person. You will have all kinds of negative expectations and mistrust people, life and God Himself.

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When you have a soul tie, you will struggle to manage your time. Your prayer and Bible study time will be stolen away by unnecessary phone calls, conversations trying to appease or satisfy that person, lots of soulish talk without any spiritual benefit, and sad and gloomy feelings and predictions.

When you have a soul tie, you will struggle to spend the proper amount of time in God's Presence, soaking in His Spirit and in His love. Your heart and mind will always be divided. Wherever you are, that person will occupy the forefront of your thoughts. Deep concentration and commitment in prayer will be immensely difficult and a constant struggle.

When you have a soul tie, you will struggle to pursue God's calling upon your life. Ensuring that person's happiness will seem to be more important to you than fulfilling God's heavenly call upon your life. You will be easily sidetracked by whatever that person wants to do and requires you to do.

When you have a soul tie, your ministry will slow down. This is a great warning sign! If you allow this situation to prolong, God Himself will rise up against you since He is a jealous God who won't give His place and glory to anything or anybody else in your life!

When you have a soul tie, you will easily burn out. You will be torn between God's demands on your life and time and the demands that relationship puts on you. Here applies the same principle Jesus gave us concerning money: You cannot serve God plus anything or anybody else! The amount of time He has given you will always be enough to do His will, but never enough to do your will! If you find yourself threatened by a burn-out, you definitely need to re-order your priorities!

When you have a soul tie, you will experience only frustration in whatever you do. God's Word promises us that if we delight ourselves in the Lord, He will give us the desires of our heart (Ps.37:4)! If you delight in anything or anybody more than in the Lord, you will never experience the fulfillment of all the promises He has given you.

When you have a soul tie, you will deeply wound the heart of your loving Father and jealous Lover! He is standing there with hands outstretched, full of gifts and bliss for you, desiring nothing more than to shower them on you! Yet you have eyes for nothing else than for that person... What a tragedy!

When you have a soul tie, you will not be able to live a happy married life with your spouse! Whenever that other person calls you, you will run, and each time your spouse will feel more hurt and neglected. Bitterness will creep in and destroy all the love and joy God intended you to live with your marriage partner.

When you have a soul tie with your parents and your father's house, it will kill any marriage if it is not consciously acknowledged and cut. It doesn't make any difference if that soul tie is present in the husband or in the wife. Both are admonished by the Word of God to make their marriage first priority in their life (Ge.2:24; Ps.45:10).

When you have a soul tie with your children, it will also destroy your marriage. You will make the mistake of neglecting your spouse for the sake of your children. Never forget, your children are given into your care and supervision for a few years, then you must release them into their own family life. Your spouse, however, is with you until your last breath according to God's divine wisdom and ordinance!

When you have a soul tie, you are in great danger of falling into fornication or adultery. How many women gave their body to a man out of pure pity and compassion because they were enticed with loving words!

When you have a soul tie, it can lead to body ties, resulting in homosexuality and lesbianism. Such 'couples' are often almost impossible to separate.

When you have a soul tie, you may have strong presentiments telling you what that other person is going through at that moment.

When you have a soul tie, you will develop something like a sepa-

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rate culture, a private community, with that person. You will have your own jokes, language, interests and dreams and despise others opinions. You will be cut off from other healthy relationships and only cling to that one person of your soul's desire.

When you have a soul tie, you may have a desire for death and even consider suicide. Your soul is bound up in that other life, and if that person leaves you, your life seems to have lost all meaning. You are unable to concentrate upon God's purpose and calling for your life and waste your life in wallowing and wailing.

When you have a soul tie, you may be tempted to hate even to the point of murder. A secular proverb says, despised love turns into the cruelest hatred, and human history shows that to be true. How many murders are committed because of jealousy and broken relationships!

When you have a soul tie, the curses and demonic influences of that person and even their blood relatives will affect you, too. Demonic powers travel through soul ties, and by violating your first love and allegiance to Jesus, you open the door for demons and curses to attack your life.

These are just some of the cruel signs and consequences of soul ties. I am sure you have now discovered them in your own life and in many loved ones. By discovering them, you already won half of the battle! Satan works in darkness, and once his tricky weapons are brought to the light they lose a great amount of their power.

Let us now see how soul ties affect the different areas of your life, and how you can break free and enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God (Ro.8:21).

FIRST THINGS FIRST



Dear reader, this book didn't come into your hands by accident. Much prayer and study of God's Word as well as experiences of people from many continents and different backgrounds have gone into the writing of this book. The fact you hold this book in your hands right now is a sign of the tremendous love of your Creator towards you. He has seen your sufferings and heard your groaning (Ex.3:7-10). He has not left you alone in your misery. Just as He sent His deliverer Moses thousands of years ago, He has sent this book into your hands today. Your time of suffering is over! Your deliverance is here!

Maybe you suffer helplessly even in the most loving relationships. The people you love most dearly have hurt you most deeply. Maybe you try and try and get hurt over and over again. Precious life time is wasted in tears and misunderstandings. Maybe you gave up and settled in a void, shallow relationship. Maybe you search for 'love' and a 'soul mate' in a new relationship. In any case, pain and misery and deep inner wounds are unavoidable.

The real reason for all this suffering is that we lack the power of God's pure, unselfish love. Instead of being led by God's Holy Spirit, we are led by our own soul and emotions. If you have not surrendered your life to Jesus Christ, your soul is governing your life - that means, your mind, will and emotions rule everything you think and do. Sadly, even many Christians have not experienced the power of God's Holy Spirit taking over their lives and relationships.

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True Christianity is a change of lordship. It dethrones the soul and allows God to direct our lives by His Spirit. It is a change of kingdoms altogether (Col.1:13). God's Kingdom is a kingdom of pure, unselfish love that can only be lived out by the power of His Spirit (1.Co.13:4-8; Ro.5:5). You can be born into this Kingdom and enjoy God's love and care right now!

Jesus explained to a great Bible scholar of His days the need of being born again. He made clear that we are not even able to see the Kingdom of God if we are not born again, much less can we enter it (Jn.3:3-6).

Do you see and experience God's Kingdom which is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Ro.14:17)? Do you live in the peace that surpasses all understanding (Phil.4:7)? Do you hear the voice of your Good Shepherd leading you to green pastures and still waters of refreshment (Jn.10:11,14; Ps.23:1-2)? Jesus promised that His sheep can hear His voice (Jn.10:27)!

If you are not sure, please pray with me right now to make Jesus the Lord and Savior of your life:

Dear Lord Jesus,

I thank You so much for dying for me on that cruel cross. I believe that You are the Son of God. You rose from the dead and are alive forever and ever. Please forgive my sins and cleanse me with Your precious Blood. Come into my heart. Be my Lord and Savior. I commit my life totally into Your loving hands. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for cleansing me and accepting me into the worldwide family of God.

Please fill me with Your mighty Holy Spirit. Thank You for Your angels that protect and cover me.

Satan, I renounce you and all your works in my life. I now belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. He has washed me with His holy

Blood. I don't want anything to do with you anymore. Get out of my life right now, in the mighty Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth! Amen!

If you have prayed this prayer, you are now a member of the family of God! You are His beloved child, no longer just His creature (Ro.10:9)! You are born again and have become a citizen of heaven (Phil.3:20)! You don't have to suffer under the dictates and bondages of your soul any longer. You can allow God's Holy Spirit to work in you and through you and break all these torturing, suffocating soul ties. You can purify your relationships with the power of His Blood! Hallelujah!!!

SOUL TIES AND FEAR



If you have soul ties, you will live in fear and constant torment. You will fear men more than God. You are even in danger of being trapped by a snare! You endanger your safety in this world and in the world to come. How do I know? Well, the Bible says that fear has torment (1.Jn.4:18). It says that the fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe (Pr.29:25)!

We see many examples in the Bible of people who honored their soul ties more than the Word and will of God! Joseph of Arimathea was a secret disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews (Jn.19:38). Another wonderful example is found in the account of the born-blind man who received his sight (Jn.9:1-34). When questioned about Jesus, he confirmed that He was a prophet, a worshiper of God who did God's will, and a man who had come from God. He stood for Jesus and suffered the shame of being cast out of the synagogue. He joined the army of God's heroes like Moses, the apostle Paul and our Lord Jesus Himself, who suffered reproach for God's cause (Heb.11:26; 1.Ti.4:10; Heb.13:12). Never forget: we too are admonished to do the same and to bear His reproach!

His parents, however, did not want to give any answer for fear of the Jews (Jn.9.22). They knew the truth, they had the proof before their own eyes, but because of fear they could not celebrate and embrace this truth. They loved their social status and community more than the God who had done such a miracle in the life of their own son! Don't be

deceived! Soul ties are very strong! They can make you miss God's will for this life and all eternity.

Have you ever wondered why our Lord Jesus was crucified on Golgatha, outside of Jerusalem? He had to fulfill His divine role as the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world (Jn.1:29,36; Rev.5:12; 11:12). He had to carry our sins away, just as the scapegoat had to be sent out into the wilderness to carry away the sins of Israel (Lev.16:21). Today, He asks us to forsake all and follow Him (Mt.4:19; 8:22; 9:9; 16:24; Mk.1:17; 2:14; 8:34; 10:21; Lk.5:27; 9:23,59; 18:22; Jn.21:19,22). He promised His disciples that if they would follow Him so radically, He would make them fishers of men (Mt.4:19; Mk.1:17). If you follow Him fully, there is no telling of what He can make out of you!

Another example of soul ties and fear is the Pharisee Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus and confessed, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him" (Jn.3:2). Unfortunately, he made this wonderful confession secretly at night, when nobody could see his allegiance with Jesus. Had he shown his interest in Jesus publicly, he might have lost his position, his honor as a ruler of the Jews, his friend-ships with Pharisee friends, the admiration of his synagogue attendants, even the support of his family. So Nicodemus allowed his soul ties to keep him back from confessing Jesus openly.

See the wise reaction of our Lord: Jesus told him very clearly that he would not be able to enter the Kingdom of God, not even to see it, without being born again (Jn.3:3-8). Jesus drew him closer to Himself although Nicodemus might not have understood it at that time. But see what this wise answer did to Nicodemus: After the crucifixion, he publicly brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds (Jn.19:39). You can not bring so much ointment secretly! I would infer that Nicodemus understood and decided to break his soul ties to stand up for the truth of God! That is an absolute must also for your life! Our Lord Jesus made it very clear:

32 Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will

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also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

- 33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven (Mt.10:32-33)
- 8 Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God.
- 9 But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God (Lk.12:8-9)

Imagine! What will you do when you stand before the Throne of God, and Jesus cannot confess that you are His disciple, only because you preferred your soul ties over your attachment to your loving Savior? The wonderful thing is that you don't even need to struggle in your own strength! Just spend some time in His Presence, meditating on the love of the cross, and you will automatically be filled with boldness! The unlearned disciples experienced that supernatural boldness. People marveled at them, but quickly found out the secret of their success:

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus (Ac.4:13).

Many people receive a miraculous touch from Jesus but never confess Him publicly for fear of loosing friends or family members. In Eastern cultures, many Christian girls marry unbelievers and suffer all their life just because they fear offending their parents. Parents throw their daughters into unhappy marriages for fear of losing their face before their society and community. Wives never share their faith in Jesus even with their husbands and participate in all kinds of idol worship their husbands indulge in. Great distress and unhappiness is always the result of such soul ties!

What is the solution to all these problems? The apostle John clearly understood that if you have fear you have not been perfected in love (1.Jn.4:18). Take time out of your busy schedule and force your mind to dwell on the love of Jesus manifested at the cross. If you suffer under

soul ties, however, even this will be very difficult since thoughts about 'that person' and temptations to call or visit him or her will constantly try to interfere and deviate your attention. Press through! Take control of your mind! Take your thoughts into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2.Co.10:5)! Don't allow soul ties to keep you bound in fear and torment, in Jesus' Name!

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SOUL TIES AND YOUR MIND



Can soul ties also influence your mind? Definitely so! Have you seen young people doing extremely well in school, striving with all their might for their career? Sometimes they suddenly lose their ability to concentrate and drop very much in their marks. When you dig a little, you will often find out that a soul tie is the reason - some dream relationship, or some real relationship that has to be kept secret! Soul ties can destroy your career and your future! Beware!

I have a pastor friend whose daughter wanted to study medicine. She was a wonderful, faithful girl, a very good student and an obedient daughter. One year, the whole family made a ministry trip to Europe. When they came back to India, suddenly their daughter developed strong soul ties with Hindu girls in her class. She even skipped classes and went to cinema, a thing that she had never done before. Her parents were desperately praying for her, but she couldn't see any-thing wrong in her behavior.

I didn't know about the problem, but at the family's request I did a curse breaking session with them. The daughter obeyed a little grudgingly and against her desire. The Holy Spirit showed me two places of death and darkness the family had visited as tourist attractions without asking the Lord's permission. I made her confess having entered enemy territory without God's clear instruction. Then I led the family in the general prayer (see my self-help manual "How to Break Cruel Curses").

Amazingly, two or three days after this breaking of curses and soul ties, the girl came under strong conviction. She came to her mother and asked forgiveness for her behavior. With tears she confessed that she just couldn't understand how she could have been so blind. She could now see how she had allowed the enemy of her soul to steal her opportunity to study medicine by making her get low marks at school. Crying, she explained that she had been under strong manipulation, unable to withstand these girls that were misleading her. Her daily close contact with especially one girl was used by the enemy to block her future - but praise God, after her repentance the Lord opened another way for her.

She studied another career, and when marriage proposals started coming, she kept the whole matter on God's altar and in her parents' hands. Wisely, she didn't allow any soul tie to form before the marriage was fixed. God honored her obedience and submission, and she is now happily married to a very nice, anointed young man. What a wonderful, peaceful thing it is to walk in God's perfect, already prepared ways (Phil.4:6-8; Eph.2:10)!

When you are unduly attached to someone, you are always **mindful - your mind is full -** of that person! No matter what you do, that person occupies your thought life very strongly. God is a jealous God, and He wants you to love Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Mk.12:30; Lk.10:27). When someone occupies your mind too much, it opens the door for the enemy to enter your mind and oppress your thoughts.

See Romans 8:5-8:

- 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.
- 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
- 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is

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not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God (Ro.8:5-8)

A soul tie will always draw you down to an earthly level of life and relationship. It will make you more and more carnally minded because you will do anything to please that person. If you allow a soul tie, you just cannot obey the law of God which is the law of perfect, pure agape love, not soul-tainted, manipulative, controlling human love! Ultimately, a soul tie makes you unable to please God, just in the same way as it is impossible to please God without faith (Heb.11:6). We could almost say, a soul tie puts you into a very similar category with an unbeliever! Beware!

Even the God-given marriage-relationship involves that danger (1.Co.7:33-34). Always make sure you love the Lord with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength, and you will be safe from the danger of soul ties affecting your mind!

Soul ties can even lead to enmity with God! The most tremendous thing is that by trying to please a person you can make yourself a spiritual adulterer and an enemy of God! See God's warning:

4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God (Jas.4:4)

It always strikes me that James says, he 'makes himself' an enemy of God! God's greatest heart desire is a deep, meaningful friendship and relationship with you! That is the reason why He sent His only Son to die a cruel death on the cross! What a hurt and pain it must mean to His heart when you, His treasured possession and precious child, find more delight in a person or a thing of this world than in your loving Creator! Always remember, His Spirit yearns earnestly for your love and affection (Jas.4:5). Please, don't hurt and grieve the greatest Lover of the universe!

Jesus Himself rebuked one of His disciples very severely when He discerned a soul tie influencing his mind and trying to twist the right ways of God. He had just started telling His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. Peter showed all his love and affection toward Him in his loving plea, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" (Mt.16:21).

How beautiful! Imagine somebody says such words to you! Would you not love it? Would your soul not feel pampered by such care and counsel? Many times, we allow our soul to wallow in self- pity by receiving such supposedly loving words from people. Think for a minute. How many times did such a counsel point you into a wrong direction by making you to follow after your flesh, your likes and dislikes, your comfort and pleasure instead of following God's guidance?

What did Jesus do? Was He impressed by Peter's protecting pity?

Not at all! See His harsh response to Peter's caring words:

23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men" (Mt.16:23)

Notice here, Peter had only the very best intentions for his Lord and Master Jesus. He was jealous to guard Him from any harm that might befall Him. Yet Jesus discerned the soul tie and human reasoning behind his seemingly spiritual words and cut them by the root!

Soul ties must be dealt with in the spirit, not in human wisdom and understanding. Many people today resort to psychology and visit psychiatrists to 'fix' their emotions and relationships, but as long as soul ties are present, a relationship just cannot go God's way! And if a relationship is out of God's order it will only bring pain and heartache instead of the joy, strength and comfort the Lord intended it to bring into your life.

See one more horrible consequence for your mind when you have

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a soul tie. When your mind is full of men or the things of men, you can even go to the extent of hindering God's plan in your own life or in the lives of others! In short, you offend God and thwart His plans!

Jesus was strong in the Spirit; therefore, He could easily recognize this soul tie and break it by directly addressing satan. In the same way, you need to rise up in the spirit, consciously cancel the devil's legal rights and break any soul tie in your life if you ever want to reach God's highest plan for your life. You need your mind in its highest potential and best working order to perceive and execute all the wonderful things God has in store for you! You can easily do it, so why put if off? Take a time to cleanse your mind from the devastating effects of soul ties right now, in Jesus' Name!

SOUL TIES AND GOD'S KINGDOM



Soul ties make living out God's Kingdom principles practically impossible for you. According to the Bible, "the Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Ro.14:17).

Now tell me, can you live righteously when you have soul ties? You will definitely be a 'respecter of persons' - you will struggle with favoritism and partiality! You will not be really able to treat everybody the same as God commands but make special rules for 'that person'.

What about peace? Can you really live in true peace when you have soul ties? No! You will be anxious and worried about that other person and your relationship with him or her. At the slightest sign of their disapproval, you will lose all your peace!

What about joy? As long as that person smiles at you, your joy will be great- but one tear or angry look on that face will throw you into depression and despair! Soul ties make you 'look back and think twice' after having put your hand to the plow and make you unfit for Kingdom work.

Let us look at a very revealing situation in the life of our Lord Jesus. Just before appointing seventy disciples to go before Him into every city, He wanted to show His followers the cost of true discipleship:

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- 59 Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."
- 60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."
- 61 And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house."
- 62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Lk.9:59-62)

Living and ministering in the Kingdom of God requires a very high standard of putting God first. Here we see a strong warning to those who have not dealt with their soul ties. If you allow anything or anybody to be a reason for postponing the call of God on your life, you are unfit for the Kingdom of God! These words come from the very mouth of our Lord and Savior, so we'd better take them very serious!

The Lord Jesus Himself said, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple" (Lk.14:26). It just means you should detest and pursue with hatred anything that would hold you back from following God's call on your life whole-heartedly - even your own comfort and inclinations.

The same strong emphasis on putting God first is found in our Lord Jesus' exhortation: "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire" (Mark 9:43-47).

Dear child of God, pause for a moment to inspect your heart. What

is it that makes you waver? What is holding you back from running full speed into the open arms of your Heavenly Father, dedicating your life wholeheartedly to fulfilling His purpose and mission for your life?

Many times, you will find fear of man to be the main reason. Deep down inside, you may think, "Let me first take care of this person... of that situation... of these requirements... Let me first satisfy the demands of my loved ones," and many other things. Of course, we all have family responsibilities to attend to. Only by the wife's godly conduct, the husband should be won to the Lord (1.Pe.3:1-2).

You should let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven (Mt.5:16). And yet, it was our Lord Jesus Himself who said, "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me" (Mt.10:37). Soul ties can actually make you unworthy of Jesus and useless for His Kingdom!

Also the strong bonds of love between family members can become a hindrance to fulfilling God's call on your life. As I was ministering in Chile, the YWAM-leader there told me jokingly that South-American Christians face a very serious problem: They all suffer from "mamitis", a self-coined term to describe their utter struggle to leave "Mummy", home and family for their 3-months Discipleship Training School. This school is very wisely and correctly called DTS, "Dying To Self".

Cutting soul-ties definitely means many times dying to self, as you will fear to hurt the people you love most. The wonderful thing about soul-tie-cutting, however, is that it cleanses a relationship in a spiritual way, leaving it more liberated, uninhibited and actually much more loving, since the torturing element of control and manipulation is taken out of it.

Let me tell you an example from my own life. My mother is a lovely Christian who supports my ministry with all of her heart. And yet, as I told in my personal experience of breaking the generational curses over my life, the devil could work through her to attack me (see my book "How to Break Cruel Curses").

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How is that possible? She didn't know it was the night before I was to receive the curse-breaking ministry, but the devil knew!!! So he attacked her mind and emotions, knowing that he could make me miserable by making her suffer.

I remember many times when I had to leave home for ministry, and just before my departure, the devil attacked my mother with some sickness or pain. At times I was even crying while driving my car, trying to erase from my mind my mother's pain-filled face, and trying to keep it from affecting my spirit. She never wanted to hinder my ministry in the least, but that soul tie allowed the enemy to work through her against me. The worst thing was that she suffered at least as much as I did!

Surprisingly, after breaking all ungodly soul ties and generational curses, there was a much deeper love, better understanding and less irritation between my mother and me. That unhealthy emotional dependence was completely gone, and she never again was attacked by sickness before I had to go for ministry. I used to jokingly say, "Now the devil has to go outside our home to find somebody he can use to attack me!"

Have you ever noticed how your children just go crazy before you have to preach in an important meeting? I have seen it in the families of national Christian leaders! Have you even wondered why you were fighting, and how there could be so many misunderstandings although everybody involved had only the best intentions?

Many times, soul ties working together with generational curses are the reason. As you break these soul ties and cast off the generational curses and the demons that carry them out, you will feel a tremendous difference in your relationships with your family members! Your family life will become surprisingly smooth and peaceful. Rejoice!!!

