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I. **Introduction:**

- Mar 16:17 *And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name **they will cast out demons**; they will speak with new tongues;*

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- Mat 12:28 *But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the Kingdom of God has come upon you*

- Note:

- Kingdom of God
- Kingdom has come upon you
- I cast out
- By the Spirit of God

- Testimony:

1. **What is the Kingdom of God?**

- The Sovereign rule of God
- The People and territory the King rules over
- The Laws and Values that govern the Kingdom
- The Victory of the King over His enemies

2. **Key Insights from this verse:**

- Jesus has just delivered a man from the hold of demonic spirits causing sickness
- There are two invisible Kingdoms at war: The Kingdom of God and Kingdom of darkness
- Each Kingdom reflects the nature of the king that Rules it
- The Kingdom of God is vastly superior Kingdom to the Kingdom of darkness
- People and circumstances are deeply affected by the invisible spirit realm around us
- Evil spirits rule over cities and regions and influence the culture and behaviours of people Eph.2:2
- Evil spirit beings can also enter people, often unknown and cause immense destruction in their lives

3. **Deliverance is the ministry of confronting and evicting evil spirit beings who torment people**

- Deliverance is tangible evidence that the Kingdom of God has prevailed over darkness
- Deliverance is one of the five miracles Jesus manifested to demonstrate the Kingdom.
- Deliverance requires a believer to work with the Holy Spirit by Faith
- Deliverance requires a believer represent King Jesus and exercise spiritual authority
- We are used to a democratic Government..rule of the people ...we must learn about the Kingdom
- Jesus has given believers dominion and authority over demonic spirits as part of the Great Commission
- Mar 16:17 *And these signs will **follow those who believe**: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;*

4. **Jesus has authorized all believers to have authority and overcome evil spirits and remove them**

- Jesus revealed the reality of Kingdom Authority and Power...a spiritual reality
- Jesus completely defeated the Devil at the Cross

Col 2:13 *And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,*

Col 2:14 *having **wiped out the handwriting of requirements** that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.*

Col 2:15 *Having **disarmed principalities and powers**, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*

5. **Jesus entrusted His followers spiritual authority to exercise on His behalf as His representative**

- Luk 10:19 *Behold, **I give you the authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you*
- **Who did Jesus authorize to cast out demons?**
 - **The 12 Apostles. (Mat.10:1)**

- **The 70 Disciples.** (Lk.10:17-190)
 - **All Believers.** (Mk.16:17)
- **What is Authority?**
 - *Authority is Exousia...the legal delegated right to exercise spiritual power as a representative*
 - We must know we have authority over demons and how to exercising it
 - It is your responsibility to exercise the authority Jesus has given you to guard and protect the territory that He has entrusted to you
 - The authority Jesus has given to you is also for
 - Cleansing places and objects of demons
 - Setting people free
- 6. Personal spiritual authority always flows out of Kingdom Alignment**
- *Jas 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*
 - Jesus has all Authority in Heaven and earth
 - Jesus entrusts a portion of His authority to believers to act on His behalf
 - Jesus authority is entrusted to us to execute His will in the earth
 - Jesus authority is given to those who **Humble themselves** (Jam.4:6)
 - In order to exercise authority we must position ourselves under authority
 - *"Submit"...position self under the leadership of another to function as a winning team*
 - Submit can be explained as alignment for a common cause
 - We submit when we willingly align ourselves with God's laws and authority
 - Submission to authority is a heart attitude that applies not only to God's direct authority but also His delegated or representative authorities

II. Jesus Ministry of Deliverance

1. Jesus was Anointed to set people free of Demons

- *Act 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about **doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.***
 - The anointing is power to fulfill an assignment
 - We need the anointing of the Holy Spirit to be able to do deliverance
 - The anointing is essential to all ministry to supernaturally empower it
 - The anointing is the presence and power of Holy Spirit upon our life empowering ministry
 - To set people free of demons requires the exercise of spiritual authority and power

2. Many people required deliverance from Demons

- *Luk 4:41 And **demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.***
 - Jesus ministered to multitudes of people who needed deliverance
 - Demonization is a widespread problem in people

3. Deliverance was a significant part of Jesus Ministry

- *Mar 1:34 Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and **cast out many demons;** and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.*
 - People can have more than one demon. They can have many demons
 - Jesus ministered to one man who had a legion of demons, about 6000

