

SESSION THREE: ENCOUNTERING JESUS – THE FOUR GATEWAYS

The various prayer tools we are introducing are all useful to get to the root of the matter: wounds that have entered in through four gateways: **SIN, INIQUITY, LIES, TRAUMA (SILT)**. It is Jesus who has already laid the ax to the root of sin, iniquity, lies and trauma and has given us the authority in His name to cut it off for good. Recognizing that it is an encounter with the living Christ that will bring lasting healing, we always present Jesus as Healer and Restorer.

THE FOUR GATEWAYS tool is used to help determine the potential points of entry that the Accuser uses to keep the children of God from freedom in Christ. This is a very useful tool for those prayer recipients who are not as adept at hearing or seeing in the spiritual realm. The points of entry are: **SIN** (violating God's law through personal choices); **INIQUITY** (generational sins – the sins of the forefathers); **LIES** (wrong belief systems, deception, and anything that does not line up with the Word of God); **TRAUMA** (events caused by individuals and/or circumstances that cause a response of fear and self-protectiveness). A tool we use in conjunction with this is **BREAKING UNGODLY SOUL TIES** (harmful control/dependency relationships and/or those from sexual sin).

SIN – This refers to personal sin that we have participated in through choices we have made. This includes all biblically-referenced sin; if God called it sin, we call it sin. It is anything that separates us from Him.

INIQUITY -This is a term used for generational sin, or the sins of the fathers that are referenced in the second commandment in Exodus 20:5 – “I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me.” Even if we are not practicing the sins of our forefathers, the roots of unrepented sin can affect our children and future generations. Sometimes these sins of the forefathers cause curses to come on our lives that we don't even realize stem from the root of generational iniquity. Examples include addictions; negative personal traits such as anger and rage; sins of murder, suicide, rape, abortion. By repenting of and renouncing the sins of our forefathers and by breaking and severing the ungodly bloodlines that have come in through iniquity, infusing them with the blood of Jesus, we can cleanse our bloodline so that it is the bloodline of Jesus that will go forth and multiply.

LIES – This includes all deception, wrong belief systems, the occult, witchcraft, fortune telling, mind control and false religions that contradict the Word of God. Many of these lies have to do with identity, because the Word of God is quite clear about who we are and our destiny in His Kingdom. Included are Freemasonry, New Age beliefs, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science and all other cults and false religions.

TRAUMA – This covers events that are caused by either individuals or through circumstances; for example, emotional, physical or sexual abuse as well as severe illness, disease, accidents or other traumatic life events. If traumas are not dealt with and those who caused it are not forgiven, the results are walls of self-defense that are erected to protect us from feeling that kind of pain again. This becomes a form of idolatry as we set ourselves up in the role of protector, putting on a false armor instead of the whole armor of God. Traumas can cause us to make vows and inner vows, such as “I will never trust another man as long as I live!” or “I will never let anyone hurt me again.” These must be broken and renounced. Traumas might also create emotional ties to the event or individual. Through accessing the memory, we can bring Jesus into the situation (HEART TO HEART) and ask Him to reveal His Presence to the Beloved at the time of the trauma. This brings healing to the emotion of the memory. Traumas can also cause the fracturing or fragmentation of the soul, something that God designed as a temporary coping mechanism but did not desire for it to remain for a lifetime. This involves a more in-depth prayer approach, HEALING OF THE CORE, which is for another time.

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STEP BY STEP PROCESS FOR THE FOUR GATEWAYS:

Begin by having the Beloved repeat this prayer: **“LORD JESUS, I SUBMIT TO YOU MY WILL, MY RIGHTS AND ALL CONTROL. COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME.”** Prayer minister releases the sevenfold Spirit of God, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, might and counsel, knowledge and fear of the Lord, and of the delight in the fear of the Lord, for the fear of the Lord is humility and the beginning of wisdom.