SOUL TIES AND YOUR PRAYER LIFE



Let us see if soul ties can also have any effect on your prayer life.

In Matthew chapter 20, we find a very revealing incident.

20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him (Mt.20:20)

How beautiful! See the loving mother, praying and interceding before Jesus! She had even been able to win her sons to pray with her!

Great! She really got Jesus' attention. Her prayer life was so strong that she knew how to get the attention of the Lord of the universe - and not only His attention, but even His willingness and offer to fulfill her request! Now let us see her request:

21 And He said to her, 'What do you wish?' She said to Him, 'Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom' (Mt.20:21)

All of this still sounds quite nice. She is asking for her beloved sons a good position in God's Kingdom. Any loving mother would want to ensure a good position and future for her children - but is this prayer

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request really God's perfect will for their lives? Look at Jesus' reply:

22 But Jesus answered and said, 'You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They said to Him, 'We are able.'

23 So He said to them, 'You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father' (Mt.20:22-23)

See the outcome of her soulish prayer! Wanting the very best for her two sons, she actually ensured for them suffering and a martyr's death! Was her request granted at least? No! She had asked something that is not even in the Lord Jesus' authority to grant. I think that shows clearly that her prayer was not born in God's heart but in her own soul ties with her sons! Yet this is not all! Read on:

24 And when the ten heard it, they were <u>greatly displeased</u> with the two brothers (Mt.20:24)

This loving mother's prayer brought more trouble for her sons than she could ever have imagined! Now even their best friends, co- workers and co-disciples turned against them - only because of one soulish request made by their mother!

When you pray for your children, please make sure you pray God's will for their lives, not your own will! Especially in the subject of job or marriage, parents use to be tempted to pray what they consider best. Please don't do it! God's plans are so much better, and His thoughts are so much higher than yours (Jer.29:11; Isa.55:9)! Ask the Lord what are the good works He created for your children to do even before the foundation of the earth (Eph.2:10)! Then pray His perfect will for their lives into existence. Any mother would want the best for her children, but when your love for them is only soulish affection without the reign of the spirit, even your prayers for your children will be perverted.

Another example is Abraham praying for his son Ishmael. Ishmael was never God's idea. He was an idea of the soul, of the impatient mind of Sarah who decided to give her maid Hagar to her husband to conceive a child. Even though Ishmael was not God's plan, Abraham developed strong soul ties to Hagar and her son Ishmael.

When God again confirmed His covenant promise, Abraham just laughed in his heart in unbelief and said to God, "Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!" (Ge.17:15-17). He couldn't even see and believe God's promise any more! He was satisfied with that soul-inspired substitute of God's perfect will! How dangerous are soul ties!

When he prayed that Ishmael might be accepted in God's eyes, the Lord consented in blessing also Ishmael since he was Abraham's son. Even at this time, God Himself predicted he would be like a wild man and that his hand would be against every man, and every man's hand against him (Ge.16:10-12). I sometimes wonder how much more peaceful this world could have been without Abraham's soul tie prayer...

Remember, your prayers must come from your spirit. Soulish tears, soulish burdens and soulish prayers all are in vain. Ultimately, such prayers never fulfill God's plan and bring more trouble than blessings to those you pray for!

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SOUL TIES AND CHILD REARING



If you allow a soul tie with your children, both you and your children are in serious danger! Such a soul tie will make you unable to be a good parent. It will make you too soft to correct your child when it is needed, and that can lead to the destruction of the child's soul! You yourself will also be held accountable by God! You will not be spared!

16 Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will cast you from the face of the earth. <u>This year you shall die, because you have taught rebellion</u> against the LORD' (Jer. 28:16).

32 Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his family: he shall not have anyone to dwell among this people, nor shall he see the good that I will do for My people, says the LORD, because he has taught rebellion against the LORD' (Jer.29:32)

How do you teach rebellion? One way to do this is by your own disobedient lifestyle. If your children don't see you honoring God, going to church, giving the tithe, praying at home etc., how could they learn to honor God? They will rebel worse than you!

See how many scriptures show the need of correcting your child! Children don't want to be rebellious, but they are very tender and vulnerable to the enemy's insinuations. Because of the fall of mankind, children are conceived in sin (Ps.51:5). So parents must be strong in

the Lord to teach them the right way. If parents show any weakness or fight among themselves, the children will lose their respect and take advantage, using one parent against the other. These scriptures speak for themselves:

- 15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child. The rod of correction will drive it far from him (Pr.22:15)
- 13 Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die (Pr.23:13)
- 15 The rod and rebuke give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother (Pr.29:15)

A good example of the danger of soul ties is Eli, the priest of God. Please read his sad story in 1.Samuel chapters one to four. Maybe he was so busy in his ministry that he neglected his two sons, because the Bible tells us a very sad statement: "Now the sons of Eli were corrupt; they did not know the LORD" (1.Sa.2:12).

Can you imagine!? A priest whose sons didn't know the Lord? Did Eli not teach and train them to love and honor God? Could a soul tie be the reason?

Could there be a soul tie if apparently Eli didn't take much time with his sons? This sounds like a contradiction, but it is not. Soul ties don't need much time spent together to develop. Even if you don't spend much time together, you can have a soul tie with a person.

A soul tie can be detected by looking at your actions. You will always want to please the other person. You will hesitate to correct that person out of fear of losing their love and acceptance. You will just let them do whatever seems best to them. Here it seems Eli didn't hinder them from playing their 'favorite games', not even in God's House!

God's Word tells us clearly, "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Eph.6:4). Training and admonition is needed

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for children to grow up in the Lord - and that takes time! Today, many parents leave their children to the 'electronic maid', the TV, and reap horrible consequences once the children grow up.

Soul ties can also manifest in another way. Some fathers want to buy the best things for their children and work extra hours instead of giving that extra love and admonition to their children. They may feel too much pity for the children to correct them - and they reap what the priest Eli reaped.

Eli adored his two sons to the level of putting them above God. He heard that their sin of greed was very great before the Lord because it made people abhor the offering of the Lord (1.Sa.2:12-17).

He heard from ALL the people how they abused their spiritual position to commit sexual immorality with the women who came to worship in the House of God (1.Sa.2:22-24)! Even then, he somehow couldn't muster enough spiritual strength to keep them on the right track. His feeble attempts at correcting them didn't bear any fruit, but nevertheless he allowed them to minister in the House of God! He allowed them to abuse the privileges and power that should be given only to faithful spiritual servants.

God Himself gave strong warnings against soul ties between parents and children. See His command:

18 If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have chastened him, will not heed them,

19 then <u>his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders</u> of his city, to the gate of his city.

20 And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.'

21 Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with

stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear (Dt.21:18-21)

Knowing very well the contagious nature of soul ties, God had to protect His holy nations from evil-natured individuals who would bind other souls to themselves through friendship and association or sexual contact and provoke the same behavior in them. He couldn't allow the parents' soul ties to their child to hide and condone the child's sin! The own parents had to expose and deliver to death the rebellious, obstinate child!

In today's 'tolerant' modern culture parents don't take these biblical measures, and the entire society is polluted more and more every day. If you cannot handle your child and lack the spiritual authority to correct it you must bring your child to your spiritual leader. He will in the power and anointing of the Spirit deal with that rebellion and save your child from sure destruction.

Don't allow your soul ties to make you side with your child and rage against all wise judgment (Pr.18:1)! Obey God's Word and ways and reap His blessings!

How is your relationship with your children? Are you teaching them by your example and your words to seek God and His kingdom first in all the big and small matters of daily life (Mt.6:33)? Do you encourage them to honor God with their time, their money, their lifestyle (Pr.3:9-10)? Are you a loving yet strong and disciplined parent who keeps his children on the right track? You can only do that when the soul ties are broken and the relationship is spiritually clean and pure.

Soul ties among parents and children can also make the parents suffer terribly. Many times, children control and manipulate their parents. As long as soul ties are unbroken, parents won't be able to rise up to their God-given position and authority. They will either bow down and submit to their children's fancies, or they will become dictator-like parents who will lose their children's deep trust, respect and affection.

Children are also very cunning in using soul ties to get their desire

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accomplished. They may side with one parent against the other, ask that parent to lie and hide before the spouse and thus cause strife and even division in the parents' marriage!

Consciously break even the soul ties that bind you to your children. Once you do this, the enemy of your soul won't find it so easy any more to torture both them and you through soul ties! Enjoy a loving, peaceful, anointed family life that honors God and blesses people!

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SOUL TIES AND YOUR MINISTRY



What will soul ties do to your ministry if you allow them? Let us look at another aspect of Eli's sad example. By not correcting his sons in a spiritually strong way, Eli lost his anointing, his ministry and even his very life! God held him responsible for his sons' behavior although they must have been adults! Allowing his sons to sin was in God's eyes as if Eli himself had committed the sin! See God's opinion and verdict:

27 Then a man of God came to Eli and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Did I not clearly reveal Myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

28 Did I not choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be My priest, to offer upon My altar, to burn incense, and to wear an ephod before Me? And did I not give to the house of your father all the offerings of the children of Israel made by fire?" (1.Sa.2:27-28)

Out of all the Israelites, God chose the Levites family for His priesthood to stand before Him. Priesthood was the highest and most honorable position among the Israelites. See how Eli's soul ties with his sons caused the entire ministry to cease!

After this incident, God was ruling His people through prophets, then through kings, and the priesthood was transferred from the Levites to David's family. This shows how God's ministry can be totally taken

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away from you and even from your generations if you tolerate soul ties to overpower your reverence towards God.

- 29 Why do you kick at My sacrifice and My offering which I have commanded in My dwelling place, and honor your sons more than Me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel My people?
- 30 Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: 'I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the LORD says: 'Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed' (1.Sa.2:29-30)

Soul ties are extremely dangerous, as you can see. They can make you honor your children more than God. They can make you become lightly esteemed by everybody.

God is a jealous God. He deserves and claims the first place in your life. If you don't see people honoring you, check for soul ties in your life! If you find any, confess and set the right priorities, in Jesus' Name!

Observe also that the consequences and curses for dishonoring God because of that soul tie to his sons perpetuated to all of Eli's generations:

- 31 Behold, the days are coming that <u>I will cut off</u> your arm and the arm of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your house.
- 32 And you will see an enemy in My dwelling place, despite all the good which God does for Israel. And there shall not be an old man in your house forever.
- 33 But <u>any of your men</u> whom I do not cut off from My altar <u>shall consume your eyes and grieve your heart</u>. And <u>all the descendants of your house shall die in the flower of their age</u>.

34 Now this shall be a sign to you that will come upon your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they shall die, both of them (1.Sa.2:31-34)

That sign was fulfilled as the Philistines captured the Ark of God. In one day, Eli and his two sons died. God had even told His prophet Samuel about Eli's situation:

13 For I have told him that <u>I will judge his house forever for</u> the iniquity which he knows, <u>because his sons made them-</u><u>selves vile</u>, and he did not restrain them.

14 And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever (1.Sa.3:13-14)

What a horrible, irreversible judgment for the consequences of a soul tie! Please always make sure you love and honor and obey God more than your children, your spouse, your parents or any other person on this planet. Keep your life free from soul ties, and your ministry will prosper! You will have favor with God and favor with men! Your ministry and your family life will be an example and an inspiration to millions around the globe!

A servant of God must balance very wisely his affections toward God and his family. We all have seen tragic cases of ministers neglecting their family and spending all their energetic time with church leaders or members. When they come home, their family gets 'the leftovers' - an exhausted, easily irritable, tired husband and father.

Often, such children turn against God with deep resentment and even hatred. What a tragedy! Others try to avoid such disasters and 'fall off the horse on the other side'. They allow their soul affection to their family to hinder God's calling for their lives.

When I first came into the Gospel, I became a member of a growing, thriving church. There was joy and excitement in the meetings. People enjoyed the prayer meetings, especially the first Sunday every

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month which was declared a fasting day. After the service, we all would have some tea or coffee and then go to pray for the nation, the city, the government, the lost and any other prayer request.

One day, however, one of the pastors announced that it was too much to ask for from families to spend their Sunday in church (actually, it was only up to three o'clock in the afternoon). We were shocked! Our youth group volunteered to stay and fast so that the families could go home, but to no avail. The pastors reasoned that one of them would have to stay back and sacrifice his family Sunday. The fasting prayer was canceled!

In just a few weeks, we could see the devastating effects of allowing the soul to dominate the spirit. Church attendance dropped, and problems took the upper hand. Eventually, both pastors were kicked out by the church board and members, and today that church has shrunk to a handful of people. What a tragedy!

Other ministers allowed soul ties with family members to darken their discernment. In some cases, they shared their ministry and even properties with their own family members and thereby lost some anointed leaders God had given under their care. If a minister of God has soul ties with his followers, he won't be able to deal effectively with sin in the church or ministry.

A good New Testament example of soul ties almost destroying a ministry is John Mark. He had the tremendous privilege to travel with Barnabas and the great apostle Paul! Imagine! How many of us would give anything to be in this position - and yet, John departed from them and returned to Jerusalem (Ac.12:25; 13:13)! I wonder if it were his soul ties drawing him back home?

Later on, Paul's disappointment and unwillingness to take John Mark with them again split the powerful ministry team Paul and Barnabas had been (Ac.15:37-40). Could we infer that Barnabas' soul ties with his cousin John Mark made him quarrel with his yearlong friend Paul who had brought him into the ministry (Col.4:10)? Yet praise the Lord, we live in New Testament times where the Holy Spirit deals with

His servants! We see that later on, John Mark became useful to Paul for the ministry (2.Ti.4:11; Phm 24). Sometimes, blood relationship or other soul ties can separate God-raised teams if we are not careful to cut them!

Soul ties with your team or co-leaders can easily lead to sin, but even clean relationships that absorb too much time can hurt the minister's inner family circle. One man of God I know had strong soul ties with his co-leaders, who were all family members. He received many prophecies and prophetic counsels from servants of God from different nations warning him about this situation, but he seemed unable to heed and understand.

Finally, these soul ties led to immorality and other kinds of sin. In spite of all his anointing and charisma, God had to take him out of the ministry and first heal and restore his relationship with his wife and children. Praise God, we live in New Testament times of grace and mercy! God restores His servants who sincerely repent and rely on Him - but still, precious time is wasted in sorrow and pain, and the reputation of the Gospel is spoiled.

Soul ties eat away your fruitfulness as the locusts devour a harvest, but God can restore. Cut all soul ties today and ask His eternal wisdom for your time and affection management. Don't allow these soul ties to ruin your blessed ministry, in Jesus' Name!

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SOUL TIES AND YOUR CHARACTER



What will an ungodly soul tie do to your character? Let us look at a very special person, the sweet psalmist of Israel and mighty warrior for God's Kingdom. Even this great servant of God allowed at one time a soul tie in his life that brought great destruction upon his entire family for generations.

As I explained in my self-help manual 'How to Break Cruel Curses', I believe this soul tie and the following sin could develop because of a family curse. David was the forth generation after Rahab, the prostitute from Jericho (Mt.1:5-6; Ex.20:5).

Her sexual sin gave legal rights to demonic spirits and created a weakness in the sexual area even in king David, this great man after God's own heart.

As long as David kept himself busy in God, fighting God's battles for God's people, this curse could not touch him - but the moment he allowed his flesh to dominate, he succumbed to the temptation (2.Sa.11):

1 It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Je-

rusalem.

- 2 Then it happened <u>one evening that David arose from his bed</u> and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he <u>saw a woman bathing</u>, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.
- 3 So <u>David sent and inquired</u> about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"
- 4 Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and <u>he lay with her</u>, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house.
- 5 And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child" (1.Sa.11:1-5)

David was already king and had numerous wives and even concubines. At his very first question, he was told that Bathsheba was another man's wife. So what made him susceptible to incurring the risk of having sex with a married woman? Just by looking at her for some time, David had developed a soul tie! Why do I say that? I believe here we can clearly see the difference between general sexual lust and an actual soul tie. If it is just physical lust, any woman can satisfy it - but if it is a soul tie, no other person can satisfy the longing. We will also see this same truth later on in the incident of Amnon and Tamar (2.Sa.13).

This soul tie brought great problems and distress upon David. He lost his face and his honor before his servants who warned him that she was another man's wife. He compromised his character and moral standards by committing adultery with a married woman. Once she had conceived, he had to scheme tricky maneuvers to cover up his sin.

When his attempts of putting the blame for her pregnancy on her husband failed because of Uriah's remarkable commitment and integrity, he had to further spoil his character and testimony by cunningly murdering Uriah through the sword of the Ammonites.

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26 When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

27 And when her mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD (2.Sa.11:26-27)

Here we see another proof that a soul tie was involved. David kept watching Bathsheba and tracking the events until he could finally bring her into his house as his wife. Not just some fleeting sexual desire, but a real soul tie was at work here. Yet see God's judgment: Ungodly soul ties and their horrible influence on our character can never please God!

Can you hear God's heart crying at the sin of His servant? Once again we see: a soul tie will make you take in an ungodly manner what God would happily give you if you would ask Him and follow His Word and ways! Ungratefulness and losing all the fear of God to the point of despising His commandments are some more of the character destructions through soul ties! Beware of soul ties! Not even David, God's beloved and anointed king, escaped that hidden weapon of the enemy! Your anointing is no guaranty against soul ties! See the horrible consequences:

- 7 Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.
- 8 I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more!
- 9 Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon.
- 14 However, because by this deed you have given great occa-

sion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die (2.Sa.12:7-9,14)

God clearly remembers all the things you did in secret, and so does satan! Soul ties are so destructive that they can make a sincere lover of God and man sin and give God's enemies great occasion to blaspheme Him!

Just last week, we ministered to a very tragic case of soul tie. A brother came for prayer, desperate and full of tears. He was afraid of loosing his mind. He feared being alone since he would hear voices telling him to kill himself or to kill a certain young girl. He was convinced that he could no longer live without that girl.

How could this believer have come into such a horrible situation? Well, a curse without a cause cannot come (Pr.26:2). Demon spirits need 'invitations' and 'legal rights' through sins to enter lives. So what had he done? He had been living a double life, having a wife and children in his home city and a lover in his workplace.

Last month, this sinful 'couple' visited a Spirit-filled church. Both the pastor and his wife felt that something was wrong in this relationship, so they prayed together for any sin and soul tie to be broken. Miraculously, the very same day that girl decided to leave her lover!

Hallelujah - but see the tragedy of soul ties! Instead of being happy to come out of the snare of that sin, this brother feels unable to live without his protégé! Only deliverance through the Name and power of Jesus Christ could save his life from suicide or committing murder and his soul from eternal hell.

Soul ties throw you into deep deception! Soul ties destroy your character and make you do things you know to be sin without even the slightest feeling of guilt! Soul ties endanger your salvation and your eternity! The only way of escaping the terrible consequences of ungodly soul ties is the mighty Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Cleanse all your relationships with His Blood and ensure a good character, reputation and testimony for yourself and your generations!

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SOUL TIES AND YOUR GENERATIONS



What will an ungodly soul tie do to your offspring? It will bring curse and destruction on all your generations! Let us continue in the same chapter of 2.Samuel 12:

10 'Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

11 Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.

12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun' (2.Sa.12:10-12)

The tragic consequences did not stop with David's lies and murder and the death of his child. The destruction of character did not end with him. His descendants were also terribly affected. His entire house and all his generations came under a horrible curse, and his kingdom under utter shame. David himself would be attacked, opposed and humiliated by his own offspring. Can you see this happen in many families, churches and even nations?

A leader, no matter if secular or spiritual, has tremendous responsibility. His secret sin can bring disgrace and public depravity on an entire nation! Please purify your life of any soul tie and protect your family from generational curses!

Yet there is still more destruction coming out of this soul tie:

13 So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

14 However, because by this deed <u>you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme</u>, the child also who is born to you <u>shall surely die</u>" (2.Sa.12:13-14)

By his immediate sin confession and quick repentance, David could save his own life, but the fruit of that soul tie had to die. No amount of fasting, prayer, wailing and begging could avert God's judgment. One branch of David's offspring was cut off before it could even start to blossom! Soul ties bring the sins and curses even of other people on you! It was not only David's child, but also Bathsheba's! Both of them suffered and had to mourn the death of their child. Both of them paid a very high price for the soul tie they allowed!

And yet, see God's love and mercy even in this horrible situation! Because David confessed his sin, repented, fasted and finally worshiped without rebelling against God's judgment, God intervened in their situation. David had legalized his relationship with Bathsheba after her husband's death. Things were now done in God's order, and God could bless. The next child born to Bathsheba became the great king Solomon, the man of peace who was allowed to build God's Temple!

24 Then David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her and lay with her. So she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. Now the LORD loved him,

25 and He sent word by the hand of Nathan the prophet: So he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD

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(2.Sa.12:24-25)

Even if you failed and affected your character and your generations through ungodly soul ties, there is hope for you and your descendants! As you truly repent and restore God's ordinances in your life, God will bless you once again! He says very explicitly that he loved that child Solomon. He even sent His prophet Nathan to give him a pet name - Jedidiah, the beloved of the Lord.

There is hope for you in Christ! There is restoration of whatever was destroyed in your life and family because of soul ties! Repent, break these soul ties and follow king David's example today!

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SOUL TIES AND YOUR PHYSICAL HEALTH



Can soul ties affect your physical health? Very definitely so! If you are unduly bound to another person, anything that happens to that person, even their smallest mood or displeasure, will affect you very deeply. This can seriously endanger your sleep, your food intake, your nervous system, your digestive tract and your entire being. Soul ties can really cause havoc in your health! A very good example for this is found in the incident of Amnon and Tamar. Even in the very beginning of the soul tie formation, Amnon was affected very badly:

- 2 Amnon was <u>so distressed</u> over his sister Tamar that <u>he became sick</u>; for she was a virgin. And it was improper for Amnon to do anything to her.
- 3 But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother. Now Jonadab was a very crafty man.
- 4 And he said to him, "Why are you, the king's son, <u>becoming thinner day after day</u>? Will you not tell me?" Amnon said to him, "I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister" (2.Sa.13:2-4)

Even others could notice the negative physical effects of his soul

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tie. Many times, people try to keep their sinful affairs secret, but if you observe closely you will see the distress in their soul, mind and body. They easily get angry and accuse others without any reason at all, or they become very depressed. Their desire for life vanishes because of that strong focus on only one person who seems to hold all happiness in his or her hands.

