

Opening: Last week we were challenged to break through shame and we learned to guard our heart and mind with the word of God to ensure we believe and speak correctly. This week we want break the tools the enemy uses to hinder God’s people with Addiction and the fear of death.

1. Breaking through Addiction: Generational bondages

- a. It is important to understand that some addictions are inherited through our genetics and through familiar spirits that are on assignment from Satan.
- b. **What are Familiar Spirits?** demonic spirits that hold “families” bound by a certain sin or bondage for example, Lust, Alcohol, Drugs, Anger. They are deceiving spirits that are used in witchcraft and sorcery. Ghosts are familiar spirits, for example grandpa’s ghost or haunted houses are demonic spirits that lead people astray to follow demonic teachings.
- c. Jesus removes the demonic bondage or oppression by His triumph at the Cross!
- d. **Walk in your New authority Luke 10:18-20 (NIV)** 18 He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. 20 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”
- e. **The Cross Purchased our Freedom Romans 6:6 (ESV)** We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.
- f. **The Spirit of God Cultivates the fruit of Self Control: Galatians 5:23** ** God has promised to set the captive free, but the freedom is only temporary if the prisoner does not submit to the Holy Spirit who guards the house from being plundered.
- g. **God will provide the way of escape 1st Corinthians 10:13-14** No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.
- h. **Life Lesson: There is no addiction Jesus blood does not have the power to faithfully endure with us through, forgive us for and free us from.**
- i. **Do not ever give up seeking God and receiving his help in the battles against the strongholds of the flesh.**
- j. Through the promises of God, paint a new picture in your mind and heart of being free from the slavery of addiction.

2. Faith that overcomes all oppositions must be built & acted upon

- a. **By hearing the words (Rhema) of the Lord we will have faith to believe. Roman’s 10:17** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
- b. **By faith we must seek the Lord Hebrews 11:6** And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
- c. **By faith we must speak His word Matthew 17:20** He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will speak to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.”
- d. **By faith we will act upon God’s promises James 2:18** But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.
- e. **By faith see yourself as God has created you to be Romans 12:3** For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.
- f. **Life Lesson: Christ has deposited a measure of faith in each of us, the choice to use it is ours every day. By faith, the impossible becomes possible.**

3. Breaking through Death: ** Death is not the end but the beginning.

- a. **Hebrews 2:14-15** Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. ** Some live in constant fear of death always running from it instead of preparing for it.
- b. **John 11:25-26** “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ** If you believe this than you are looking forward to death with eager expectation because your death is your promotion into the eternal presence of Jesus.

- c. **Rightly Grieving in times of Loss: 1 Thessalonians 4:13** Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. **We should grieve but we have hope of a brighter future, in a heavenly reunion.
- d. **Life Lesson: In the Kingdom of God there are no goodbyes only see you later.**
- e. "When the time comes for you to die, you need not be afraid, because death cannot separate you from God's love." (Charles H. Spurgeon)
- f. **Life Lesson: Death is our graduation moment in Christ, it is our promotion into our eternal reward. While death is not natural it is**
- g. **The Fear of the Unknown:** Death for many is an unknown. We all must travel that journey alone and therefore we are initially afraid of what may await us on the other side. In Christ we can be assured that He will be with us during our final moments in this life and He will be in our first moments in the life to come.
- h. Self-Preservation is the opposite of Biblical Discipleship. Jesus said if you lose your life for my names sake you will find it. The fear of death brings self-preservation, causing us to pull back from the road of faith that God would have us to travel.
- i. **Question: Are you afraid to die? Do you believe this fear can be broken?**
- j. **Life Lesson: If you fear death, it may be because you are not ready to die. Today make your peace with God so that you can have Peace no matter what tomorrow holds.**

4. Who holds the keys?

- a. **Revelation 1:18** I am the living one. I died but look--I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave. ** Jesus holds the keys, love has won! In Christ we do not have to be afraid to die.
- b. **My own personal testimony**
- c. **Psalms 139:16** Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.
- d. **The day you die the angels will come and usher you into the presence of God.**
- e. **2nd Corinthians 5:6-8** 6Therefore we are always confident, although we know that while we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord. 7For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8We are confident, then, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

5. What Kind of Church/Christian will we be?

- a. **Joshua 24:15** But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD."
- b. **Will you let God be God or will you limit Him by unbelief in His promises?**
- c. **The world needs a church that will not just talk about God but will instead reveal Him genuinely to those around them.**

6. ALTAR: anyone under the burden of addiction or who want God to anoint them to set others free from addictions, anyone walking through a season of death, under the fear of death, those who want to pray for an anointing to bring freedom and deliverance.