Prayer minister can begin by asking the Beloved, **“What issues are you struggling with that you would like to ask Jesus to heal?”**

Lead Beloved to repeat, **“LORD, IS THERE AN OPEN GATEWAY THROUGH SIN, INIQUITY, LIES OR TRAUMA?”**

As the Holy Spirit identifies the open gateway, lead Beloved to ask, **“LORD, WHEN WAS THE FIRST TIME THIS GATEWAY OF _____ WAS OPENED?”**

When it is revealed, Prayer Minister asks Jesus to come into the picture and bring His peace and assurance of safety. When they feel secure, ask Beloved to repeat, **“IN THE NAME OF JESUS, I FORGIVE _____ FOR OPENING THE GATEWAY OF _____.** If the gateway was through sin, the Beloved may forgive him/herself.

Then have Beloved pray, **“LORD, WHAT IS THE LIE I BELIEVED WHEN THIS TOOK PLACE?”**

Prayer minister waits as Holy Spirit brings the answer.

When revealed, lead Beloved to repeat, **“I RENOUNCE THE LIE THAT _____ AND ASK YOU, JESUS, TO REVEAL THE TRUTH. WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO KNOW?”**

Prayer minister waits as Holy Spirit reveals the truth.

When the truth is revealed, prayer minister leads Beloved to pray, **“LORD JESUS, YOU ARE THE GATE. PLEASE COME AND SHUT THE GATEWAY THAT WAS OPENED TO THE ENEMY. I ONLY WANT TO COME IN AND GO OUT THROUGH YOU. I ASK YOU TO SHUT THE GATEWAY TO THE ENEMY AND SEAL IT WITH YOUR PRECIOUS BLOOD. THANK YOU, LORD JESUS.”**

If there are ungodly soul or emotion ties, including generational ones, break and sever them by having the Beloved repeat this prayer: **“IN THE NAME OF JESUS AND BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS, I BREAK AND SEVER ALL UNGODLY SOUL TIES WITH _____. I send back to them all of the things that are theirs and take back from them all of the things that are mine.”**

In the event of trauma caused by circumstances, sever the EMOTIONAL TIE in the same way. It has been found to be effective by Dr. Aiko Hormann, a Christian neurological/ behavioral scientist, for the prayer minister to clap once to reset the brain.

If during the prayer process the Beloved encounters a resistance, a sense that they are being blocked, the prayer minister can ask the Holy Spirit to remove the hindrance, which we will call **THE WALL**. It is a self-defense mechanism to protect us from pain and can manifest as arrogance, pride, anger, rejection, hopelessness, isolation – anything to keep us from feeling the true emotion that will help to set us free. Use these steps:

Prayer minister asks Beloved to close their eyes and pray, **“HOLY SPIRIT, WILL I BE SAFE WITHOUT THIS WALL?”** If so, have them pray, **“HOLY SPIRIT, I GIVE YOU MY PERMISSION TO TAKE DOWN THIS WALL.”** Ask the Holy Spirit to **show the Beloved what the wall looks like** (it might appear as any obstacle – a boulder, a sheet of ice, a barbed wire fence – anything).

Prayer minister asks for **the Lord’s ministering angels to surround and protect the Beloved as the wall comes down**. Prayer minister explains to the Beloved that you are going to clap once and command their wall to come down. Now ask them, **“Is the wall down? Can you see past it now? Can you walk to Whomever is on the other side (Father God, Jesus, Holy Spirit)?”** if there is still a wall, ask Jesus – the One who can walk through walls – to hold the hand of the Beloved while looking at the wall. Repeat above prayers. When the wall is down, lead the Beloved to pray, **“Holy Spirit, what would you like to give me in place of this wall? What do you want to teach me through this?”**

SESSION FOUR: ENCOUNTERING JESUS – THE FATHER LADDER

The FATHER LADDER is a tool that compares the roles of our family relationships to those of the Godhead: **FATHER GOD/earthly father – is the PROVIDER, PROTECTOR, GIVER OF IDENTITY. HOLY SPIRIT/earthly mother – is the COMFORTER, NURTURER, TEACHER, COUNSELOR. JESUS/earthly siblings and friends – is the COMPANION, COMMUNICATOR, ONE WHO ACCEPTS.**