How many people have destroyed their health by worrying and 'sorrowing' day and night without proper food and rest! And yet, soul ties go still further than only destroying health. They can ultimately kill you:

32 Then Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother, answered and said, "Let not my lord suppose they have killed all the young men, the king's sons, for only Amnon is dead. For by the command of Absalom this has been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar" (2.Sa.13:32)

Most probably, Amnon would have forgotten the 'Tamar- incident' by then - but others wouldn't forget so easily! As a final consequence, this soul tie turned hatred not only disturbed Amnon's health, it ultimately cost him his very life!

Medical science today is talking a lot about 'killing emotions'. We know today that a main source and reason for cancer, stroke and heart disease as well as most mental and emotional disorders are rooted in wrong emotions or wrong handling of healthy emotions.

This soul tie not only killed Amnon but also destroyed the peace and love among family members. The year-long bitterness and anger in Absalom at seeing his sister Tamar suffer depression and desolation finally caused him to kill his own brother. Imagine all the problems in the entire family's mental, emotional and ultimately even physical health!

How many jealous lovers have killed their rivals over the centuries! In many cultures, family honor requires fathers and brothers to murder their own daughter or sister as well as the person who attempted against her - in some nations just a word spoken to her, or even a look

at her might be enough!

Soul ties can really draw you down into the grave. As I ministered in hospitals, I repeatedly met women with cancer whose husbands had died suddenly around two years before. That emotional shock and grief and the soul tie to their deceased loved ones opened the door for that cancer to develop, and in due time it attempted to take their very lives!

If you minister to such victims, make it a point to help them cut their soul ties in prayer. You will very often find a quick miraculous recovery. Praise the Lord for the power of the Blood of Jesus!

Soul ties are not something you would want to play with! Please keep your health, keep your very life, by obeying God's command of putting Him and His Kingdom and righteousness first in every area of your life (Mt.6:33; Dt.4:24)!

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What will soul ties do to your emotions? We see a very wonderful example of a soul tie and many of the different emotions it can create in 2.Samuel chapter 13. We just studied king David's soul tie with Bathsheba and all the destruction it brought. Now here we see the same susceptibility for soul ties and sexual sin 'transmitted' to Amnon, one of king David's sons! Soul ties work to bring curses and transmit them over the generations! Amnon actually became 'love- sick' for his foster sister Tamar. That distressed him so much that he followed his very crafty friend's wicked advice (2.Sa.13:2).

See once again how soul ties destroy your character! They make you lie and cheat to get what you think you 'love' so much. They make you go into wicked ways and bring destruction into your entire emotional realm. They even kill your reputation!

12 And she answered him, "No, my brother, do not force me, for no such thing should be done in Israel. Do not do this disgraceful thing!

13 And I, where could I take my shame? And as for you, you would be like one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king; for he will not withhold me from you."

14 However, he would not heed her voice; and being stron-

ger than she, he forced her and lay with her (2.Sa.13:12-14)

Soul ties make you violate others' rights and convictions. They make you do disgraceful things and bring shame on yourself and others. They make you look like a fool in others' eyes, and they make you unable to heed good, godly counsel. They won't bring any positive thing into your life! See what happened after Amnon satiated his flesh-and soul-driven craving:

15 Then Amnon hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Arise, be gone!" (2.Sa.13:15)

Many young people today think they can attain lasting happiness by following the dictates of their soul, but that is just a colorful bait of satan, the enemy and destroyer of your soul! Lasting happiness is only found in God's ways! Many couples want to avoid the high cost of divorce and just 'live in', living together without being married. In Europe, we witness the destruction of an entire generation through this trick of the devil!

The parents' blessing and God's blessing through His servants, His delegated authority figures, still are God's way! Praise be to our wonderful loving Savior! Even here, God's Word gives us the pure truth so that we can be protected from fatal errors that would destroy our lives and the lives of others! If you try to get love the wrong way, your love will turn into burning hatred and bring even national destruction!

16 So she said to him, "No, indeed! <u>This evil</u> of sending me away <u>is worse</u> than the other that you did to me." But <u>he would not listen</u> to her (2.Sa.13:16)

Soul ties will make you go from bad to worse. They will also make you unteachable and obstinate. Although Tamar was a virtuous girl and tried her best to avoid the evil manifestation of Amnon's soul tie, she was helpless. She tried to bring the relationship on biblical ground by asking the father's blessing, but Amnon would not consent. All her at-

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tempts were in vain. Only the Blood of Jesus can protect you against such onslaughts planned by the enemy of your soul!

19 Then Tamar put ashes on her head, and tore her robe of many colors that was on her, and laid her hand on her head and went away crying bitterly.

20 And Absalom her brother said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now hold your peace, my sister. He is your brother; do not take this thing to heart." So Tamar <u>remained desolate</u> in her brother Absalom's house (2.Sa.13:19-20)

By losing her virginity, Tamar knew she had lost her privileges as the king's daughter. Her life was spoiled; her hope for a good future with a loving husband was destroyed forever. Sorrow, pain, destruction and desolation are the horrible consequences of soul ties. You are created in God's image and likeness which is symbolized by this robe of many colors.

Too many people today destroy their uniqueness and beauty by following the dictates of their soul and giving in to sexual relation-ships outside of marriage. Much of the depression and desolation we see in today's society is actually the consequence of soul ties that were lived out without the restraint of fear of God and obedience to His Word and ways.

This depression and desolation is all too visible in our teens and youth in the 'modern' Western world. Supposed to be free and liberated from 'old traditions and morals', you would expect them to look happy. All the opposite is the case! They threw away their robes of many colors by illegitimate sexual relationships. Even if they marry later on, the full blessing of virginity and the deep dedication to that one and only life partner is missing. Love remains shallow because the soul is already scattered. Only a complete breaking of soul ties and the mercy of God through the Blood of Jesus can do the miracle of restoration!

What a difference to see the shy, well protected young people in

Asian cultures who are not even allowed to talk to the opposite sex! In them, you see all the joy, purity, excitement and positive expectancy of life you would expect in the 'liberated' West! Obedience to God and His ways always pays!

Now the terrible thing is that soul ties not only affect the two persons involved, they go much further:

21 But when <u>King David heard</u> of all these things, he <u>was</u> <u>very angry</u>.

22 And Absalom spoke to his brother Amnon neither good nor bad. For <u>Absalom hated</u> Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar (2.Sa.13:21-22)

Great hatred and bitterness in many people's hearts were the consequence of this soul tie (Heb.12:15). It destroyed the peace in an entire family and ultimately led even to murder and expatriation (2.Sa.13:23-38)!

If you allow a soul tie in your life, your family and loved ones are in acute danger! They will be defiled by the bitterness the soul tie will bring forth, and they will be tempted to take fleshly actions. Break all ungodly soul ties in your life today itself and protect your family from emotional damage!

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Soul ties can drag you into deep depression and even into an early grave. We find this sad truth in the life of Jacob. The soul tie between him and his youngest son Benjamin was so strong and obvious that his other children were sure, "The lad cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die" (Ge.44:22)! They explained, "His life is bound up in the lad's life, it will happen, when he sees that the lad is not with us, that he will die…" (Ge.44:30-31). What a wonderful description of a soul tie!

How did such a strong soul tie develop? Jacob, God's Israel, had twelve sons from four different women. Benjamin was the son of his old age, the last child born. According to his knowledge, he was the only surviving one of the two sons his beloved Rachel, his favorite wife, had born to him. All these factors plus the shock of the supposed death of Benjamin's older brother Joseph created a deep depression and fear in Jacob. This found its expression in a strong longing to protect his most precious 'possession', his son Benjamin.

Soul ties and depression go hand in hand. Soul ties create depression, and depression in turn strengthens the need to cling to somebody. That again leads to more and stronger soul ties. Many times, you will see depressed people displaying the strongest soul ties.

A very sad example is a childhood friend of my mother. Some years ago, she committed her life to the Lord Jesus, but she was never

willing to cut her soul ties to her husband and her daughter. When her children were small, her husband would not allow them to visit their grandmother although she had lovingly taken the whole family into her house. He had some quarrel with his mother-in-law and wanted to punish her in this way.

Again because of a soul tie to her husband, that sister didn't take a stand against her husband's violation of the 4th commandment but consented in breaking her own mother's heart in such a cruel way. Today, both her children don't allow the parents any involvement in their lives; the family relationship is almost broken. My mother's friend worries constantly about her daughter whose marriage doesn't seem to go very well. The entire family is reaping what was sown many years ago!

Recently she asked for prayer since she was admitted in a mental institution because of danger of suicide. I did my best to convince her of the need to keep Jesus first in her life, to become a member of a good Bible-believing church, to listen to teaching-tapes and to pray and worship Jesus in her daily life. Her husband was listening, but didn't show much interest.

When she was released from hospital, she went back into their old lifestyle. No Bible-reading, no worship, no church because "my husband doesn't like it"... Of course, very soon she had to be admitted in the mental institution again! Her life is in definite danger!

How true is Proverbs 29:25: "The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe." Please remember, no prayer will bring you permanent deliverance if you are not willing to follow the very first commandment to love the Lord your God above all else!

Let us see the manifestation of the soul tie and the depression in Jacob's life. The very first time he sent his sons to Egypt to buy grain, we read:

4 But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he said, "Lest some calamity befall him"

(Ge.42:4)

Jacob had become extremely negative. He expected calamity, and sure enough, calamity hit. Simeon was kept as a surety in Egypt, and Jacob's other ten sons came back with the bad news that they could only go back if they brought Benjamin with them. See Jacob's reaction to his sons:

36 And Jacob their father said to them, "You have bereaved me: Joseph is no more, Simeon is no more, and you want to take Benjamin. All these things are against me."

38 But he said, "My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he is left alone. If any calamity should befall him along the way in which you go, then you would bring down my gray hair with sorrow to the grave" (Ge.42:36,38)

He blamed his sons of bereaving him. He expected the worst for Simeon and even more calamity. He saw all things going against him. He expected sorrow and the grave! Even after the happy reunion with his long lost son Joseph, we can still see the signs of his depression in his words:

30 And Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you are still alive" (Ge.46:30)

His desire for death was still so prevalent from all these years of emotional pain that sorrow and grave seem to be his closest companions! When his sons told him the good news, Jacob almost missed God's blessing by refusing to believe:

26 And they told him, saying, "Joseph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt." And Jacob's heart stood still, because he did not believe them (Ge.45:26)

What were the things God had prepared for Jacob and his family through his son Joseph? See what Joseph and even Pharaoh promised

them:

10 "You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have.

11 There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for there are still five years of famine."

18 "Bring your father and your households and come to me; I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land.

19 Now you are commanded-do this: Take carts out of the land of Egypt for your little ones and your wives; bring your father and come.

20 Also do not be concerned about your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours" (Ge.45:10-11,18-20)

Praise God, when Jacob heard all these promises, his depression lifted, his spirit revived, and he finally decided to stand up and walk into his blessings:

27 But when they told him all the words which Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived.

28 Then Israel said, "It is enough. Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die" (Ge.45:27-28)

The only way to overcome depression is by hearing and believing God's good and perfect plans for your future (Jer.29:11)!

Never seek your refuge in soul ties, trying to bind one or more persons and keep them very close to you! If you do, you will miss your blessing! You will also make the other person miss their blessings!

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Only by deciding to overcome his soul tie with Benjamin and sending him to Egypt with his brothers, the whole nation of Israel could be rescued from starvation and death!

You can walk out of your depression today! You can decide to cut your soul ties and release that person into God's hands! You can rise up and step into all the blessings and provisions God prepared for you, in Jesus' Name!

SOUL TIES AND FORGIVENESS



Many times and all over the world I have heard well-meaning Christians say in desperation, "I just can't forgive that person! I just can't forget what they did to me!" Believing this lie of the devil, they give in to the most dangerous 'killing emotion' on this planet: unforgiveness!

Did you know that unforgiveness will bind your soul to a person that might have even forgotten you already years ago? According to Argentina's great healing and miracle evangelist Carlos Annacondia, unforgiveness is the main reason for demonization among believers! Our Lord Jesus said very clearly,

14 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses (Mt.6:14-15)

You will not have forgiveness of your sins if you refuse to forgive others! Unforgiveness will lead you to bitterness and horrible torment! You will actually be delivered into the hands of tormentors (Mt.18:21-35)!

These tormentors can be spirits of hatred, depression, suicide, murder, sickness, disease and so many others! Your unforgiveness won't

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bother the concerned person at all, but it will cost you your peace, your joy, and maybe even your very life!

Maybe you are suffering in this clutch of the devil, convinced that you are not able to forgive. Memories of past offenses follow and torture you again and again. Today we will discover the solution to your problem! Did you know even that horrible and ultimately deadly problem of unforgiveness has to do with soul ties?

Let us have a closer look at Joseph, one of the twelve sons of Israel. He really had all the reasons to feel unforgiveness. His father loved him more than all his brothers and sisters. He was highly favored and received from his father a tunic of many colors. Without his knowledge, Israel would have seen God's calling on Joseph and confirmed it by this tunic (Ge.37:3). This made his brothers hate him so deeply that they could not speak peaceably to him. At seventeen years of age, Joseph had two dreams about God's plan and destiny for his life. Unfortunately, when he told his brothers about it they all became still more angry and jealous and hated him even more (Ge.37:4-11).

- 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.
- 5 Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more.
- 8 And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words (Ge.37:4-5,8)

Practically from the beginning of his life, Joseph's own brothers hated him and spoke violently to him. When the opportunity arose, they conspired against him to kill him, but Reuben and Judah made them reconsider. They finally agreed to only sell him to the Ishmaelites. From being the favorite son of an extremely wealthy family, Joseph was thrown into deepest slavery by his own brothers! Imagine! Do you

think it was an easy thing for him to forgive?! Many years of suffering followed that one evil act, but God was with Joseph and made everything he did to prosper in his hand (Ge.39:1-6, 21-23).

After many hard years where Joseph managed to keep his heart free from bitterness and close to God, his elevation came very suddenly. Through his closeness to God, he was able to interpret Pharaoh's dreams and was instantly placed as ruler over all of Egypt:

- 37 So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants.
- 38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?"
- 39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you.
- 40 You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you" (Ge.41:37-40)

This must have been quite difficult for Joseph to believe after so many years of oppression and prison! So Pharaoh said again and very emphatically,

- 41 "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."
- 42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.
- 43 And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, "Bow the knee!" So he set him over all the land of Egypt.
- 44 Pharaoh also said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without

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your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt" (Ge.41:41-44)

Praise God, Joseph's physical sufferings were over - but in verse 51 and 52 we see that he was still dealing with the mental and emotional damage he had suffered!

51 Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: "For God has made me forget all my toil and all my father's house."

52 And the name of the second he called Ephraim: "For God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction" (Ge.41:51-52)

Toil and affliction! Remembering the father's house! Feelings of home-sickness, and the soul-rendering memory that his own blood brothers had sold him into this predicament for only 20 pieces of silver! Yet Joseph said, "God has made me forget!" Hallelujah! Joseph acted in God's wisdom and earned the highest respect of all the inhabitants of Egypt.

Years later, a very peculiar situation arose. The famine had forced Jacob to send his sons to Egypt to buy grain - and here they were, bowing down before Joseph with their faces to the earth, just as Joseph had seen in his dream over twenty years ago (Ge.37:6-7; 42:6)! God's Word is true, and His plans come to pass as we keep our hearts in close fellowship with Him!

Now see Joseph's heart! He inquired pointedly about his brothers, his father and the whole family (Ge.43:7). When his brothers came for the second time to buy food from him, he asked them about their well-being (v.27). He gave them food without accepting their money, but he made sure they had to come back to him and even bring his brother Benjamin (Ge.42:25; 43:23). He kept Simeon as a surety in order not to lose contact with them again (Ge.42:15-24).

From beginning to end, his intention was to bring them to live

close to him, to provide for them and to give them possessions in the best land of the entire nation (Ge.45:9-11; 16-20; 47:1-12)!

The whole situation had been extremely traumatic for Joseph as we can see in the many tears he cried (Ge.42:21-24; 43:30; 45:1-2,14-15).

Maybe you think, well, he also made them suffer quite a lot before revealing himself to them! No, that was not a revenge to torture their emotions! It was a needed action to remind them of their sin and to bring them to confession and repentance!

Acting in God's wisdom, Joseph could not allow them to keep their dark secret buried deep inside their hearts. They had to see the horror of it and the possible consequences before they were ready to receive and appreciate his forgiveness and mercy!

Think about it! Joseph had every right to feel anger, hatred and revenge against them, but he even comforted them and told them not to be angry with themselves for their sin:

5 But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life (Ge.45:5)

Joseph could see God's hand in all his sufferings! He could bless those who had hated and mistreated him! How was it possible? I believe the secret lies again in the cutting of soul ties.

Joseph gives us the key in the names of his sons: Manasseh means, "For God has made me forget all my toil and all my father's house." Ephraim means, "For God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction" (Ge.41:51-52).

After cutting the soul ties, Joseph could not only forgive but even love his brothers deeply and sincerely. The unhealthy soulish domination had been cut out of the relationship, and it became truly spirit-dominated. Joseph was able to show God's agape love to his intended murderers!

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The secret of such greatness and ability to forgive lies in following God's leading, forgetting past offenses and looking forward into the fruitfulness and potential God planned for you!

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Even your faith will be seriously affected by soul ties. Have you ever noticed that it is much easier to pray and believe for the healing of anybody outside your family than for a family member or loved one? Here again, the reason is soul ties. Your soul is bound to that person, and worries and fear attack your faith mightily. Praying the prayer of faith is much more difficult in a soul-tie situation. Do you remember our swimming-lesson? You need to cut the soul tie in order to be able to minister to your loved one with the full liberty and authority of your spirit!

Abraham, our great father of faith, is our example to follow in everything. Again and again, Abraham had to learn in very painful ways the dangers of soul ties. Did you ever consider how seriously God was dealing with him before He could make him that father of many nations He wanted him to be from the very beginning? God's plan and calling for Abraham was to be a father of faith, but his experience for many years was total barrenness and social shame.

Impatient concerning the fulfillment of God's promise, Sarah induced Abraham to take her maid Hagar as a wife. Abraham listened to her, and Ishmael was born (Ge.16:1-16)! Do you see how his soul tie with Sarah caused him to obey her instead of waiting for God's perfect promise?

As you study chapter 16, you will see how this illicit sexual en-

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counter brought misery and strife into that home. It produced two soul ties: one with Hagar through the sexual contact, one with Ishmael through blood relationship.

Ishmael was the son of the flesh, not the son of faith God had promised. Thirteen years later, God again appeared to Abraham and changed his name from Abram to Abraham. He confirmed that the promised son would be born through Sara, former Sarai (Ge.17:1-21). When the promised son Isaac was finally born, Abraham was extremely happy with his two sons, but God needed His great leader and father of nations to be bound only to Him!

When Isaac was twelve, Sarah asked Abraham to send Hagar and Ishmael away. Abraham was greatly distressed, but he had to let go of Hagar and Ishmael and send them into the wilderness at God's command (Ge.21:1-21). The distress was genuine, the pain was real. Herein we can see that it really was a soul tie. That is the reason why God had to deal with it so severely.

Abraham experienced all the soulish emotions of pain, sadness, missing and longing, but he allowed his spirit to take over and subdue the soul tie. Feeling distressed is very normal, but please don't stay at that level! Overcome the soul tie and obey God's perfect will for your life!

Sending away the maid who had born his first son and sending away even that son was a physical way of cutting two soul ties in one strike and must have definitely been very painful! And yet, this was still not enough!

In order to become a real father of faith, Abraham had to trust his God to the point of knowing that His promises could never die! God had to train him in cutting soul ties - first with his nephew Lot, then with Hagar and Ishmael, and now even with his beloved son Isaac who had been promised by God Himself (Ge.13; 21:8-21)!

See how after cutting these soul ties, Abraham was able to operate in the highest realm of faith:

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called,"

19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense (Heb.11:17-19)

Abraham even had to be willing to kill his beloved, long-awaited promised son Isaac (Ge.22)! God really made sure His father of faith would walk by faith, not by feelings (2.Co.5:7)! Abraham obeyed instantly, took wood and fire and a knife, and went with Isaac to worship. He told his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you" (Ge.22:5). When Isaac himself asked for the lamb for the burnt offering,

- 8 Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.
- 9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.
- 10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.
- 11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."
- 12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me" (Ge.22:8-12)

Abraham's willingness to cut the soul tie released angelic visita-

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tion and intervention! It proved to God Abraham's total allegiance and loyalty. It definitely lifted Abraham to a higher realm in the spiritual world and increased God's favor upon his life. See the miracle he experienced and the new revelation of his God he received:

13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided" (Ge.22:13-14)

Abraham came to know the Lord as Jehovah Jireh! After believing, he experienced that God could and would provide anything at any time! And again, there was still more reward for being willing to cut this soul tie!

15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,

16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son

17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice" (Ge.22:15-18)

If you look closely at Abraham's life you will see that God led him from one 'soul-tie-cutting' to the next. Each time it seems that God was keenly watching out for Abraham's response. Why is that? It almost seems like an interactive computer game! The reason is that God could

bless Abraham only to the level he was willing to cut soul ties and dependencies in order to depend fully and wholly on the Living God!

Sometimes I wonder how many people were called by God for a very high purpose in the nations that could never be accomplished because of ungodly soul ties. How many people stopped obeying God just before that tremendous breakthrough God intended for them? How many people suffered shipwreck in their faith and stopped waging the good warfare of faith? A true walk of faith is only possible if you have sincerely cut your soul ties and learned to depend on Jesus alone!

You can do it! You can entrust your loved ones into His loving hands and experience His miracles! You can go into higher realms of faith and favor! Do it today, in Jesus' Name!

SOUL TIES AND YOUR CALLING



Soul ties are a great obstacle to the fulfillment of your calling. Even our father Abraham, the great hero of faith, experienced the problems of soul ties hindering his calling!

God had told him very clearly to get out of his country, from his family and from his fathers house, and he obeyed. In one small detail, however, we see Abraham giving in to a soul tie: "So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him" (Ge.12:1-4).

Again and again, Lot brought heartbreaking situations to Abraham by choosing the best land for himself, settling in a sinful city, being captured by enemies... This one soul tie even endangered Abraham's life as he had to set out with his 318 household servants to fight against five kings on Lot's behalf (Ge.14)!

Please note that although Abraham obeyed God and left Ur in Chaldea, his greater vision and promises could come only after Lot separated from him:

14 And the LORD said to Abram, <u>after Lot had separated</u> from him: "<u>Lift your eyes now</u> and look from the place where you are - northward, southward, eastward, and westward;

15 for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.

16 And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered.

17 Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you" (Ge.13:14-17)

After Abraham had proved that he wouldn't allow his soul to be bound to riches nor to any person who might later on claim that he made Abraham rich, God again appeared to Abraham in a vision and confirmed his covenant. He once again promised him descendants and lands (Ge.15:1-7,14).

When Abraham obeyed the Lord in sending away Hagar and Ishmael at Sarah's request, again the Lord rewarded his soul-tie- cutting with a promise: "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called. Yet I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he is your seed" (Ge.21:12-13). More and more nations were promised to Abraham as he went cutting more and more soul ties!

We already studied in the last chapter God's marvelous answer to Abraham's willingness to cut his soul tie with Isaac, but let us read it again to get it deep into our spirit! Soul-tie-cutting has a great reward! It will make you fulfill your divine destiny:

15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,

16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son -

17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

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18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice" (Ge.22:15-18)

What a reward! What a promise! Hallelujah! And yet, Abraham had to cut still one more soul tie. When Sarah died, Abraham wept; but he had to get up immediately, talk to people, bargain for the burial ground, etc. His strong spirit subdued his natural grief (Ge.23:1-20)!

Can you imagine bargaining for the burial place when the wife of his youth was lying dead before him? How calmly and composedly he could act after he subdued that soul tie in Hagar's, Ishmael's and Isaac's case! Overcoming soul ties will make you a great leader whom God can safely trust in any distressing situation.

Since he was so well trained in cutting soul ties, Abraham was even able to marry again and have children again with Keturah (Ge.25:1-4). In all this, he didn't lose track of his calling but made very sure he had provided well for Isaac, giving him all that he had (Ge.25:5). He fulfilled his calling by bringing forth Isaac and caring for him until his last breath. Both Isaac and Ishmael buried him together, and God blessed Isaac after Abraham's death (Ge.25:9-11). Overcoming soul ties unites your generations and brings God's blessing upon them.

Only by cutting all soul ties as God commanded him, Abraham could step by step walk into his calling and fulfill his divine destiny.

In our day and age, many people lose their marriage partner by death or divorce, but they fail to cut soul ties. That leads to an inability to bond again with another partner since all the pros and cons from the former marriage will be carried over into this new relationship.

It is one thing to cry at the death of a loved one, but it is an entirely different thing to be swallowed up by grief to the point of being unable to take care of your daily responsibilities. When soul ties are involved, people remain bound to the deceased person in such a way that they themselves are in danger of dying an early death! They have a kind of gloominess and a death atmosphere around them that comes clearly from that bondage of their soul to the dead person.

Mothers who have lost a child often become completely unable to love or care for their husbands and even the other children because they are so swallowed up by grief. You need to cut the soul ties even to deceased loved ones if you want to live life in its fullness!

Recently I ministered in the beautiful island of Sri Lanka on soul ties. Terrorism and civil war have taken a toll of millions of lives over the years, and there is a sense of gloominess even over many Christians.

As I was teaching, the Lord directed me to place special emphasis on cutting the soul ties to deceased loved ones. We could clearly see a change in the atmosphere as ties to death and grave were broken and life more abundantly was invoked over the congregation (Jn.10:10).

After the ministry, faces were shining with God's glory and joy. Hallelujah to the mighty Blood of the Risen Savior!

Being called to serve the Creator of heaven and earth is the greatest privilege we could ever imagine, and yet, many forfeit it because of soul ties! The temptation comes to all of us, even in the New Testament, as we see in Luke 9:57-62:

- 57 Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."
- 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."
- 59 Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."
- 60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."
- 61 And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, <u>but let me</u> <u>first go</u> and bid them farewell who are at my house."

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62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Lk.9:57-62)

Many things can keep you back from following Jesus whole-heartedly, but see Jesus emphasizing relationships twice here! In calling His disciples, He made sure they had to deal with soul ties from the very beginning: James and John had to leave their nets and their father (Mt.4:21; Mk.1:19-20). Simon Peter and his brother Andrew immediately left their boats and their nets (Mt.4:18-20; Mk.1:16-18).

Imagine! Such a drastic step would definitely upset many people that had soul ties with them. If you want to follow Jesus, soul ties must be cut by whatever means it takes!

SOUL TIES AND HIGHER CALLINGS



The higher the calling, the more you must be cautious of soul ties.

The Israelites were called out from among the nations, so God demanded them to prove their allegiance to God above all else. From His priests and His high priest, He expected even more! Let us study.

Every Israelite had the God-given obligation to kill even the closest person without any pity when that person tried to entice him away from his God. Notice the hint: the person 'who is as your own soul'. What was God's intention? He was after their soul ties!

6 If your brother, the son of your mother, your son or your daughter, the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own soul, secretly entices you, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers...,

8 you shall not consent to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him or conceal him;

9 but you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people.

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10 And you shall stone him with stones until he dies, because he sought to entice you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

11 So all Israel shall hear and fear, and not again do such wickedness as this among you (Dt.13:6,8-11)

Just as in any field, there are different levels also in the spiritual world. The higher the calling, the greater the cost of dedication and commitment that must be paid. The Lord Jesus said, "*Many are called, but few are chosen*" (Mt.22:14). I am sure that this is a heart cry straight from God's heart! Why could they not be chosen though they were called? They had somewhere along the way failed the test of cutting their soul ties (Lk.9: 57-62)!

Out of the Israelites, God separated the tribe of Levi to serve Him. What were His criteria for choosing one specific tribe? They had to be willing to cut all their soul ties even to their closest heart relationships for God's cause and for the destruction of sin, rebellion and disobedience!

26 then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the LORD'S side come to me." And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.

27 And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor."

28 So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day (Ex.32:26-28)

To have the privilege to judge God's people, to teach God's laws and judgments and to offer incense and sacrifices, they had to forget all

their family ties and obligations. God had tested them and found them faithful to be put into the ministry, as Paul puts it (1.Ti.1:12). What was their specialty?

8 And of Levi he said: "Let Your Thummim and Your Urim be with Your holy one, whom <u>You tested</u> at Massah, and with whom <u>You contended</u> at the waters of Meribah,

9 Who says of his father and mother, 'I have not seen them'; nor did he acknowledge his brothers, or know his own children; for they have observed Your word and kept Your covenant.

10 <u>They shall teach</u> Jacob <u>Your judgments</u>, and Israel <u>Your law</u>. They shall <u>put incense</u> before You, and a whole <u>burnt sacrifice</u> on Your altar (Dt.33:8-10)

Out of the tribe of Levi, the family of Aaron was chosen as God's priest. For them, God's requirements were even stricter. In the Old Testament, God allowed His priests to defile themselves only with the corpses of their closest relatives, not for any other dead body:

25 They shall not defile themselves by coming near a dead person. Only for father or mother, for son or daughter, for brother or unmarried sister may they defile themselves (Eze.44:25)

From the high priest, however, a much higher level of commitment was required. He was not even allowed to show any emotions at the death of his own father or mother! He was not allowed to leave the sanctuary or profane it by soulish entanglements and sorrow! This is what our Lord Jesus meant when He said, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple" (Lk.14:26)!

10 He who is the high priest among his brethren, on whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is consecrated to

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wear the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes;

11 nor shall he go near any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or his mother

12 nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD (Lev.21:10-12)

Of course, in the New Testament, we all are kings and priests, but still the same principles apply (Rev.1:5). Not all are equally used by the Lord, and many high callings are wasted in daily relationship routines and struggles, just because they were not willing to cut their soul ties! Jesus Himself told one of His soul-tie-afflicted followers unmistakably, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God" (Lk.9:60).

If you want to serve the Lord, you must strive to be able to say with His disciples and apostles: "See, we have left all and followed You!" (Mt.19:27; Mk.10:28; Lk.18:28). They all followed their Lord and master into a glorious death as martyrs, except John who was sent to the island of Patmos. They all faithfully carried their cross and finished their race with endurance and joy (2.Ti.4:7; Heb.12:1).

God has a very high calling for your life! You are a dream conceived in the loving heart of God! You are to bless the world with your pure existence and relationship with your Creator! Don't be satisfied with lower stages of calling, ministry and usefulness for God. Strive to fulfill you high calling in Christ and cut those soul ties once and for all, in Jesus' Name!

SOUL TIES AND YOUR DESTINY



Soul ties can greatly affect your destiny. They can totally thwart the life mission God has appointed for you (Eph.2:10). Elisha's calling into the ministry gives us great insight into this truth.

The great prophet Elijah had just had a tremendous encounter with the living God where he received minute instructions on whom to anoint for God's coming move. One of the three persons he was to anoint was Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah who was to become prophet in Elijah's place (1.Ki.19). God Himself gave Elijah the details of Elisha's name and whereabouts.

In God's eternal plan, Elisha's destiny was already planned and decided. He was to become the prophet of God's chosen people, the great mediator between God and His chosen nation. Kings would bow before him and ask his counsel. He was to hear God clearly and pass His words on to the entire nation and beyond. God's plans for his life were mind-boggling - and yet, Elisha had a say in it. A soul tie to his family almost thwarted his divine destiny! Let us learn from Elisha how he overcame the temptation of this dangerous moment where God's plan for his life still could have been aborted:

19 So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him (1.Ki.19:19)

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In ancient times, this meant a great promise and challenge. Elisha understood clearly that Elijah's mantle meant his office and his anointing. This was a crucial moment for him. Twelve yoke of oxen meant great riches and power in Bible times, and Elisha had the privilege of handling them as a wealthy son of a wealthy family. He probably thought he had his life made. His future was secure and well-planned. He was administering his father's property and wealth - until suddenly the heavenly calling interrupted his routine! He did what hopefully most of us would do:

20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"

21 So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant (1.Ki.19:20-21)

Elisha only asked to say goodbye to his father and mother, but as a prophet, Elijah knew Elisha would never be able to untangle himself once he came into the emotional strain of leaving his loved ones for God's calling. He challenged him and made clear he could still forfeit his heavenly calling and anointing - but praise God, Elisha took the right decision! He brought a sacrifice to the Lord by burning his working utensils and thus stated his allegiance to Him. Then he arose and followed Elijah.

Praise God it was not too late! He had not pondered too long but acted instantly. He was still in time to reach Elijah and become his servant. That was not an easy position for the young heir of a wealthy family - but like Moses, he chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of riches and sin (Heb.11:24-27).

You were born with a mission! You didn't just appear in this world

accidentally, as many want to make you believe. God has destined your life work for you even before the foundation of this world! Until you see and fulfill this mission, you will suffer and wander around like an orphan. You will never find fulfillment and true joy in life until you actively step into God's perfect plan and assignment for your life. Unfortunately, the great majority of believers waste their entire lives in mediocrity, without ever finding out their God-given mission! They allow soul ties to bind their mind and totally deplete their energy. Their spirit never grows strong enough to subdue and cut their soul ties.

We have seen an extremely tragic example of missing God's destiny because of soul ties. A very precious brother received God's call into the ministry over ten years ago but never followed it. Just a year ago, he confessed with tears that he had wasted ten years of his life. He actually even used the word 'soul ties' to describe his situation! He admitted, "I knew God was calling me but because of my soul ties with my son and my wife I wasted my life."

After his retirement, he planned to serve Jesus but never got a chance. Since he didn't take the bold step of obedience of putting God and His Kingdom first, the enemy had open doors to come and kill, steal and destroy (Mt.6:33; Jn.10:10). His son became severely demonized and suffered horrible physical and mental attacks. One family problem after another crushed him again and again. He was severely hurt and wounded by his own family members for whom he had sacrificed his life and his calling. All these hurts and sufferings led to a heart attack, and a doctors' mistake during the bypass operation suddenly and unexpectedly took his life. What a tragedy! What a waste! How can he face a holy God without any fruit for eternity?

Please, for heaven's sake, never put off God's calling for a later time! The enemy of your soul will take advantage and entangle you more and more every day. Take a bold stand to follow Jesus at His every bidding! Be quick to decide instead of allowing soul ties and family bonds to entangle you! Serve God and His servants to the best of your abilities! If you do, you will be blessed with heavenly anointing, visions and rewards! You will be able to find and fulfill God's destiny for your life!

SOUL TIES AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE



There is a lot of talk about spiritual warfare in today's church. Yet have you ever thought about the connection between soul ties and spiritual warfare?

If your soul is bound to another person, you will never be able to be fully used in spiritual warfare. You might even be on dangerous ground as the enemy has easy access to you through your soul ties. Let us learn from Gideon what spiritual warfare has to do with soul ties.

Gideon was chosen by God to deliver Israel from the oppression of the Midianites, but he himself had great difficulty to believe that. Together with the whole nation, he was in a state of fear, depression and frustration, as we can clearly see from his answers to God's angel (Jdg.6). In order to make him the great deliverer and spiritual warrior, some work had to be done in his own life first.

He had to hear God's opinion about him that was absolutely contrary to his own opinion (Jdg.6:12-16). His picture of God had to be changed - he had to understand that the Lord is Peace, and he had to build Him an altar and worship (Jdg.6:22-24). Only after he had done all that, the Lord could start revealing to him His warfare strategies.

25 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" (Jdg.6:25-26)

This order must have been quite a shock for Gideon. He was just coming out of terrible fear and intimidation, and here God told him to destroy his father's idol altar and the idol itself! Not only that, he even had to kill and sacrifice his father's bull, which would be like emptying his bank account since a bull meant great riches and economic security.

Imagine what that would mean to Gideon's father! He would wake up in the morning to see his altar and his god destroyed and one of his major sources of income gone! He would become the laughing stock of the entire city, especially when it was found out that his own son was the culprit! The whole city would be upset because they all worshiped that image of Baal. Even his life might be in danger!

Imagine! If Gideon had allowed a soul tie with his father, he would have felt so much pity for him that he would never have been able to obey God's command!

Only if you break the soul ties even with your own parents and closest loved ones, you will be able to trust God and know that however horrible the situation might look, God will do the very best also for them! Gideon did that in a physical way, just as we must do it in a spiritual way.

27 So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the LORD had said to him. But because he feared his father's household and the men of the city too much to do it by day, he did it by night (Jdg.6:27)

If you want to be used in spiritual warfare, better make sure your

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soul ties and all your curses are broken. Only then you can boldly obey any order the Commander of the Lord's Army may give you!

Gideon overcame his fear and his pity for his father, and he was richly rewarded. Instead of being angry at him, as Gideon would have expected, his father actually saved his life by protecting him from the angry crowd. It seems his father had lost his faith in Baal and even mocked him daringly (v.32)! Once the demonic altar was torn down and the idol broken, the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon to lead Israel into battle (Jdg.6:28-35).

If you want your family and loved ones to come out of their bondage to idols and materialism to serve the Living God, you must break all soul ties that could bind you to them. You must take a bold stand against their idols by living a different life style, trusting in the Lord. By your life, they will see that they had put their trust in vain things. Only then, you will be able to stand in God's authority and destroy national strongholds!

In my own life, I had many such experiences. One is very vivid in my mind since it was a real milestone in the process of my father's salvation. My parents had paid all my school studies plus six years of university for me, their only child. All their expectations were on meand then the Lord called me into His ministry, just around the time of my final exams as a Master of Biology.

I still remember the fears and struggles I went through. How could I tell my parents? How would they react? Would I still be welcome at home? Finally, I wrote a postcard thanking them for all their love and investment into my life and explaining that I needed to obey God's call on my life. I asked them to please try to understand that my goal in life would not be to earn money and recognition but to win souls and a heavenly reward. Although they couldn't understand it at that time, they graciously accepted.

About two years later, my father told me with tears in his eyes that the first time he took my faith in Jesus serious was when he read that postcard! Breaking that soul tie by obeying God against my parents'

expectations was one of the most important contributions I could do to my father's eternal salvation! Praise the Lord!

Many times I had to leave my home because of my ministry. It was not always easy since I am the only child of the family, and my father had to travel a lot because of his job. Today, however, my parents receive love, honor and prayer from many of the world's most precious spiritual leaders of different nations!

The other day my father said in deep thought, "All our friends of our age have become very old and lost many of their mental faculties. Praise God, with all her spiritual friends and visitors and leaders from so many nations, our daughter kept us young." Again and again, they thank me for the blessing they receive through the love and prayers of so many of God's precious saints!

Breaking soul ties enables you to fulfill God's calling and be successful in spiritual warfare. It enables you to deliver your loved ones from idol worship, worldliness, materialism and other traps of the enemy of our souls. Be bold to obey God and break whatever soul tie He might show you!

SOUL TIES AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS



Will soul ties allow you to experience joyful, peaceful, fulfilling relationships? Let me say it once again: A soul tie is an unhealthy connection of two souls that is used by satan to afflict people. Many people suffer terribly in relationships and finally decide to get out of them through divorce or by taking their own living quarters! In my city Nuremberg, Germany, over 50% of the houses or apartments are occupied by only one person. What a horror!

I never forget our outreaches to mental institutions. We tried to bring the love of Jesus there, but it was very difficult since there, every patient was just living in his own little world, totally oblivious of the others around. Most of these patients had not been able to cope with their relationships and had somehow just 'shut down' their mind and emotions. That is what had brought them into a mental institution! It was horrible to see, like hell on earth!

I have ministered to tramps who took the decision to live on the streets instead of living in a house. Many times, they keep big dogs as their best and closest friends. I remember one extremely intelligent man who used to be a lawyer. He was dirty, stinking, with long cluttered hair and fingernails, and he traveled with a big dog. His story was heart-breaking. He had been unable to cope with the pressures in his marriage and finally 'dropped out of society' by his own choice. What

a tragedy! He didn't know the Blood of Jesus can cleanse relationships and make them the greatest blessing on earth, as long as we keep Jesus first (Mt.6:33)!

Another trap of the enemy of our souls is to make people bind their souls to animals. We heard the testimony of a sister who was delivered with vomiting from her soul tie to her little pet dog, just by reading this book. Animals have definite emotions and a very obvious will and character of their own! This shows clearly that they do have souls but not a spirit made in the image and likeness of God. In many cases, animals have given their lives for their human friends.

Like in every area, satan can bring perversion and a wrong relationship even here. Marriages have been destroyed because one partner bound his or her soul more closely to a pet animal than to their spouse. The spouse reacts with jealousy, withdrawal and often adultery and finally divorce. This happens very often in neglected wives who are bored at home with no other company than the pet animal.

A very tragic case happened in Brazil. By the Holy Spirit, a friend of mine had given a very serious warning in a conference. God was calling people to repent. He clearly said that for somebody, this was the last opportunity to avoid judgment. Nobody answered this call. Only one week later, a famous prayer leader and denominational head had to be hospitalized for having relations with her pet dog, a sin that brings a curse of death (Ex.22:19). It was a horrible shock and public shame for her and for the Gospel and destroyed her marriage and her ministry.

Soul ties can really destroy your life! I want to study with you the case of one of the most anointed personalities in the entire Bible. His birth was a miracle since his mother was barren. It was announced by the Angel of the Lord Himself. Even his lifestyle was predetermined by heaven. His mother had to abstain from anything that comes from the vine and eat nothing unclean. He was to begin to deliver Israel out of the hands of the Philistines. God's blessing was upon him, and the Spirit of the Lord began to move him (Jdg.13).

During his lifetime, he did many mighty miracles by the anointing

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of the Holy Spirit. He tore a lion apart and killed Philistines with his bare hands. He caught three hundred foxes, broke ropes like flax burned with fire, killed thousand enemies with a donkey's jawbone, pulled up the city gate and gateposts and destroyed the Philistines' main temple with his bare hands (Jdg.14:6,19; 15:4,14-15; 16:3,30). And yet, he died among his enemies, a blind prisoner, a mockery the Philistines made fun of. Why???

From the very beginning, women were his big problem. He allowed his Philistine wife to entice him and press him (Jdg.14:15-17). A harlot almost cost him his life (Jdg.16:1-3). Since he didn't heed all these warnings, he finally met Delilah who would become his doom. See what the Bible says in Judges 16:16-17:

16 And it came to pass, when <u>she pestered him daily with her</u> words and pressed him, so that his soul was vexed to death,

17 that he told her all his heart, and said to her, "No razor has ever come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man" (Jdg.16:16-17)

When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines to capture Samson. Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him (v.19). When he woke up to see his enemies, he could not shake himself free because the Lord had departed from him. He was taken captive, his eyes were taken out; he was bound with bronze fetters and became a grinder in the prison.

What a tragic end for one of the most anointed people in history! Luckily, Samson came to his senses, repented before God and asked for one more opportunity.

Our merciful Lord forgave him and allowed him to kill more Philistines than ever before, but at the cost at his own life (Jdg.16:28-30).

Had there not been a soul tie involved, Samson could have easily walked away from that ungodly relationship with a Philistine woman. He could have taken authority and not allowed her to pester and torment him so severely. But alas, he was bound by soul ties. His spirit couldn't dominate.