Often the Beloved comes with a prayer need that uncovers a wound that originated with one or more of the three earthly representatives of the Godhead – father, mother, siblings/friends. By asking about their relationships with their family members, clues come forth that reveal the root. For example, if they are having consistent financial difficulties, there may be a root in a father who did not fulfill his role as provider. If there is an issue with addictions and needing to self-comfort, there may be a root in the relationship with the mother as nurturer. If there is a sense of isolation and feeling all alone, there may be a sibling wound. We look for the correlation between the roles of the Godhead and the corresponding earthly roles and we ask Jesus to come in as the Mediator, praying that He will show the Beloved the first time they felt this wounding emotion and asking them to forgive their earthly family member with His help. We break any ungodly soul ties in His name and pray blessing over the offender (and over their memory, if they are deceased). Often multiple family relationships are involved and one reveals another, so the process is repeated until healing is manifested.

The prayer minister can begin by asking the Beloved about their earthly father, such as “What was your relationship like with your dad? Did you do things together? Was he there for you during important times and events in your life? Did he provide for your needs? Did he show and tell you that he loved you?” Generally, the Beloved will begin telling their story and you will quickly learn what you need to know. Take notes, identifying anything that might have been missing in terms of protection, provision and affirmation of identity, as well as noting any abuse or traumatic events, including death. When things are clear to you and a root or roots have been revealed, lead the Beloved in a prayer of forgiveness towards their father for what he did that was wounding or for what he failed to do; then lead them to forgive him for how he sometimes misrepresented Father God as Protector, Provider, Identity Giver – or all three. If the relationship has been unhealthy in a controlling or abusive way, break ungodly soul ties (prayer model follows). Have them renounce the lie that Father God would ever treat them the same way. Then ask Father God to show the Beloved the truth about Himself. After that, ask Him to tell the Beloved what He thinks of them. Finally, affirm with the Beloved that they have received the Truth from God.

Repeat the above process for the **earthly mother**, focusing on her God-established role as **comforter, nurturer, teacher and counselor**. As things become clear and roots have been

revealed, lead the Beloved in prayer as above. Do the same for **sibling relationships and in the case of an only child, friend relationships**, focusing on their God-established role as companion, communicator, and a peer who gives acceptance.

The process of The Father Ladder basically has three parts: **FORGIVE** the sins and shortcomings of those who have wounded you; **RENOUNCE** the lie that the corresponding members of the Godhead would treat you in the same way; **RECEIVE** the truth from Jesus that sets you free.

STEP BY STEP PROCESS FOR THE FATHER LADDER:

BEGIN by having the Beloved repeat this prayer: **“LORD JESUS, I SUBMIT TO YOU MY WILL, MY RIGHTS AND ALL CONTROL. COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME.”** Prayer minister releases the **sevenfold Spirit of God, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, might and counsel, knowledge and fear of the Lord, and of the delight in the fear of the Lord, for the fear of the Lord is humility and the beginning of wisdom.**

ASK Beloved about their relationship with their **earthly father** – note where relationship failed to fulfill roles of **PROTECTOR, PROVIDER, IDENTITY GIVER**. Ask Holy Spirit to reveal root and bring Jesus into the picture. Lead them to pray:

I forgive my earthly father for _____ (restate the offense or issue). I FORGIVE him for how he sometimes misrepresented You, Father God. In the name of Jesus and by the power of the blood of Jesus, I break and sever any ungodly soul ties with my earthly father. I send back to him those things that belong to him and I take back from him those things that belong to me. I choose to bless him to be everything You desire for him to be. I RENOUNCE the lie that You would ever treat me the same, Father God. Lord, tell me the truth about You (give the Beloved a moment to listen; don't lead them). What do You think of me, Father God? (Again, wait until the Beloved hears a specific word or has an impression). Lord, I thank you that You are the Spirit of Truth and that You have guided me into the truth that sets me free. I RECEIVE the truth in Jesus' name.

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FOLLOW THE SAME STEPS for forgiving the **earthly mother**, simply changing the member of the Godhead to **HOLY SPIRIT**.

DO THE SAME for forgiving **siblings/friends**, changing the member of the Godhead to **JESUS**.

In cases where there has been much abuse, consider using **HAND TO HAND** prayer as you do the FATHER LADDER, asking the Beloved to take the hand of Jesus as they pray and then asking Him to also take the hand of the one they are forgiving.