The soul ties that bound him were stronger even than the ropes of the Philistines. He was unable to keep the precious calling of God on his life and the secret of his strength. Soul ties can destroy even the most heavily anointed person!

Never be afraid of breaking soul ties! Samson allowed his soul ties and was cruelly killed. Abraham cut his soul ties and received Isaac back from the dead (Heb.11:19).

Allowing a soul tie in your life brings death, but cutting a soul tie brings resurrection! Always make sure your spirit dominates each and every relationship in your life, and be the deliverer God intends you to be!

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Soul ties also make family relationships very difficult and complicated. The undue attachment of soul ties makes people to be easily hurt and offended. It can lead to the formation of hostile groups inside a family. Quarrels and misunderstandings between brothers and sisters, as well as the world-famous problems between mother-in-law and son-in-law or daughter-in-law are just some of the examples. In many cases, the hidden reason for their fighting is their competing for the love and acceptance of parents or elder siblings or claims family members think to have over each other.

Very often, people who are bound by such soul ties suffer tremendously for years. They suspect anybody who talks to the person their soul is bound to. They fear anybody could break into their relationship or influence that person negatively towards them. This constant strain on their emotions can actually make them sick, causing high blood pressure, sleeping trouble, digestive problems, stress and mental exhaustion. Some victims of soul ties finally rebel against this constant torture and violently break the relationship once and for all. Why should you allow that? Better cleanse it by the powerful Blood of Jesus and make it a God-pleasing relationship where both partners are free to love and obey God first and then only men (Ac.5:29)!

Especially mothers are prone to develop soul ties with their chil-

dren at the cost of their relationship with their husband. Let me give you a strict warning and advice here: The best asset you can give to your children in life is a happy marriage! Happy parents have happy, emotionally healthy children that will also be able to build happy, healthy homes when their time comes. Soul ties with the children and the resulting marriage problems will very much affect your children's emotional health and well-being.

Our Lord Jesus gives us a wonderful example on how to deal with soul ties. His mother Mary knew very well that He was engendered by the Holy Spirit, not by any human being. Her relationship with her son must have been very special since she knew from the words of the angel Gabriel as well as from different saints of God that her Son was the Savior of the world (Lk.1:19; 2:25-38). She was chosen to bear Him in her womb and to bring Him up in a God-pleasing way.

Very interestingly, there are different words in Greek for 'son'. One is 'hyius', a more general word that is often connected to religious situations. Normally, the Lord Jesus would be described as 'hyius', the Son of Man, Son of God, Son of David, My beloved Son, Thy Son, only begotten Son, David's Son, firstborn Son etc. The other one is 'teknon', which denotes a more intimate, affectionate and reciprocal relationship formed between men by the bonds of love, friendship and trust, just as between parents and children.

We can infer that Mary, although keenly fulfilling her role as a mother, would have kept that sense of awe before her God-begotten Son and used the word 'hyius'. And yet, there was one incident where her soul 'took over'. You can read the entire incident in Luke 2:41-52. When Jesus was twelve years of age, He lingered behind in Jerusalem, listening to the teachers of the law and asking them questions. Mary and Joseph were anxiously searching for Him. Let me add a little side note: If you become anxious about another person, this is a warning sign for soul ties! Better check your heart and purify that relationship by the mighty Blood of Jesus!

48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son (TEKNON!), why have You done this

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to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (Lk.2:48-49)

See our Lord Jesus' reaction! At only twelve years of age, He instantly countered his mother's soulish approach with the Word of God, reminding her of His heavenly calling and mission! He did not react in a harsh way, nor did He hurt her or show any disrespect. He just made His priorities clear!

You will have to do exactly the same thing many times. There is no need to hurt loving people. Just make sure you keep your heavenly calling and mission before your eyes and proclaim it whenever needed. Peter and the other apostles even had to make this declaration before the highest council of Jerusalem! They could boldly state, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Ac.5:29)! That was the secret of their spiritual success and their miracle power!

Now let us return to the situation in Jerusalem:

- 50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.
- 51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.
- 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men (Lk.2:50-52)

See the reaction of Mary and Joseph! They just could not understand! That will also happen to you over and over again. Don't despair! This is just one of the tests of your faith and faithfulness God puts you through.

I had this experience in my own family. I remember one situation

where I was doing ministry in Argentina when I got a phone call from home. My mother in Germany had to be admitted in hospital, and my father was on a business trip oversees. It was a big shock for me as their only child, and the burden of responsibility wanted to make me take the next flight back to Germany.

When I prayed, however, the Lord impressed on me that I had to accomplish my ministry in South America and trust Him and His angels to take care of my mother. That was extremely difficult for me to do, but I just obeyed the Lord and tried to keep the anxiety from attacking my mind and soul. Praise God, the Lord was faithful (as He is always!), and my mother could be released from hospital very soon and without any further complications.

Years later, my parents told me that they had heard a message about the life of Jesus and His relationships with His parents, disciples, well-wishers and enemies. They confessed that they couldn't sleep the whole night, discussing many events from our family life.

They told me, "Now only we understand many of your actions! You were really putting God's Kingdom first in your life, and even though it looked cruel to us at that moment, we now see the blessings that came even upon us as you tried to follow God's will for your life." Praise the Lord!

You will never be put to shame if you keep Jesus your first love (Rev.2:4)! Keep your humble, loving attitude. Patiently await your God-given time. Keep your heavenly goal before your eyes, and you will not be shaken (Ps.16:8).

As you refuse to allow people to develop soul ties with you, you will increase in wisdom and favor with God and men! You will run straight toward your calling without allowing any strings to entangle you!

SOUL TIES AND NATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS



Soul ties can cause death and destruction and even the break-down of national relationships. Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, violated Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and his soul was strongly attracted to her. This soul tie brought war and great trouble over two nations. Let us see in Genesis chapter 34 how it all began. Dinah went out to see the daughters of the land...

2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and <u>lay with her, and violated her.</u>

3 <u>His soul was strongly attracted</u> to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he <u>loved</u> the young woman and <u>spoke kindly</u> to the young woman (Ge.34:2-3)

As we have seen, soul ties can develop by sexual contact. This young man was a noble man and tried to direct this soul tie into a healthy relationship, but to no avail. What begins badly will end badly. He sent his father to ask the young woman to be given to him as a wife. Imagine! Hamor, the prince of the country, went to ask Jacob for his daughter as a wife for his son! Who would not have rejoiced at such an opportunity to come into blood relationship with the royal family? See all the benefits Hamor offered:

8 But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him as a wife.

9 And make marriages with us; give your daughters to us, and take our daughters to yourselves.

10 So you shall <u>dwell with us</u>, and <u>the land shall be before</u> you. Dwell and trade in it, and <u>acquire possessions for yourselves in it."</u>

11 Then Shechem said to her father and her brothers, "Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you say to me I will give.

12 Ask me <u>ever so much dowry and gift</u>, and I <u>will give according to what you say</u> to me; but give me the young woman as a wife" (Ge.34:8-12)

And yet, even here we see that ungodly soul ties never lead to a good end. Dinah's brothers were grieved and very angry and spoke deceitfully to Hamor and Shechem because he had defiled their sister (Ge.34:13).

I infer that even here a soul tie was at work: Simeon and Levi were so angry because of the blood relationship soul tie with Dinah.

7 And the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it; and the men were grieved and very angry, because he had done a disgraceful thing in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter, a thing which ought not to be done (Ge.34:7).

Dinah's brothers apparently consented to Shechem's plea and asked for only one thing: all the males of the nation had to be circumcised. They gave a beautiful spiritual explanation for it, but it was nothing but a war strategy born out of anger over sin and a soul tie. Hamor and his entire nation agreed and were circumcised. Let us see what happened after that.

25 Now it came to pass on the third day, when they were in pain, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword and came boldly upon the city and killed all the males.

26 And they killed Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah from Shechem's house, and went out (Ge.34:25-26)

What did this anger actually accomplish? It totally destroyed their sister's life! According to that culture, she had to remain a widow in her father's house until her death. In a few hours of horror, she was plucked out of her position as future queen of the nation and cast into widow-hood and shame. Soul ties never accomplish anything good!

The entire nation was plundered and destroyed by the sons of Jacob. Did God agree with their deed? Definitely not! God decided not to have His secret counsel with them because of their anger, self-will and cruelty. They actually brought a strong curse of scattering on their descendent's forever: "Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; and their wrath, for it is cruel! I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel" (Ge.49:5-7). See here again: Soul ties never bring anything but curse and destruction!

30 Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have troubled me by making me obnoxious among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and since I am few in number, they will gather themselves together against me and kill me. I shall be destroyed, my household and I" (Ge.34:25-30)

The outcome of this ungodly soul tie was national destruction and fear. Not only Hamar's nation but also other nations would rise up to destroy. Once anger and bitterness is conceived and released, it will spread like cancer and defile many (Heb.12:15).

Even today, people sometimes try to attract others to themselves in order to accomplish their goal. Sex and soul ties are used as a tool or a

weapon even in national relationships.

National leaders try to marry their children to the children of another nation's leader in order to assure peace and good economic relationships. If such marriages lead to trouble or divorce, however, the peace among these nations is also at stake! In European history, horrible wars have been sparked by such soul ties turned hatred and the vengeance taken by family members.

Soul ties have the potential to spread a hatred and bitterness that can even disturb the peaceful relationships of nations! Make sure you are free of them, and use all your influence and abilities to warn others against them, in Jesus' Name!

SOUL TIES AND NATIONALISM



Another area where soul ties cause great havoc is nationalism. God had to tell Abraham to get out of his country and his family to set him free from soul ties that would have bound him to people and typical behavior patterns (Ge.12:1). He would never have been able to become a father of many nations if he had not been forced by God to leave everything he knew and to be exposed to completely different cultures and places. Cutting his soul ties with his own nation, culture and language enabled him to become the great father of faith and a worldwide hero!

Every nation has its own idiosyncrasy, and people naturally have a feeling of belonging together. We even have the expression, 'the soul of a nation', meaning its expression in art, music and culture. Patriotism is understandable but can lead to pride, arrogance and a despising attitude toward other nations.

I have seen German settlements in South America, comprised of fugitives from the 2nd world war. They are more Germans than any German I had seen in my life! Many of them even refused to learn the language of the nation that received them! Their souls are so strongly bound to the people of their nation, race, culture and language that they could never even see the tremendous opportunities this new continent of America was offering them! What a pathetic situation! Their young people intermarried only among themselves, and interestingly, the negative traits of Germans like confusion and self- condemnation seemed to be multiplied thousand fold!

Countries like India have a caste system that binds people together. Did you know where the caste-system originated? Hindus believe they all came from brahma, one of the highest of their 330 million gods. They believe each caste came from a different body part of their idol - the Brahmins, the highest caste, from the head, the untouchables, the lowest caste, from the feet, etc. The bonding together of the souls of people through this demonic ideology is so strong that marriage outside the own caste is totally unimaginable for people. According to their religion and culture, they are born into a certain caste and have no chance to ever change whatever implications come with it.

Praise God, Christianization and education is changing that slowly, but in most places, they still have no option as to what they would like to study and which profession they would like to choose. They are born into a certain caste and have to do the work prescribed for that caste. The soul ties of tradition, culture and fear of the elders are so immense that only very rarely somebody finds the courage to break free from these bondages. This causes so many murders and even wars among the heathen.

Sadly, even many born-again Christian believers still adhere to these castes and have not even noticed how unbiblical they are! In India, even many Spirit-filled churches still allow marriages only within the same caste. The greatest barrier in Jesus' time was the barrier between Jews and Gentiles. The Jews despised the Gentiles even to the extent of calling them dogs and refusing to eat with them.

Jesus, our model, took a bold stand against all that. He preached against it and even went to the cross to break the barrier between the two races (Eph.2:14-16). Now, in Christ, there is no Greek or Jew, slave or free, man or woman (1.Co.12:13; Ga.3:28). How dare Christians despise the Blood of the cross and allow the caste-system to divide the church, the precious Body of Christ?!

In today's world, people bind their souls together in politic parties and even in radical terrorist groups. They form communities around one individual or one ideology and become so much influenced that many even become willing to give their lives as suicide bombers.

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I have spoken and ministered to ex-members of such suicide squads who had come to salvation in Jesus Christ. They told me how the close association with their leaders seemed to transfer the same hatred from the leaders' hearts into their own hearts. This influence became so strong that it took on forms of hero worship to the extent that the young people's greatest desire in life was that one last dinner with their adored leader before they would go into a Christ-less eternity the next morning.

Another example of soul ties are religious sects where members intermarry or even see it as their greatest privilege to have sex with their guru, teacher or leader and give him children 'for his cause'. The depravity of the human soul without Christ is really unimaginable!

Another outflow of soul ties is racism, the strong binding together of people on any basis and creating hatred against anybody who doesn't fit into that category. People of one skin color hate people of another color with intense hatred. How many wars were created by this kind of soul ties binding together entire social or ethnic groups!

Interestingly, all that is needed is one charismatic personality with convincing arguments to create soul ties and a feeling of 'we' and 'us', especially in emotionally weak people.

The only safeguard against this kind of soul ties is a strong foundation in Jesus. If you know who you are in Christ, and if you are aware of the deep love of your heavenly Father towards you, you will never fall prey to such kinds of soul ties. You will know that your citizenship is in heaven, and that you don't really belong to any earthly race, group, culture or people (Phil.3:20). You will understand that your family is the household of God, and that you don't need to fight for any group on this earth (Eph.2:19).

Paul admonishes us to let our conduct be worthy of the Gospel and "stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel" (Phil.1:27). There is a unity in spirit and mind that is necessary to further the Kingdom of God and that will never have the negative consequences we see in ungodly soul ties.

A favorite idiom in today's Christian world is 'Kingdom culture', meaning the lifestyle of heaven lived out on earth. The Body of Christ is a worldwide organism that consists of all colors and nationalities living together in perfect harmony.

We are admonished to keep the unity of the Spirit and the unity of faith and encouraged to seek the blessings of dwelling together in unity (Eph.4:3,13; Ps.133). If you keep your soul closely knit to the Shepherd and Overseer of your soul, all of this will be automatic and a pure delight!

Cut off your soul from any ties to ungodly traditions, politic and religious groups, societies, ideologies and cultures, and step into God's Kingdom today, in Jesus' Name!

SOUL TIES AND DIVISIONS



Soul ties do tremendous damage by causing divisions among God's servants and in God's ministry. How many believers are heartbroken at seeing divisions in churches and ministries! How many even left the faith at seeing all these carnalities! How many cried because one person left the church and took many others with him!

God's heart is bleeding! Let us see what the apostle Paul has to say about that.

3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal? (1.Co.3:3-4)

Some believers show their carnality by despising everybody except the one leader or doctrine they follow. Sometimes we even see leaders trying to win followers by speaking cutting remarks about other teachings or ministries.

Don't ever believe you are more spiritual than others when you have that "I am of..." attitude! In fact, you have allowed a soul tie to dominate your decisions and discernment, and you have proven to be carnal! Every minister has the one and only task and responsibility to

point and lead you to Jesus, not to himself!

Divisions inside the church are one of satan's favorite tools to hinder the move of the Holy Spirit in a congregation. If he can get a church to waste their time with sectarianism and suspicion, he can take the entire city and region to hell. Christians will then be more interested in fighting over their favorite doctrines than in getting the lost saved. Soul ties again play a mayor part in this since believers tend to fervently defend 'so-and-so and his opinion or revelation'.

I have seen a very sad example of this in Spain years ago. One of the most promising church members was a very passionate young sister with a beautiful voice, a wonderful worship gift and a definite call of God on her life. She was quite a new believer and loved Jesus with all of her heart. The pastor was keenly watching her spiritual progress and had plans to take her into his closer circle of leadership very soon. Then the enemy hit.

Well knowing she would not fall for any of the obvious sins, he used spiritual deception. He sent a so-called minister of the Gospel from South America who had left his wife and family for the seemingly noble purpose of preaching Jesus to decadent Spain. The sad truth was that marriage quarrels and financial needs had greatly influenced his decision to visit prosperous Spain.

He started visiting that sister and holding Bible meetings in her home. My spirit rejected him from the first time I saw him. Even his voice was very repulsive to me, hard and harsh and hammering, like some political indoctrination. Very cunningly, he started poisoning her mind against her supposedly 'backslidden' church and her 'power-seeking' pastor. That church was actually one of the best churches in the nation, situated right in the heart of the capital city of Madrid!

They had broken through the enemy's hold on TV and radio and were ministering by mass media long before other churches could do it. They had a real heart for the lost, the poor and the suffering and a wonderful move of God's Spirit, but very soon she could no longer see the blessings because of the critical attitude that man had instilled in her.

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When she started poisoning other believers, the pastor had to confront her, but sadly, it was already too late. She could no longer trust him. Her soul was bound to that man even without any physical relationship. He managed to separate her from the church. Years later, she was still trying to help him establish a group that never grew or showed any signs of God's blessing upon it. What a horrible waste of a beautiful heavenly calling!!!

That is why the apostle Paul gives us a powerful counsel to avoid this trap:

Now I urge you, brethren, **note** those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and **avoid** them (Ro.16:17).

Imagine! We are supposed to avoid brothers and sisters in Christ! Is that not unloving and cruel? Let me give a word of warning here. In today's church, a new danger is arising. Pastors and believers talk about 'love', but not the biblical kind of love. 'Tolerance' is another key word of the New Age movement that is vehemently pressing into the church. Pastors are threatened even by the government not to condemn homosexuality, lesbianism, adultery etc., and all this is done in the name of 'love'. People reason, if God is love, how could He condemn people who just 'follow their genes' and are 'born homosexuals'? Of course, all of this is completely anti-biblical, but it is more and more accepted even in churches because of the strong influence of worldly and soulish knowledge.

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Why does Paul warn us so strongly? The reason is that false doctrine is often carried by very charismatic personalities (2.Co.11:13-15). With their charming personality, they easily entice unstable souls (2.Pe.2:14). In these end-times, you must make sure your soul is strictly under obedience to Jesus, the Shepherd and Overseer of your soul and the Living Word of God (1.Pe.2.25; Rev.19:13).

Yet see the comforting words of the apostle Paul:

18 For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it.

19 For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you (1.Co.11:18-19)

See the greatness of our God! Even this tool of satan is being used by Him to purify the church. Who are the approved? They are the peace-makers, those who have purified their souls and won't allow soul ties to distort their discernment. They are those who obey the Word and the Spirit and therefore love fervently with a pure heart!

- 22 Since you have <u>purified your souls in obeying the truth</u> through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,
- 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever (1.Pe.1:22-23)

You can be approved! You can discover and expose satan's deceptions and divisions! You can cut all soul ties and keep your discernment clear! You can deliver others from this terrible trap! Actively guard your soul against such secret onslaughts and fulfill God's call upon your life, in Jesus' Name!

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Soul ties are a very powerful, subtle weapon of satan, the enemy of your soul. If you are not vigilant, they can even lead you into deep deception!

As I was ministering in Argentina, there was a very charismatic leader who built a huge ministry with over hundred twenty branch churches in only ten years. He was in radio and TV every day, and his fame had even spread to other nations. His style of preaching, however, produced tremendous soul ties among the believers. Many of them were 'bound' to him, not really to Jesus. People were very proud to say they were members of that church.

There was tremendous competition and immaturity among his co-pastors. Many women were absolutely convinced that one day his wife would divorce him or die and that he would then marry them. One sister I met even prepared her passport to be able to travel the world with him as soon as this 'vision' would come to pass! What a horrible deception!

Finally it was found out that he had been living in adultery for years! He even had two children with another woman. His own soul was not free, and he transferred this proneness to soul ties, deception and sexual sin to his congregation!

When all this came to the light, his church members were devastat-

ed. Many of them even gave up their faith in Christ. I cried and prayed a lot for the situation. One time, the Lord spoke to me, "Those who built their life and their faith on that preacher will fall, but those who built on Me will stand like a rock. As they cling to Me, I can heal their shock and their wounds from this failure of My servant. Yes, they will be scattered and become members of other churches. Yet even there I will be able to use them for revival and renewal."

See the wonderful wisdom of God! Those who had 'bound their souls' only to Jesus were able to stand even through the toughest storm. They kept their souls free to serve the Lord whenever and wherever they had the opportunity. Those who allowed ungodly soul ties with their leader were severely shaken or even fell. See the tremendous responsibility a leader has to keep his life pure and holy! See your responsibility to bind your soul only to Jesus and never to a human being!

How different is the example of the great apostle Paul! He made very clear that there was a special and very close heart relationship between him and his followers. He was a father to them. He had begotten them in the Gospel and was still laboring in birth for them until Christ would be totally formed in them (Ga.4:19). And yet, he never intended to bind them to himself. He just encouraged them to imitate him AS HE IMITATED CHRIST (1.Co.11:1)! See his wise counsel:

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.

16 Therefore I urge you, imitate me (1.Co.4:15-16)

If you are a leader, this must be your attitude. You yourself must live in the truth and lead your people into the truth by Spirit-led teaching and preaching, never by soul-powered manipulation! Follow the example of the great prophet John the Baptist who said, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn.3:30)!

Please never allow your soul to be bound to a leader, no matter whether in the secular or in the spiritual field. Horrible consequences

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will arise through such soul ties to charismatic personalities.

Look at the incredible power Hitler exercised over his subordinates! An entire nation was nearly bewitched by the tremendous emotional manipulation Hitler and his propaganda machine employed. People adored him like a hero, almost like a god. Millions of Germans pledged their lives to serve him until death. A world war resulted, killing untold millions!

In today's world, young people become suicide bombers through the influence and impact of militant leaders on their unstable, immature souls. Soul ties are cruel and extremely dangerous!

Sometimes people voluntarily give up all their discernment because they became so emotionally involved. They allow a soul tie with some leader and accept his doctrine without any question. They no longer obey God's command to "*Test all things; hold fast what is good*" (1.Thes.5:21). They reject the truth to defend a person! They love the person more than the truth, even the eternal truth of God's Word! Such is the power and danger of soul ties!

This applies to water baptism, church membership, marriage and many other areas. Many people know the truth from God's Word, but hesitate to obey out of fear of hurting or offending their loved ones! They even endanger their eternal life because of a soul tie (Jn.12:42)! Can you imagine, in India, people refuse to obey the truth, just to be buried among their relatives!?

On the contrary, many Gentiles cut their soul ties and pay the cost of being rejected to the point of not being allowed to come to the funeral of their own parents! They are no longer allowed to take water from the village well, but they win eternal life!

Another area of deception is in the sexual realm. The enemy of our souls loves to lie for example to women, saying, "See these cruel men, just like brute beasts, only interested in sex and in your body! Ladies are so much more delicate... anyway, only a woman can understand another woman..." etc. etc.! He will tempt you to allow your mind to

go deeper and deeper into accepting lesbianism and homosexuality!

In Europe, I have seen even Christian girls trapped by the enemy through these horrible soul ties turned into physical ties. Making husband and wife one flesh was God's very own idea, so please never allow the devil to put these kinds of thoughts into your mind!!!

Soul ties lead into deception, but allowing the Holy Spirit to purify your soul through the Word of God will lead you into all truth (Jn.16:13; 17:17). Let Him take control today and deliver those who are bound and became victims of the deception of soul ties, in Jesus' Name!

SOUL TIES AND SATAN



I am sure you are by now aware of the fact that soul ties are a very serious danger to a healthy spiritual life. Yet, I want to take the subject still further and show you how soul ties can open the door to demons, death and destruction. Let us consider how Ananias and Sapphira lost their very lives by allowing satan to enter and foster a soul tie relationship.

From Acts 4:32 onward, you can read about a wonderful revival in the Early Church. Believers had all things in common. Lands and other possessions were sold, and the money was distributed according to the believers' needs. Then, from chapter 5 verse 1 onward, we meet Ananias and his wife Sapphira.

- 1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession.
- 2 And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet.
- 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has <u>Satan filled your heart</u> to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?
- 4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was

sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and <u>breathed</u> <u>his last</u>. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things (Ac.5:1-5)

When his wife Sapphira came in three hours later, she confirmed the price her husband had told Peter. See the outcome:

9 Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."

10 Then immediately she fell down at his feet and <u>breathed</u> <u>her last</u>. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband (Ac.5:9-10)

Ananias and Sapphira had 'agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord' and allowed their souls to be nit together for an ungodly purpose. Instant death was the result for both of them. Many times, people 'bind themselves by an oath' and 'swear to keep a secret unto death'. This is done persistently in secret organizations like Freemasonry. All these things are dangerous and can lead to serious consequences for both parties and their generations, even after years and after the oath was long forgotten.

I heard recently the testimony of a sister whose father-in-law had been a thirty-third degree Freemason. When he wanted to leave Freemasonry, he was visited and physically threatened by his superiors. When all these threats failed to change his mind, they took up their spiritual weapons and activated the death curses this man had put upon himself and his generations according to Freemasonry protocol. In a matter of two months, this man as well as his wife, both of them healthy and in their best age, died of a sudden and unexplainable death. Soul ties are real and absolutely life threatening!

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Somehow soul ties very often involve secrecy and lead to acts God abhors. In Asia, parents still chose the marriage partner for their children. There are many tragic incidences where young people fall in love, but the parents refuse to give their consent to that relationship.

Sadly, this often ends in a Romeo-and-Juliet-disaster where the young couple chooses to take poison and die together instead of facing life without each other. Imagine what torture they must have gone through in their soul and mind before deciding for such a drastic step!

The soul tie made them separate themselves from their family members and escape all parental leadership. They must have been already living over a period of time a life of lies, hiding and deception in order to establish such a strong relationship. All these things are open invitations to demonic spirits that can go unchecked in such a situation and finally achieve their ultimate goal: to push them into suicide and drag them into hell itself!

One man of God who is now powerfully used in healings, signs and wonders was saved through such an experience. He had come to 'drug paradise' Goa with a friend, and after a short while of taking heavy drugs, a demon came to possess both of them. This demon used the soul tie between these two friends like a 'highway' go quickly and easily jump from one to the other!

My friend would watch in horror as his friend would manifest like a lunatic, breaking everything in his reach. Then suddenly his friend would become normal, but he would 'pass out' and lose his consciousness. When he would come to his senses, his friend would describe him doing the same things he had done before!

This horror-scenario so scared him that he tried to commit suicide. God miraculously spoke to him and saved him. Today he is destroying the devil's kingdom in many nations. Praise the Lord!

As I was ministering with miracle evangelist Carlos Annacondia in Argentina, we have seen many times the results of soul ties as we were ministering deliverance to people. It was often impossible to get the

person set free without cutting their soul ties by repentance, prayer and the Blood of Jesus. We had cases where two friends had come to the meeting and both had manifested demons. They were brought to the deliverance tent, and each one was ministered to by a team of counselors and prayer warriors. We didn't even know these two knew each other but the demons knew!

At times, we would cast out a demon from a person, but it would just go and posses the person's soul mate across the tent! We would think the demon was gone, but when we rebuked it again, it would manifest in that other person! Wow! The spiritual world is so real! Demons can easily jump from one person to the other and 'hide there' if soul ties provide this highway for them!

If you are a deliverance minister and can't get a breakthrough in people you are praying for, make sure they cut all their soul ties to avoid such transference of spirits. You will see that deliverance will become so much easier!

If you yourself have a demonic problem and just can't experience lasting deliverance, you must check your heart for soul ties. That demon might leave you a million times, hide in your soul mate, and come back as soon as the deliverance minister is gone! You don't even need to open any door for him! Your soul tie in itself is the open door!

Let the Holy Spirit search your heart, soul and mind for any soul tie, any demonic involvement and any secrecy in your life. Confess it and cut yourself free from that soul tie right now, in the mighty Name of Jesus!

SOUL TIES AND IDOL WORSHIP



Actually, each soul tie is a kind of idol worship in itself. Even then, I want to show you once again the severity and the extent of destruction it brings by leading you deeper and deeper into idolatry and further and further away from the living God. The end of a soul tie left unchecked is always death!

Let us have a look at the wisest man who ever lived, the peaceful king Solomon. He was the second child of Bathsheba with king David after her first son had died right after birth as a consequence of their sin of adultery. Solomon was conceived in a marriage relationship when king David comforted his new wife about the loss of their first child.

As we have seen in an earlier chapter, there was a strong soul tie between the two of them which had already caused character defilement, sin, multiple deaths and destruction. When Solomon was born, God sent His prophet Nathan to confirm His love toward this child, wherefore he was called Jedidiah (2.Sa.11:1-12:25).

Solomon was very special among David's many sons and became David's follower to the throne (1.Chr.23:1). As God had told David, Solomon was to build His temple (1.Ki.8:19; 1.Chr.22:6-19).

Before his death, king David made sure Solomon had all the materials, money and willing workers he needed to accomplish this enormous task. Everything was perfect, but then this wisest man on earth

allowed folly to destroy his life. We read in 1.Ki.11:1-4:

- 1 But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites -
- 2 from the nations of whom the LORD had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love.
- 3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart.
- 4 For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David (1.Ki.11:1-4)

What a tragedy! God had pronounced such a clear warning, and yet, Solomon would not heed God but allow his soul to be tied to heathen women. What a powerful description of a soul tie: 'Solomon clung to these in love'! I can vividly imagine this ungodly clinging! A soul tie will make you unable to go your own way and keep up your own decisions.

After this, we see Solomon going after demon gods and building places of worship for the foreign gods of his wives. This is almost too horrible to fathom! God's beloved, the man who received a special pet name from God Himself through His great prophet, could forgo this unique love relationship to his Creator and worship demons!

If you allow soul ties in your life, there is no saying how deep you can fall! And not only Solomon was affected! The entire nation became polluted in God's eyes by the incense and sacrifices that were burned to these demon deities.

All this kindled God's anger and brought forth awful judgment

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over his kingdom:

11 Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant...

13 However I will not tear away the whole kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of my servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen."

14 Now the LORD raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was a descendant of the king in Edom (1.Ki.11:11,13-14)

Not only did Solomon's soul ties and their consequences rob him of his unique favor with God and men, they also made the Lord bring a cruel adversary against him! They finally cost him his kingdom and brought national tragedy by dividing God's chosen nation into two kingdoms!

Soul ties are cruel! They drag you into directions you would never choose if your mind and will were not bound and blinded. See the seriousness and destroy any allegiance to propagators of heathen worship today, in Jesus' Name!

SOUL TIES AND YOUR MARRIAGE



The mystery of marriage is another good example of a soul tie. Paul compares marriage with Christ and the Church (Eph.5:32). The great secret of marriage is that it is a blood covenant, binding together the two and making them one! God in His tremendous wisdom determined that blood must flow when husband and wife come together for the first time for that union to be established in the natural and in the spiritual world. Satan knows that and does his best to destroy that power and unity, making young girls throw away their virginity outside the sacred protection and commitment of marriage.

The blood covenant of marriage could also be called a soul tie. God intended for husband and wife to become one in every intent and area of life, closer than any other relationship, even the relationship to the parents that brought them into this world (Ge.2:23-24). And yet, even in this closest of all relationships Jesus MUST be number ONE if you want a happy marriage (Rev.2:4)!

If you are not a believer in Christ, your spirit is unable to produce God's character in you. You don't have God's heavenly agape love, and only your soul will dominate your behavior. Yet alas, even a believer has to decide minute by minute to walk in the spirit, not in the flesh (Ga.5:16). Even a believer must make a clear decision to produce the fruit of the spirit, not the works of the flesh (Ga.5:19-23).

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Studies done in USA showed recently that marriage problems cost the state over eight billion dollar per year! How could that be? Well, it's just because of destructive soul ties! Workers get emotion- ally upset, can't sleep peacefully, can't eat well and consequently get sick. Soul ties are really an instrument the enemy of our souls uses for his destructive purposes. The saddest thing is that he does it under the disguise of love! If you ask couples, very often they will genuinely think they love their partner with all of their heart when the truth is that their relationship is totally governed by the soul. Like in any other area, a marriage lived in a soul tie relationship will bring more destruction than you could even imagine.

Let us study an example from the very beginning of humanity. Adam and Eve, the crown of God's creation, enjoyed a perfect life in the perfect surroundings of Eden, the garden of delight God had created just for them to relish. Everything was provided in an astounding abundance. They were the absolute rulers over every created thing. All of nature was at their orders, happily submitting to them. The garden produced everything they could ever need. There were no dangers, no adversities, and no foes - except the subtle serpent that found its way into Eve's awareness.

Eve made the fatal mistake of undertaking a conversation with satan, the master-deceiver disguised as a snake (Ge.3:1-5). As he always does, even to this very day, satan twisted and manipulated God's Word a tiny little bit - just enough to make Eve question God's love and goodness. His eternal question, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not...'?" keeps destroying marriages, families and homes all over the world at an ever increasing speed.

Now why do I connect this incident with our subject of soul ties? Well, let us see what happened after Eve decided to take the forbidden fruit:

6 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 <u>her husband with her</u>, and he ate (Ge.3:6)

Take a close look! Her husband was with her - but he didn't exercise his God-given authority to keep his wife in God's declared purpose and ways! Adam had heard God first-hand! He knew exactly what God had said, but he failed to bless his wife with clear guidance and leadership. Why? As we have seen in Eli's case, a soul tie will make you unable or unwilling to restrain the person you are bound to. Now, how could that soul tie come?

Before Eve ate of the forbidden fruit, Adam and Eve were living in God's perfect creation order. When she obeyed satan and her soulish desire, however, the spirit domination was broken in her life and gave way to a domination of the soul. Adam must have felt a tremendous impact when suddenly all that soulish power was released toward him, offering him the fruit. He succumbed to it, and the rest is sad history. Eve was deceived. Adam was not deceived but enticed 1.Ti.2:14). Here we see his soul tie with the wife at its destructive work. Can we infer Adam became so infatuated with Eve that he failed in putting godly limits for her desires?!?! See the terrible consequences:

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 (Ge.3:7).

See the disaster! All they reaped was a horrible self- consciousness and sin-consciousness! They instantaneously lost the glory and presence of God that had covered them from their very creation, and they felt naked and ashamed. Even more than that: Contrary to what the devil tried to make them believe, they did die! They instantly died spiritually, and physical death would soon follow. Actually, only by this high treason Adam committed, death entered the world for the very first time. Yet this is not all! There are more horrible consequences:

8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden (Ge.3:8)

Their freedom in their relationship with God and their communi-

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cation with Him was completely cut by this one act of disobedience! Although God Himself desired to keep the close fellowship, Adam and Eve now had to hide from Him. This hiding and covering up is one of the main evils in our world today, destroying innumerable lives all over the planet!

Addictions, crimes, adulterous affairs, frauds, murders and all kinds of harmful actions are kept secret from God and also from the people that should be our most trusted partners - parents, spouses and children. One soul tie incapacitated Adam from taking his rightful position as a protector and still destroys millions of homes worldwide!

Still, the harm from that one soul tie goes on and can be clearly seen in relationships all over the world! When confronted about his mistake, Adam began the world-famous 'game' of blame-shifting! One of the most interesting things about blame-shifting is that it is extremely contagious and can be 'played' instantly, without any previous teaching or practice! See how nicely Eve followed her beloved husband's example:

12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate" (Ge.3:12-13)

In my opinion, even the curse of husband's domination over the wife came because of the soul tie. See Genesis 3:16:

16 To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception. In pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you" (Ge.3:16)

God's idea and creation order is for husband and wife to rule and reign together and exercise in perfect unity their authority over satan and his demons as well as over all of God's creation.

As long as God is first in your life, married life will bring you all its blessings. Adam and Eve were created to enjoy all the kinds of God-created love under the dominion of their spirit.

When the soul took over, however, soulish manipulation came into the world. I'm sure you can easily picture a woman wanting to get her way and nicely imposing her ideas on her husband. Since he was created to have dominion, the husband will instinctively resist such attempts and impose his rulership over the wife.

The tragic thing is that both were created to rule and reign, and therefore both will try to impose their desires on the other person! Sadly, there is no way out of this as long as you allow the soul to dominate your marriage.

In my opinion, this one revelation can save any marriage. If you go all the way down to the root of any marriage problem, you will find the power issue. There is a deep-rooted fear of not being honored and respected in men, and a deep fear of not being cared for and loved in women. These fears make both spouses unconsciously to want to take control and dominion.

That is a legitimate desire, but it is completely misled. People try to dominate each others, even in the name of 'biblical submission'. You must understand you were created to have dominion over the spiritual world and over God's creation, but not over human beings.

Only if you understand that, you will not bind people to you by soul ties. Only then, you will be able to live true authority and true submission and have a happy, blessed marriage.

Actually, the great apostle Paul considered it better to remain single than to get entangled in soul ties. He warned that the married person would always be concerned about how to please their spouse and therefore sidetracked from pleasing and serving God (1.Co.7:32-35).

How daringly he contradicted God's Word from Eden, "It is not good that man should be alone" (Ge.2:18). That shows the severity of

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soul ties.

How many women waste their lives in depression because their husband doesn't love them enough! How many men are frustrated because they can't fully please their wife! How many wasted tears and sleepless nights!

If you experience all these things in your marriage, I suggest you urgently confess and cut any soul tie to your mate and break all the horrible consequences that developed from it! Even search your heart for soul ties to any former relationship - including fantasy relation- ships where you were only dreaming about a certain person - and cut them.

Your marriage must be free from hiding and bad communication, free to experience God's Presence and glory together, free from all blame-shifting and soulish manipulation - it must radiate God's glory to the world around you!

Cut your soul ties even to your spouse, and experience and display a glorious marriage from today onward, in Jesus' Name!

SOUL TIES AND CURSES



Soul ties often act as precursors and door-openers for curses. Another shocking revelation is that the very first curse ever pronounced could be seen as the result of high treason because of a soul tie!

As we already saw, his soul tie made Adam unable to stop Eve in the right moment. Their disobedience and blame-shifting forced God to pronounce the first curses ever heard in the universe:

14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are <u>cursed</u> more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field. On your belly you shall go, and you shall <u>eat dust</u> all the days of your life.

15 And I will put <u>enmity</u> between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed. He shall <u>bruise</u> your head, and you shall <u>bruise</u> His heel."

16 To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception. In pain you shall bring forth children. Your <u>desire</u> shall be for your husband, and he shall <u>rule</u> over you."

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed

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is the ground for your sake. In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.

18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field.

19 In the <u>sweat</u> of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you are, and to dust you shall return" (Ge.3:14-19)

Enmity! Bruising! Sorrow greatly multiplied! Pain! Unfulfilled desire! Being overruled! Ground cursed! Toil! Thorns and thistles! Sweat! What horrible consequences for obeying a soul tie instead of God's command!!!

As we have seen from David's life, these curses perpetuate throughout the generations. These very first curses in the universe still apply to every person that is born on this planet, and they came because of a soul tie!

If you see any of these curses working in your life, I strongly suggest you also work through my book 'How to Break Cruel Curses' and receive the freedom Jesus bought for you! Only the powerful Blood of Jesus can break you free from the deadly consequences of soul ties and curses!

Another important fact to consider is that even in their perfect state of creation in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve could allow their soul to overrule their spirit! Eve allowed her flesh, the desire of her eyes and her taste-buds, as well as her soulish desire for intellectual knowledge, to overtake her spirit. Adam allowed his flesh, his soulish love for his wife, to overpower his spirit. Both reaped horrible consequences.

What a warning for us as born-again children of God today! No wonder that the great apostle Paul warns us so seriously:

16 Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit and the Spirit

against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish (Ga.5:16)

Soul ties bring curses on you, your relationships, your descendants and even your work life! Please make a conscious decision today to cut all soul ties and let your spirit rule and reign each and every relationship and situation in your life!

SOUL TIES AND YOUR FUTURE



Soul ties have a tremendous impact on your future. Adam's soul tie and its consequences actually destroyed eternal life and a blessed future not only for Adam and Eve, but also for all humanity. That soul tie destroyed the reign of the spirit and brought the domination of the soul into the earth.

In order to prevent man from living forever in this fallen state, severed from the life-giving and life-sustaining Presence of God, the Lord had to take yet one more horrible step:

22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" -

23 therefore the LORD God <u>sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground</u> from which he was taken (Ge.3:22-23)

Before the fall, Adam and Eve were called to tend and keep the garden. Although the Hebrew verb 'abad', translated 'to tend' means 'to serve, to do, to till, servant, work or worshipers', the second verb 'shamar' God used to describe man's work means 'to keep, to observe, to heed, keeper, to preserve, to beware, to mark, watchman, to wait, to watch, to regard, to save'. This denotes a position of high authority.

Man's work was not to do the menial jobs but to supervise and protect the earth. The earth would produce and yield crops by itself (Mk.4:26-28). Each tree and each herb, even each animal would reproduce after its own kind (Ge.1). Adam and Eve were just there to supervise, watch, worship and enjoy! What a wonderful privilege to be the crown of God's creation!

But now see the horrible consequences of Adam's soul tie: God had no other option than to send Adam out to work hard! No longer was the command to be fruitful, to multiply, to fill the earth and to have dominion - now it was, "Go, work, and till the ground from which you were taken" (Ge.1:27-28; 3:23)! No longer was God saying, "See, I have given you... for food" - now it was, "Eat your bread in the sweat of your face" (Ge.1:29-30; 3:17-19)!

24 So <u>He drove out the man</u>; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life (Ge.3:24)

Imagine how the loving father-heart of God must have wept when He had to take such drastic action! Not only were Adam and Eve cast out of their delightful abode; even the way to come back was heavily guarded by cherubim and a flaming sword!

How many people destroyed their homes and their marriages because of ungodly soul ties! How many couples had to find out that now it was too late to turn back and restore their love relationship! How many parents had to witness their beloved children leaving, and there seemed to be no way back!

I had a powerful experience of soul-tie-cutting in Germany some years ago. A sister in her thirties had recently become youth leader of our church. She was full of zeal and enthusiasm and would never shrink back from any spiritual challenge. She openly exposed the deceptions of New Age philosophies and other demonic influences that were trying to infiltrate the church. She had only one sadness in her life: Her husband would slip in and out of alcoholism and had been unable to fully break through for years.

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One day, this sister came to a prayer meeting with a young Italian brother from her youth group. She introduced him as her co-leader, and everything looked very perfect and innocent. In my spirit, however, I didn't have a good feeling. How great was my joy when the prayer leader suddenly cut the soul ties between these two through a strong, authoritative prayer! Their reaction was impressive. Both of them stumbled backwards as if they had been hit by a bullet. Then they both took a deep breath and coughed.

Unfortunately, they were offended at this prayer because there had not been any sexual involvement and they couldn't understand the danger of soul ties - but still, the prayer worked! They woke up from this 'bewitchment' and escaped the downward spiral soul ties use to create.

Recently, this sister told me happily that her husband had been totally delivered, their marriage restored, and they were having the best time ever in Jesus and in ministering together. Hallelujah!

Giving in to a soul tie against the revealed will of God will actually take you out of God's will for your life! Your loving Father has planned and designed a Garden of Eden, which means pure delight, for you!

Even in the face of fiercest persecution, at the point of being stoned to death, Stephen's face was shining like the face of an angel! He saw heaven open and Jesus standing at the right hand of the Father to receive His faithful martyr (Ac.6:8 - 7:60)! The great apostle Paul could finish his course with joy (Ac.20:24).

You also can receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him if you cut all soul ties and keep Jesus and His calling the absolute priority in your life (Jas.1:12)!

Don't allow your soul to cast you out of your heavenly position in the spirit and bring you into earthly toil! Reorder your relationships today! Make Jesus the absolute Number One, and rule and reign with Him and with your God-given spouse!

SOUL TIES AND THE OPPOSITE SEX



Maybe you feel overwhelmed by now and ask yourself, "If soul ties are such dangerous things, is it ever possible to have pure and healthy relationships, especially with the opposite sex?" Yes, it is definitely possible! Let us study.

God created man and woman as one. Both of them are made in God's own image and likeness and created to rule, reign and have authority over creation in perfect unity and purity. Nowhere in the Bible can you see the discrimination some religions teach.

Yes, the Bible says, "Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband" (1.Co.7:2); but nowhere do you see a command to keep men and women separated!

In some cultures, women must spend their lifetime inside the house and are only allowed to talk with close family members. If ever they leave the house it must be in company of at least one male family member, and completely covered as to avoid tempting strangers. I can just see satan viciously celebrating his victory as he successfully paralyzed half of humanity!

Why do people take all these drastic actions? Only for one reason:

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they don't know the purifying power of the Blood of Jesus and the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit! They don't know that the fear of God and the life of God in a believer can do what no human protection and prohibition could ever do: assure perfectly pure relationships between opposite sexes that are a blessing to both parties.

Let us have a look at one of my favorite Bible characters, Abigail. What a woman! Married to a drunkard and scoundrel, as even his servants called him, this woman maintained her godly character and wise counsel (1.Sa.25:2-42). When she heard that her husband Nabal had reviled David's servants who had protected Nabal's belongings in the wilderness, she plunged into action. She discerned that David would take vengeance on Nabal's household for his ingratitude and false accusations. So she made haste and took provisions to David and his men. She approached David in humility, honored him and even took the blame upon herself (1.Sa.25:24). Then she took the bold decision to speak to the future king of Israel, prophesied over him and even admonished and counseled him:

28 Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant. For the LORD will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord fights the battles of the LORD, and evil is not found in you throughout your days.

29 Yet a man has risen to pursue you and seek your life, but the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the LORD your God; and the lives of your enemies He shall sling out, as from the pocket of a sling.

30 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD has done for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you ruler over Israel,

31 that this will be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. But when the LORD has dealt well with my lord, then remember your maidservant (1.Sa.25:28-31)

Wow! How daring! In perfect purity and without any questionable intentions, this woman could approach this man of God and wisely save his soul from anger, bitterness and revenge.

If she had not intervened, he might have destroyed his future ministry by shedding the innocent blood of hundreds of Nabal's servants by avenging himself instead of trusting in God's vindication. David immediately recognized the hand of God upon this woman and praised the Lord for her:

- 32 Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed is the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me!
- 33 And <u>blessed is your advice and blessed are you</u>, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand."
- 35 So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have heeded your voice and respected your person" (1.Sa.25:32-33,35)

How beautiful! I love it! Abigail's character was so pure and without guile and her intentions so righteous that the first thing David could do was praise God for her! This has always been a fervent prayer in my heart: My life must make others bless and praise the Lord! By God's grace, I had many such experiences over my years of ministry.

Since 1992, the Lord allowed me to travel and minister with many of His precious servants from different continents. Many times, their wives had to stay at home to take care of the children and of all the ministry responsibilities while their husbands were gone. To my delight, none of them ever doubted or questioned me.

I vividly remember one wife putting her finger in my face and giving me final instructions: "I hold you responsible! You must make sure my husband is always well fed and well ironed!" You might laugh, but that trust and confidence actually made me cry for gratitude!

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Today I understand that all of that was God's preparation for the precious husband He had planned for me. Imagine I had allowed a soul tie to pollute my life and my testimony! It would have destroyed God's purposes for my life and ministry!

If you keep God and His Kingdom your primary heart's desire, people will see and feel God's Presence and purity in your life. You will also experience to be heeded and respected as a person, not just for what benefit you can bring to a man, but for your personality!

For her quick action and wise counsel, Abigail received the blessing of a man of God. She wouldn't have known it at that moment, but that blessing completely changed the course of her life! In just a few days, it took her out of the oppression of her cruel husband and made her marry the future king of Israel!

As soon as David heard about Nabal's death, he sent his servants to propose Abigail. Again she responded in perfect wisdom, bowed her face to the earth, and said, "Here is your maidservant, a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord" (1.Sa.25:41).

You can have pure relationships with the opposite sex! Our Lord Jesus Himself was not afraid of relationships with women. He visited the house of Lazarus and his two seemingly unmarried sisters. He allowed Mary to anoint Him with fragrant oil and to wipe His feet with her hair. He broke all cultural laws by talking to a woman at a well, sent out the first women evangelists and had women traveling with Him in His team (Jn.11:1-12:3; Jn.4:7-29; Mt.28:10; Mk.15:40). How was this possible? It was only by His Kingdom-mindedness and purity of heart.

The Shunammite woman persuaded Elisha and his servant to eat at her house, ventured to convince her husband to build a room for the prophet in their house and even dared to catch him by his feet (2.Ki.4:8-37).

Here again, no soul tie was allowed to develop, and therefore they could be a mutual blessing to each other over many years. The prophetess Deborah could sustain a ministry relationship with Barak and en-

courage him into his God-given task without ever allowing any soul tie to hamper their divine work (Jdg.4:4-9). Abigail could prophesy to king David! Jesus could produce apostles and evangelists!

You also can be a blessing to the opposite sex if you don't allow yourself to get entangled into soul ties! Don't shrink back from relationships in fear. Your godly attitude can save others from grave errors and bring them into their God-given destiny!

Scrutinize your relationships and cut any soul tie that might have developed. Be a blessing and be blessed, in Jesus' Name!

SOUL TIES AND GODLY RELATIONSHIPS



After reading all these dangers of soul ties, you might now ask yourself how you can ever handle your relationships. Is there a safe, godly, uplifting relationship of mutual blessing?

Don't worry, don't fear! The Holy Spirit will guide and help you to clearly distinguish and even to cleanse all relationships that are not according to God's standard right now.

Now, is there also a possibility for soul ties to be a blessing? I would say yes. Let us look at some examples of what a healthy and godly connection of souls can accomplish.

Ruth and Naomi

A heathen woman is showing us a powerful example. Ruth, a Moabitess, clung to her mother-in-law even after the death of her husband (Ruth 1:14). See her beautiful words to Naomi:

16 ...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 (Ru.1:16-17)

Ruth had made a firm decision. She was determined to keep the covenant she had entered even after her husband's death, and she desired to follow the God of her mother-in-law. That is very surprising if you think about all the tragic deaths Naomi and her family experienced!

Somehow, even in midst of all these adverse circumstances Ruth could see something that made her want to follow Naomi and her God. Godly influence makes you want to follow the God of the other person, not only the person!

See another beautiful sign in Naomi's own words: "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?" (Ruth 3:1). See how happily she was willing to release her instead of trying to hold her with herself. She didn't even think about her own future, security and welfare - but God did! Because it was a pure relationship, God rewarded Naomi by allowing her to rear her grandchild on her own lap (Ru.4:16).

Godly soul ties never make people insecure. They know God will take care. On the contrary, when you are in a soul tie, you tend to hold that person so tightly that you don't allow him or her to live a free, happy life. What a godly model we can learn from Naomi!

Ungodly soul ties, however, make you want to bind the other person to yourself. Even if you seek a husband or wife for that person your soul is bound to, you will make sure - maybe even unconsciously - you can keep some kind of control in your hands. You will impose your will on that person thinking you know best what he or she needs.

David and Jonathan

There is also a sudden, spontaneous developing of soul ties. David's and Jonathan's souls were knit together into a deep love when

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they first met (1.Sa.18:1-3; 20:17). This may happen in some cases. Most often, however, soul ties develop over a period of time by close association.

I always used to wonder why we don't find any negative consequences from these soul ties, and I think the answer is David's great love to God. He always kept God first which is the greatest security against being damaged by soul ties. He publicly declared that the help of man is useless (Ps.60:11; 108:12). Study his Psalms, for example Psalm 18! David declares openly his love to his Lord, calling Him his strength, his rock, his fortress, his deliverer, his shield and the horn of his salvation, his stronghold (Ps.18:1).

David knew very well where to seek refuge, and he didn't keep his love to his God a secret. What wonderful love songs he composed to his God and Savior! Pouring out his love and excitement as an ointment at the feet of his beloved Lord was David's secret to avoiding ungodly soul ties!

Elijah and Elisha

Elijah and Elisha are another example of healthy, Spirit- controlled soul ties. From the day Elisha saw Elijah for the first time until Elijah's departure, Elisha clung to him like his own son. Even when Elijah repeatedly discouraged Elisha from following him, he wouldn't let go of his master (2.Ki.2:1-10).

When Elijah was taken up, Elisha cried, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen" (2.Ki.2:12). Yet Elisha was not carried away by sorrow at Elijah's departure. He immediately took up his mantle and resumed his duty (2.Ki.2:13). He didn't give in to the spirit of melancholy. He didn't allow his bereavement to overpower him. He did cry, but even on the way back, he started doing miracles (2.Ki.2:19-25).

What a beautiful picture of godly soul ties! The two men shared their lives for years. Elisha blessed Elijah by serving him until the last

day of his life, like a son would do for his father, just like Timothy served Paul. His faithfulness and integrity to this relationship was royally rewarded. He inherited Elijah's ministry and even a double portion of his anointing (2.Ki.2:9,12).

Elisha's life was a life of victory and miracles - exactly the double amount of miracles Elijah did! His final miracle occurred after his death when his bones resurrected a dead man (2.Ki.13:21). He not only learned from the great prophet Elijah, he took his ministry to a higher level. That is the power of godly soul ties! They bless and enhance the lives and ministries of both parties.

Trinitarian God

With all reverence, I would like to infer that though God is Spirit, He also speaks about His soul and His emotions (Jn.4:24; Lev.26:11,30; Heb.10:38). Though it is very clear from Scripture that the Trinity has a soul, we see none of the typical signs of soul ties. We see no jealousy, fighting, insecurity, manipulation, control or any of the ugly things soul ties create. We just see perfect peace and harmony.

Our Savior Jesus prayed that we should love one another with that same kind of pure love without any soul tie: "Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are" (Jn.17:1).

In the same way, we are commanded to "stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel" (Phil.1:27). We are called to be "like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind" (Phil.2:2). The great apostle Paul asks the Philippians to fulfill his joy by this unity without harmful soul ties.

Imagine the joy your Heavenly Father will feel if you start living out the perfect unity of the Trinity! You can easily bring this joy to His loving heart! Just always remember to put God and His Kingdom first and foremost in your life, and you will enjoy healthy relationships God's way.

SOUL TIES VERSUS SPIRIT TIES



We have seen that satan unduly ties your soul to other people and then works through these soul ties against you and against the other person. Once you become aware and consciously break all soul ties, these demons loose their grip over you, and the Spirit of God can freely take over.

Now, please don't be all scared and suspicious when people try to come close to you. Very often, the Holy Spirit brings people to you and ties your spirit together with their spirit with love, the bond of perfection (Col.3:14). Just for the sake of explanation, let us call this a 'spirit tie'.

Deep Love and Care

When you are tied with somebody in the spirit, you love that person with godly love and deep care and concern. You can easily help whenever that person is in need. Our Lord Jesus is the perfect pattern for such 'spirit ties'. Jesus loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus (Jn.11:5). He often stayed with them, ate with them and enjoyed their fellowship. He spent a great part of the last week of His life on this earth with them.

And yet, when Lazarus was sick, He didn't rush to help and heal him (Jn.11:6). He was so detached from them in the soulish realm and

so tuned to the Father's will that Mary and Martha could not influence Him to come immediately. He knew that this sickness was not unto death but for the glory of God (Jn.11:4). He knew His Father's perfect timings. God's Spirit sent Him there at the right time to raise His friend from the dead.

When He saw Mary, Martha and the others crying, He cried, but even those tears were the expression of the Spirit love: He groaned in the Spirit (Jn.11:33-35). He was angry at the devil, the author of death, and rose up in full Holy Spirit zeal and power. This perfect obedience to His Father's guidance and timings and utter freedom from soul ties is the reason He could command Lazarus to come out and manifest His resurrection power and life (Jn.11:43).

No Anxiety

When the Holy Spirit is in control of your relationships, you will not be influenced by peoples' concern and anxiety. You will not fret and panic. You will not allow others to make you loose your peace. You will be led by the Spirit's guidance and timings. You will be in authority and manifest God's power to help those you love.

A Spirit tie never makes you indifferent to others' needs and problems. All the opposite, it makes you tune perfectly to God and His methods for salvation and deliverance.

The Force of Compassion

When the Spirit is in control of your relationships, you are in a position to help others supernaturally. Jesus was moved with deep love for the widow who lost her only son, but His love rose up to resurrect the dead young man and alleviate her pain (Lk.7:12-15).

When the Spirit is in control of your relationships, you will be able to help others materially. Jesus was moved with compassion for the people that were with Him for three days without food. His compassion released one of the greatest miracles of the Bible (Mt.15:32-38).

Missionary Love

Only this Spirit love made missionaries like David Livingston, Hudson Taylor and others go to remote mission fields, ready to live and die for Jesus. Only this Spirit love forced them to leave their beloved parents, family and friends at a far away home and go, go, go. The Spirit-controlled relationship takes a stand against soulish love but submits to Spirit love.

Savior's Love

As a twelve year old boy, Jesus rebuked His parents for seeking Him sorrowfully but went with them and was subject to them for another 18 years (Lk.2:42-51). When Mary tried to force Him into her timings, He rebuked her, but when His Father's time had come, He released the miracle His mother had requested (Jn.2:1-11).

When His mother and brothers were standing outside trying to take Him home, He clearly drew the line between soul and spirit - but immediately afterward, He did go with them (Mt.12:46-50; Mk.3:31-35; Lk.8:19-21).

Compulsion versus Commitment

Spirit love or a 'spirit tie' never avoids people nor despises their love. It never behaves irresponsibly toward others but clearly marks the difference between soulish compulsion and Spirit commitment. Cutting soul ties doesn't mean denying your responsibilities, love and care towards your parents, family members and loved ones.

Though Jesus said that everyone who does the will of His Father was His mother, brother and sister, He never forsook His natural mother, brothers or sisters. He remembered His mother even in the agony

of the cruel death on the cross and lovingly handed her over to His beloved disciple John (Jn.19:26). He even gave a special appearance to His natural brother James after His resurrection though His brothers didn't believe in Him during His earthly life (1.Co.15:7).

Always remember: Your brothers and sisters in this world are hand-picked by your loving heavenly Father. In His eternal plan and wisdom, He made you to be born by exactly these parents, with exactly these siblings. If they are believers, they need even more care and love from you (Phm.16).

Actually, the great apostle Paul wrote to his disciple Timothy, "If anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever" (1.Ti.5:8)! What a clear word!

Soul ties make you assume undue responsibilities and then crush you under the burden. Spirit ties fulfill all God-given responsibilities without affecting you or others. Soul ties make you love unduly, get hurt and often withdraw completely, destroying the relationship once and for all. The Spirit tie, however, makes you love genuinely and bear any hurt and offense (1.Co.13).

One of the signs of the End Times is love growing cold (Mt.24:12). In the Western world, most people stopped taking care of old parents. Unfortunately, this demonic trend is coming to Eastern countries also! The Bible says, you will live long and all will go well with you when you honor your parents (Eph.6:2f). This enduring honor and care for the parents is the result of Spirit-controlled relationships. Parents feel the responsibility for their children and work and heap up treasures for them unselfishly (2.Co.12:14). They always seek their children's best, and children are happy and grateful to reward the parents for their love and dedication shown during so many years.

However, when the parents-children relationship is based only on soul ties, any hurt on either side will affect the relationship. That could be the reason for the many heart-broken parents and hurt, unhappy children we see today all over the world.

Pseudo-Sacrifice

In a soul tie relationship, either or both partners may sacrifice their lives by living only for the other person. Many widows and widowers never remarry because of soul ties even to their deceased spouse or soul ties to their children that don't want to accept a new parent. They struggle alone, trying to raise their children, and end up in deep frustration and loneliness when the children marry and leave the house.

In extreme cases, children refuse to marry and live with the parent out of a soul-tie-induced wrong sense of responsibility. Seeing the child happily married would bring so much more joy and comfort to the parent than worrying about the future of the unmarried child after their own death.

That is another one of the many curses of soul ties. Children sacrifice their lives out of worry for the parents while parents worry about the future of their children. People sacrifice their lives for others but neither of the parties really gets any joy and satisfaction out of it. Since the connection is in the soul, the fulfillment of Spirit love can't come, and a deep underlying anger and blaming attitude makes this life together very difficult.

Employer and Employee

Even boss and subordinates can develop soul ties and thwart God's purposes, or they can have genuine, Spirit-controlled love and care and bless one another (1.Ti.6:1). Boas is a good example of a Spirit-controlled boss. See his care! He blessed his servants whole- heartedly, and they gladly blessed him in return. His eyes fell on the stranger, and he was kind and generous to her and to his workers (Ru.2:4-16)! This is the mark of godly love and relationship.

Husband and Wife

When husband and wife are in soul ties, both will miss God's pur-

pose for their lives by demanding and giving too much to one another, not leaving anything to give to God. This leads to many hurts, pain and even separation.

When the Spirit love flows freely towards one another and when they are one in spirit and soul, married love is portrayed as the highest and noblest love between Christ and His Church (Eph.5:32). Such a love even gives its life for the spouse (Eph.5:25-29). It is pure, self-less, undemanding, not dominating, not complaining, not quarreling, easily forgiving and asking forgiveness, quickly repenting, utterly loyal - in short, it is a little heaven on earth. Christian families should show a picture of heaven to this selfish, soul-bound world.

Flesh or Spirit

The easiest way to distinguish between soul ties and spirit ties is to check your relationships in the light of God's Word. In Galatians 5:16-17, the apostle Paul admonishes us to walk in the Spirit to avoid fulfilling the lusts of the flesh that constantly fight against the Spirit. Is your relationship a soul tie or dominated by the Spirit? You can find the answer by comparing the works of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit:

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like... (Ga.5:19-21)

Does your relationship show these characteristics? If so, you should immediately take action and break these soul ties! As we have seen before, many love relationships that begin so innocently and 'pure' show their ugly nature only after some time. Soul ties easily lead to all the works of the flesh, so be very careful to keep your relationships always under the dominion of your spirit!

Soul Ties versus Spirit Ties

A relationship as your God intended it to be will show the godly attributes of the fruit of the Spirit and will be a tremendous blessing for everybody involved:

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control... (Ga.5:22-23)

You don't need to live in the agony of soul tie relationships! You can choose between death and life. You can vote for soul tie or spirit tie, hellish love or heavenly love. The difference is like hell and heaven.

Allow the Holy Spirit to take control of all your relationships, purifying and purging them thoroughly so that the wheat may remain in each relationship while the chaff is completely burned away. Allow your God who is love and holiness to show forth His love and purity through you to your world.

SOUL TIES AND NEW COVENANT MINISTERS



New Covenant ministers were exceptionally victorious over these dangerous soul ties. To my great delight, after Pentecost we don't see any spiritual leaders overcome by soul ties! The wonderful Holy Spirit reveals the depth of God and His spiritual secrets and warns about the hidden snares of the devil (1.Co.2:9-12; 2.Co.2:11). The new birth and the precious endowment with the Holy Spirit ensure total victory over soul ties and any other trap of satan!

The anointing of the Holy Spirit opens up the spiritual realm and sets you free from the soulish realm (Mt.3:16). If you walk in the Spirit, you will easily overcome soul ties. He makes your spirit alive and blends your spirit with God's Spirit (1.Co.6:17). This explains why we don't see New Covenant ministers suffering under soul ties.

Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant

Of course, our greatest example of a spiritual leader is our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. He had the Holy Spirit without measure (Jn.3:34). How did He deal with soul ties and the dangers they present?

We see Him walking and ministering with His disciples in very close fellowship. We even see 'John the beloved' leaning on His bosom (Jn.13:23). We also see many women following Him and ministering to Him (Mk.15:40). We have seen His special love for Lazarus, Mary and Martha - but nowhere do we ever see a soul tie with all its complications and negative implications!

Jesus was very careful not allow Himself to develop soul ties and even protected others from developing them. He strongly rebuked Peter when he allowed his soulish attachment to Jesus to intervene in His divine purpose (Mt.16:23). At the wedding in Cana, He rejected His mother's plea with the words, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come" (Jn.2:4). When Mary and Joseph were anxiously searching Him, He replied, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (Lk.2:49).

Knowing His heavenly mission and the cruel death He would have to endure for the salvation of humanity, He actually protected Mary from further hurt by not allowing her to form soul ties. Shortly after His birth, Simeon prophesied to her that a sword would pierce her own soul (Lk.2:34). This happened at the cross, but because of the carefulness of her Son Jesus not to allow soul ties to dominate, Mary was able to lift up her eyes and take up a new responsibility, a new task, a new son, a new life (Jn.19:26)!

The death of a loved one is always painful and a tragedy, but when soul ties are present, a death can snuff out the other person's life, too! According to the degree of soul ties between the partners, the surviving person can or cannot take up his or her life and find happiness and a reason to live again.

I have seen tragic cases where the surviving partner goes to the graveyard daily and spends hours there talking 'to' the deceased person. Of course, demon spirits that are eagerly waiting there for 'a new home' happily take the opportunity and invitation. You can see life going out of such persons, and their death is only a matter of time. They allowed their soul to remain tied to a dead loved one, and that soul tie drew them into an early grave, too! Spiritual leaders must be watchful to encourage grieving believers to cut their soul ties and look for the

new life Jesus is waiting to give them.

The First Apostles

The very first requirement for apostles is to leave everything and follow their Master. Peter could boldly assert his total allegiance by saying, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" (Mt.19:27). He represented the whole apostolic team. Peter had left his family, profession and everything to follow Jesus (Lk.5:11). James and John even left their father with the nets (Mt.4:21). Even the great prophet Elisha asked permission to say good-bye to his family, but all the New Testament apostles obeyed the call of Jesus immediately and implicitly. Elisha burned his oxen and their yokes as a sign of cutting his soul ties to his father's house (1.Ki.19:19-21).

When Jesus called Matthew, the tax collector, he invited all his guests and fellow tax collectors to celebrate his new life and say bye-bye to his old friends (Mt.9:9). Like Abraham, none of these apostles turned back to their soul ties. They voluntarily made themselves bond-slaves of Christ and successfully established the Gospel in the entire known world of their time. Because of their love for their Savior, they gave up their lives as martyrs. Truly, their love to Jesus was stronger than death (SS.8:6).

The Great Apostle Paul

Even the great apostle Paul spoke about the painful consequences of soul ties: "Then Paul answered, 'What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus'" (Ac.21:13).

Can you see the tremendous truth? These soul ties brought suffering and pain to everybody involved - the disciples as well as the great apostle Paul himself! Paul admits that their weeping and begging was affecting him to the extent of breaking his heart - but he knew what to do!

Soul Ties and New Covenant Ministers

Being a man of the Spirit and of strong prayer, Paul instantly rebuked those who would draw him into the soulish realm and make him doubt and even reject God's perfect will for his life!

Even more than that - Paul verbalized his commitment and dedication and established once again his total allegiance to God and His will. That is a very important step in avoiding soul ties: Speak out loudly! You don't need to hurt people unnecessarily. You can just lovingly remind them - and yourself! - of God's purposes for your life and your decision to follow Him until the end!

Let us learn from Paul how to protect ourselves from soul ties other people would want to develop and draw us into!

Paul didn't allow a soul tie with Peter whom he respected as a leading apostle to keep him from publicly correcting him when it was needed (Ga.2:11). He loved God and His Word so much that he stood for the truth at all times. One way to know if you are free from soul ties is to check if you always side with God's Word, no matter what people may think or say.

Paul was a very charismatic personality and so full of love that people were even willing to give their lives for him (Ga.4:15). In all his greetings, you can see his close attachment with many individuals and families. He admonished believers, "Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law" (Ro.13:8). He knew the power and importance of love. Still, he kept himself completely free from any destructive relationships and soul ties. He had decided to finish his race with joy (Ac.20:24).

Aquilla and Priscilla were willing to give their lives to Paul but they never hindered him from finishing his course victoriously. It IS possible to enjoy deep godly relationships and stay free from soul ties!

You, the New Covenant Minister

The same Holy Spirit, the great Helper of the New Covenant

ministers, lives and abides in you (Jn.14:16). The spirit of glory rests upon you (1.Pe.4:14). Jesus Christ lives in you as the hope of glory (Col.1:27). He Himself is your hope for a life free from soul ties, no matter how strong they are!

You don't need to be swallowed up by soul ties or sorrow any more! You can rise up to a position of leadership in the spiritual world! You don't need to be downtrodden under soul ties and ungodly human burdens and self-imposed responsibilities! You can keep yourself free from soul ties and protect others from developing them! You can be a wise spiritual minister to those around you.

You can experience full victory as you rely on the Holy Spirit and refuse to open up your soul for soul ties that would make you and others miss God's will and plan! You can live out the full number of your days in joy and heavenly bliss! Rise up and destroy any soul ties today itself, in Jesus' Name!

SOUL TIES AND REMOTE DELIVERANCE



As you are reading this book, I am sure many people and circumstances would have flooded your mind. Through this revelation, you would have understood the reason for so many problems precious friends and loved ones are suffering. You would have found keys to the spiritual forces that keep them back from salvation, healing, deliverance and happy, fulfilling relationships. Probably you are asking, "Is there anything I can do to help them from a distance?"

Yes, you definitely can! There is no time and no distance in prayer. You can break the demonic grip that keeps your loved ones in bondage to that person, that group, that community! You will see dramatic results! Your loved ones will suddenly 'come to their senses' and be able to think clearly.

Of course, they still have the responsibility to consciously change their attitude towards that person, but the mind-blinding 'witchcraft effect' will be broken. Once that has been done, it will be easy for you to explain to them the difference between godly love and attachment and these life-choking soul ties.

We just had a wonderful testimony a few days ago. In a soul tie breaking seminar, the Holy Spirit led me into an unusually long prayer time. I felt to ask the students of our 'School of the Holy Spirit' to pray

in the Spirit and intercede for whomever the Lord would lay on their hearts. Some of them had visions, many engaged in strong spiritual warfare. We kept on praying until the prayer burden lifted from all of us.

The next day, there was some uproar in the spiritual world as our brothers' spirits and bodies adjusted to the new situation. On the second day, the first of many miracle testimonies came in: A brother from the highest Indian caste had been praying for his family for nine years, to no avail. He faced strong opposition from his family and community during all those years.

Miraculously, just one day after he broke in prayer the soul ties that bound his family to their community, they allowed the very first Gospel meeting in their home! Over 40 believers came together in their house for prayer! Glory to Jesus! His brothers received the Lord, and his parents were deeply touched and allowed the Christians to pray for them for the first time ever. All of that happened in another state, thousands of kilometers away! The parents had no idea what their son had been praying that day, but they were suddenly free to allow Christian ministry in their home! Praise the Lord for the power of soul tie breaking prayer!

You might ask, is 'remote deliverance' really a biblical experience? Definitely! Just remember the Syro-Phoenician woman with the demon-possessed daughter. Her humility and faith confession delivered her daughter in her home (Mk.7:25-30). The roman centurion knew very well that if Jesus would only speak one word, his servant would be healed, and he received his 'remote deliverance' through his faith (Mt.8:5-13). The nobleman's son was at the point of death, but one word from the mouth of Jesus spoken to his father far away healed him completely (Jn.4:46-53). Things happen in the spiritual world as you speak, no matter how far away!

The same 'spiritual shaking' takes place as you break the soul ties that bind you to a person. That person will suddenly feel that something is 'just not right', 'something has changed', 'something has happened'. If they are sensitive in the spiritual world, they will feel that

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they lost their hold over you. Most probably, they will immediately try to reestablish that hold. In severe cases, the person might even threaten with suicide if you no longer obey each and every one of their commands and desires.

You need to be in the Spirit and ask God's guidance concerning each one of the soul ties you broke. During the next contact with that person you must establish a new pattern of relationship: Jesus first, then only your love and friendship! Whoever is not willing to follow this pattern must be slowly but surely moved out of your life.

HOW TO BREAK UNGODLY SOUL TIES



Let us now proceed to the actual breaking of soul ties. I am convinced that the Holy Spirit would have shown you many areas and persons in your life where a thorough cleansing is needed. I also believe that while you were reading this book you would have taken godly decisions and repented of wrong motives and behaviors; and yet, I would suggest you pray through this list just to make sure.

Of course, soul ties must be broken by action, but this prayer will help to prepare your action in the Spirit and make your action in the natural easier. This prayer list was compiled by Rev. Schalk Groenewald from South Africa. I have seen dramatic effects on people and even in my own life when I was ministering with him in this area. He uses this list as a beginning and preparation for curse breaking. The concept is that over the generations, sins and soul ties have allowed curses and demonic spirits to enter your family and also your own life. Cutting these soul ties even from long deceased generations will therefore remove whatever ungodly influence came through them.

If you do this for the first time, I would suggest you thoroughly pray through the entire list. Whenever you feel there are still influences like bad character traits, sicknesses or other things from your forefathers, you can pray through the list again. If you already did it and don't feel the need, you can go straight to the personal part and insert the

names of the concerned persons to cut their influence over you.

Actually, praying through this list is not really obligatory. It is just a help for you to recognize the soul ties and to use the creative power of words to establish in the spiritual and natural world your determination to bind your soul to Christ and Christ alone. Even hearing your own voice proclaiming these words will help your mind and emotions to accept the deliverance and be detached from soul ties.

Addressing satan who is using these soul ties is also biblical. I find it very interesting that our Lord Jesus gave the strong rebuke, "Get behind Me, satan!" to Peter exactly in a situation that was created by Peter's soul ties (Mt.16:23). Breaking the demonic powers that use the soul ties will definitely bring you into a very new freedom for your spirit, soul and even physical body!

Now please note, soul ties are very 'tricky'. Even after cutting them, they can easily develop again as you keep associating with that person, and even if you allow your mind to remain occupied with that person. So please keep a watch over your mind to keep your deliverance! If the need arises, you can quickly and easily pronounce the suggested prayer into the spiritual and physical world to break any remains of soul ties and help you do the necessary natural adjustments in your relationships.

Now, let us go into the commanding prayer. Simply insert the groupings or names in the dots below. For example, to break the demonic powers off your generations, speak out with authority:

"Father's Father's Father, I break your power over me in Jesus' Name."

"Satan, I break and destroy your power over me through Father's Father's Father in the Name and by the Blood of Jesus."

Your next prayer command would be:

"Father's Father's Father's Mother, I break your power over me in

Jesus' Name."

"Satan, I break and destroy your power over me through Father's Father's Father's Mother in the Name and by the Blood of Jesus."

In the same way, you can proceed through the entire list. If desired, you can shorten the prayers by just saying,:

" 4^{th} generation, I break your power over me..." and "satan, I break and destroy your power over me through 4^{th} generation...."

"3rd generation, I break your power..." etc.

You will also put people's names into this prayer, not to break relationships, but to break demonic powers that make the relationship abusive. Even your own name will be inserted in order to break soul ties others developed towards you without your knowledge.

Are you ready? Then go ahead! Let your tongue bring you from death to life and into the glorious liberty of the children of God (Pr.18:21; Ro.8:21)! Proclaim with authority knowing that nothing shall by any means harm you (Lk.10:19).

....., I break your power over me in Jesus' Name.

Satan, I break and destroy your power over me through ... in the Name and by the Blood of Jesus.

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Your full name, surname, maiden name, birth date and zodiac sign (You were linked to the occult/solar system before you were born again)

Sisters and brothers (including miscarriages and/or abortions of your mother)

Husband/Wife (including all ex-partners, dead or alive)

Children (including own miscarriages and/or abortions)

Anybody that has a soul ties with you

Anybody you had sexual relationships with outside marriage (*including if you were molested or raped*)

Anybody you had a fantasy relationship with

Any teacher or other prominent persons in childhood that dominated or controlled you

Anybody that hypnotized you

Anybody you made covenants with or were in partnership with

Any other soul tie

HALLELUJAH!!!

Finally FREE!!!

HOW TO KEEP YOURSELF FREE FROM UNGODLY SOUL TIES



Congratulations! All your soul ties are broken in the mighty Name of Jesus! Let me now give you some easy tips to keep your newly found freedom. Remember, His yoke is always easy, and His burden is light (Mt.11:29). He will never allow you to be tempted by soul ties beyond what you are able! He will make the way of escape for you (1.Co.10:13)!

Stay Tuned to the Spirit

By breaking soul ties, you have once again declared the lordship of Jesus over your spirit, soul and body. You have given Him complete reign, and you have totally dethroned your flesh and your soul with its passions and desires. You are now free to live and walk in the Spirit (Ga.5:24)! Since every soul tie and every situation is different, the best advice I can give you is to 'ask the Holy Spirit'! He will show you the perfect behavior and solution for every situation.

The Holy Spirit wants to help you with all His power to root out whatever is not planted by God. You are a branch of Jesus, and any undue soul tie that hinders your fruitfulness will be cut off by your heavenly Father through His Spirit (Jn.15:1). Allow His Spirit to strengthen you to order all your relationships according to His perfect will.

You might feel totally unable to know what to do with all the free time you suddenly have at your disposal! Take your Bible, sing songs to Jesus, enjoy His Presence and start a completely new life in the Spirit! It still might feel as though you were dying, and your soul might be screaming and wailing - but don't worry! As you obey the Holy Spirit, He will draw you closer and closer to the loving heart of Jesus. Your heavenly reward will become very visible to you, and as you look more and more into His loving eyes, the things and relation- ships of this world will become dimmer and dimmer.

If you stay tuned to God's Holy Spirit, you will always be forewarned. You will know when a relationship has entered dangerous ground, and you will keep yourself from soul ties (2.Co.2:11). The key to such victory is a close walk with God and a minute-by-minute obedience to His precious Spirit.

Stay Away

Now that you have dealt with your soul ties in a spiritual way, it is very important that you also do some physical action. In many cases, soul ties produce a kind of addiction, and you or the other person might actually experience a kind of 'withdrawal symptoms'.

If the soul tie was very strong and the other person has a control-ling, manipulating nature, you might have to completely avoid any contact with that person for some time. You might feel completely lost since that person used to have great power over you to tell you what to do and when to do it.

Most probably, the time will come when you can take up the relationship again, but this time on a completely new, clean, strong spiritual foundation! Then, your relationship will be a blessing to God's Kingdom and to both of you. Be patient, though, to wait for God's indication as to when and how to take up contact so you won't get entangled and dragged down again. Never fear!!! Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, and you will save both of your lives from sure destruction!

How to keep yourself free from Ungodly Soul Ties

If you are stronger in the spirit or the soul tie was not extremely strong, you might be able to speak to that person right away. You can explain what you have learned about soul ties and their dangers for both of your lives. You can lovingly help that person to also confess their sin of making you an idol, and you can together break the soul tie that bound you.

Even in such a case, you should limit the time spent together at least for some time. You should keep a close watch on your mind and your emotions. Is Jesus the center of your thoughts now? How much of your time is spent thinking about that person's whereabouts? How much undivided attention is given to Jesus and developing His calling upon your life? Are your emotions still affected at the smallest whimper of the other person? Your sincere answers to these questions will show you if you are really free and can take up the relationship without further danger.

Stand Against

The devil, your arch enemy, will show you many valid arguments against breaking your soul ties. He will tempt you to turn back to your soul ties. He will torture you with thought about plight of that person. He will say," How cruel you are! You have cut that soul tie and left that person. Imagine if something happens. That person might fall into deep depression or even commit suicide. People might slander you and mar your image."

He also might show you what you might loose if you leave that person. You might loose money, security or favor. Always know, if you obey God and cut that soul tie, your Jehovah Jireh will be your source. When Abraham dared to cut his soul tie with Isaac, God revealed Himself as the great Jehovah Jireh (Ge.22). He will do the same to you!

Believe in God's love and protection for the person you love. Know that God can take better care of that person than you could ever do. He will heal and restore that person even if you are the cause for the entire soul tie episode. Don't allow the devil to accuse you saying,

"You initiated it, and now you betray that person!"

Commit that person consciously into the loving, caring hand of God. Trust that He will fill that vacuum and heal that wound. Trust that He will send His angels to minister to that person. He Himself will be the source of that person.

Stay Filled

Now that you have cut your soul ties, you must fill your life with God's Presence. This is the most vulnerable time for you. Jesus Himself said that a demon will come back with seven more wicked spirits if you don't fill your house (Mt.12:43-45;Lk.11:24-26). Like with any addiction, if you don't fill your life with God, you might get hooked up in another soul tie or addiction. Wherever there is a vacuum, the devil will try to invade. Never be lazy or lukewarm! Let your love to God be so hot that any other love is consumed by this fire!

Come back to your first love to Jesus, and do the first works (Rev.2:5). Involve yourself actively in God's ministry. Be busy in the kingdom business (Lk.2:49). Don't follow David's bad example (2.Sa.11:1). Always remember: The lazy man's mind is the workshop of the devil! Be fervent in the Spirit, serving the Lord (Ro.12:11).

Surround yourself with Saints

When you were in that soul tie, you were very much cut off from the Body of Christ and true spiritual fellowship. Now is the time to restore all those spiritual relationship back to a fervent love (1. Pe.1:22). You cannot just cut one relationship and leave the vacuum. You must replace that relationship with healthy, spirit uplifting relationships. Soul tie breaking is not about removal but about replacement of unhealthy relationships with healthy ones. The more you try to push something out of your mind, the stronger it gets.

The best way to overcome this mental torture is replacement with

healthy thoughts and relationships. Practice the principle of leaving and cleaving. As an unmarried man, Paul was able to remain free from soul ties because he was always closely surrounded by God's people. Be actively involved in your local church. Stay close to your leader- ship, Don't neglect the assembling together of the saints (Heb.10:25). You spiritual life must be resurrected. Let God's disciples surround you like they did to Paul when he stoned to death (Ac.14:19).

Stay in Faith

You are born of God. His seed is in you. You easily overcome the world, the evil one and any one of his evil weapons. You easily overcome soul ties! Your faith in the Son of God is your victory (1.Jn.5:4f). The greater your faith, the greater is your deliverance from soul ties. Therefore you should constantly feed your faith with God's Word (Ro.10:17).

You are dead to the world and to the passions and desires of your flesh (Ga.5:24). You now live by the faith of the Son of God who gave Himself for you (Ga.2:20).

Always remember: You can never walk in victory or stay free from soul ties without faith. The very fear of them will open you up to demonic spirits and create soul ties. Remember, whatever is not of faith is sin, but the Bible says, sin shall not have dominion over you (Ro.14:23; 6:14). That includes, soul ties shall not have dominion over you!

Don't allow the devil to convince you that you are too attached and depend too much on that person to ever be able to break that soul tie. Nothing is impossible to you as believer (Mk.9:23). If Abraham could offer his own beloved son on the altar, why not you? You are blessed with this grace along with Abraham as his child (Ge.22; Ga.3:7,9).

Say it out Loud

You can only walk in faith if you speak your faith (2.Co.4:13). The

spirit of faith in you always speaks God's truth out loud. When you speak out the truth, you silence the voice of the enemy. Your enemy is a ruthless liar (Jn.8:44). He will try to constantly whisper his lies to you. He will tell you, "You cannot break that relationship. You cannot live without that person. You will fall back anytime...". Remember, your battle is a word-battle. It is a war between the lies of the devil and the truth of God's Word.

Consciously break your soul ties and then walk in faith. Confess who Jesus is in you and who you are in Him. Stop striving and trust in the power and Presence of God in you. Remember: 'sin power' can never be greater than 'Son power'!

The apostle Paul wisely and easily overcame the temptation of allowing a soul tie by declaring his readiness to fulfill God's will for his life (Ac.21:13). Remembering and proclaiming God's will and goal for your life will help you avoid soul ties and even break those developed toward you by other people.

Say these Scriptures right now to counterattack the enemy's voice and to establish your freedom in Christ:

- 37 I am more than a conqueror through Him who loved me (Ro.8.37)
- 38 I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing (soul mate), shall be able to separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus my Lord (Ro.8:38)
- 7 Many waters cannot quench my love for Jesus, nor can the floods drown it (SS.8:7)
- 13 Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted (Mt.15:13)
- 17 I am joined to the Lord, and I am one Spirit with Him

(1.Co.6:17)

Stay in God's Presence

Build up a strong prayer life. That was the secret of the spiritual strength of our great apostle Paul. He could thank God that he prayed in tongues more than anybody (1.Co.14:18).

Your spiritual life will blossom and easily overpower your soul with its desires and longings for that person. Your ministry will take off as you spend time speaking mysteries with God in the Spirit (1.Co.14:2).

If needed, you can also add fasting as a devotion and fresh dedication of your life to the Shepherd and Overseer of your soul, the Lord Jesus Christ (1.Pe.2:25). Declare again and again your first and undivided love to your God and Savior (Ps.18:1; Rev.2:4).

Spend time in praise and worship to the One who is worthy of all praise, admiration and adoration! Your soul will automatically get attached to Him and detached from all the distractions of people and the world.

As long as you are in the spirit and keep Jesus number One in your life, you don't need to fear any relationship. As long as you keep your soul 'bound' to Jesus, He will warn you the very moment you start developing soul ties to people. If you heed this gentle warning of His loving Spirit, you will never fail!

Stay Steadfast in God's Love

Don't panic and shrink back in fear whenever anybody comes closer to you. Perfect love casts out all fear (1.Jn.4:18). Please don't misunderstand this book! I am not advocating withdrawal or cold love. Cold love is demonic and a sign of the end times (Mt.24:12).

Stay in the Spirit and keep Jesus your first love. Only then, you allow Jesus to love people through you freely with His unlimited, pure,

selfless agape love! In fact: Walking in agape is the sure antidote for soul ties! Soul ties, however, can never fulfill God's requirements of love. Check all your relationships and see if they meet God's standard of agape pointed out in 1st Corinthians 13, the great chapter on love.

4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails (1.Co.13:4-8)

The best advice I can give you is to keep looking at Jesus, your perfect example of God's love. Keep loving and studying His Word. Take time to find out how He dealt with relationships. Draw from His eternal wisdom.

Sing your Way to Victory

Use king David's secret of victory over soul ties! Compose your own personal love songs to Jesus (Ps.18:1). Make Him hear your voice in the morning (Ps.5:3). Remember, you are more than a conqueror through Christ who loved you (Ro.8:37)! Delighting yourself in the Lord and in His immense love will keep you free from soul ties (Ps.37:4).

When you are fully satisfied in the love of Jesus, you will loath the honeycomb of human love (Pr.27:7). Pondering on the love of God that has already been poured out in your heart by the Holy Spirit will fully satisfy your soul and empower you to rise up and destroy the works of the devil, even those manifested in soul ties (Ro.5:5; 1.Jn.3:8).

How to keep yourself free from Ungodly Soul Ties

Paul and Silas sang their way out of their prison and experienced a mighty, supernatural deliverance not only for themselves, but also for all the other prisoners (Ac.16:25f). You can deliver yourself and all who hear you with this powerful weapon of praise and songs of deliverance (Ps.32:7).

Whenever you remember that person, just thank God that the relationship is in His hands. Thank God that He takes care of every-thing. Thank Him that all things work together for your good because you love Him (Ro.8:28). Happily release that person to God and praise Him for the victory.

Now, enjoy happy, healthy and healing relationships!

Live your life to the fullest satisfaction of your God and your own soul!

You are more than a conqueror!

You can live free from soul ties!

You don't need to suffer the pain of soul ties ever again in your life!

All glory and honor be to our wonderful Savior!!!

Let's Keep In Touch:

You might still have some questions I didn't deal in this book. I would be interested in knowing your questions and happy to answer them in my next book.

Please also allow me to rejoice with you in your new liberty, and share your joy with me!

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