4. Jesus Ministry was motivated by Compassion

- *Mat 9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was **moved with compassion** for them, because they were weary and scattered, **like sheep having no shepherd.***
- *Mat 9:37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.*
- *Mat 9:38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*
 - Jesus discerned the spiritual condition of people
 - He likened them to sheep without a shepherd....vulnerable and unprotected

5. Jesus Ministry was Founded upon

- **A Lifestyle:**
 - **Humility.** (Jam.4:6)
 - **Prayer.** (Matt.17:21)
 - **Alignment with Father.** (Jam.4:7)
 - **Dependence on Holy Spirit.** (Mat.12:28)
 - **Heart Purity.** (Jn.14:30)

III. **Jesus Encounter with Demons**

1. Key Passage

- Luk 4:31 Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths.
Luk 4:32 And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.
Luk 4:33 Now **in the synagogue** there was a man who had a **spirit of an unclean demon**. And he cried out with a loud voice,
Luk 4:34 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? **I know who You are—the Holy One of God!**"
Luk 4:35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and **did not hurt him**.
Luk 4:36 Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."
Luk 4:37 And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

2. **What is the background to the miracle?**

- Jesus is in a Synagogue...a church setting where believers are gathered to worship
- He is ministering, teaching in the Synagogue on the Sabbath Day
- The presence and power of God is present to minister to people
- Jesus was anointed...to fulfil an assignment from His Father...preach...heal...set free

3. **Who is the man?**

- He is a believer. Believers can be afflicted and tormented by demons but not "possessed"
- He present in the synagogue to worship and hear the Word of God
- He has a deep unresolved personal struggle going on in his inner life ...hidden secret in heart
- He is struggling with pressure and cycles of failure with sexual sin...repeated patterns of sin and shame and condemnation
- His unresolved struggle fills his life with **guilt and shame**
- The power behind the struggle, energising sin, is an evil unclean spirit
- Many people are like this man...they come to worship and have deep private personal struggles
- Their ability to enjoy intimacy with Father God is undermined by the presence of inner struggles

4. **What is the cause of the bondage in his life?**

- Wicked unclean spirits have entered the man's life and are tormenting him
- He is tormented in his mind, imagination and emotions continually
- He has an ongoing struggle with shame and guilt and fear of exposure
- Throughout the Bible the enemy of God and His people use idolatry and sexual sin to destroy covenant relationship and bring cursing upon generations
- Eg Moabites, Samson, David
- In the OT whenever people yielded to serve idols, they lost their dominion and freedom, and God delivered them under the authority and dominion of those who served those idols
- Many believers have secret struggles with unclean spirits that torment them

5. **What is a Demon?**

- A demon is an invisible spirit being with a personality and an evil nature
- It can only be present in one place at one time..unlike God who can be present everywhere
- Evil spirits can dwell in people, buildings, objects and animals
- There is more than one spirit within this man. "*what have we to do with you?*"
- Spirits work in groups to rob and destroy

6. **Characteristics of Demons**

- Demons have a form or shape
- Demons have a personality,
- Demons can think and reason, make plans
- Demons communicate with one another
- Demons work together
- Demons are created beings. They can only be in one place at one time
- Lower demons receive instructions and are empowered by higher level demons

7. **Evil Spirits can recognise who people really are**

- The evil spirits were the only ones to recognise who Jesus was
- They recognised who He was and were terrified
- Evil spirits see the inner man , the spirit man, the real person within who is clothed with a

body

- Our body is viewed in the Bible as clothing we wear, or as a house we live in
- We cannot conceal our life and who we truly are from the spirit realm
- Evil spirits can recognise people who are believers and also recognise non believers
- They easily recognise where there are violations of God's laws or unresolved wounds and trauma

8. **Can Demons enter people?**

- "Came out of him"to come out of a person it must first have been within him
- Demons must be **cast out**. They do not leave willingly
- "Cast out".....ekballo..
 - To drive out with force which he cannot resist
 - To command and cause someone to depart in haste
 - To reject with contempt and expel from their dwelling by force
 - Expel excrement from the belly into the toilet

9. **How did the Evil Spirits enter the man?**

- **Demons enter people through open spiritual doorways**
 - Evil spirits can invade the minds and emotions of people with evil negative impressions and unrelenting spiritual pressure
 - Evil spirits closely observe people and can recognise when they have an open door spiritually in their lives to enter
 - Demons exploit opportunities to enter people without their knowledge

IV. **Can a Christian Have a Demon?**

1. **Christians cannot be "possessed" by a demon**

- Col 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
- Col 1:14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.
- **Possess....to occupy, to have legal title to, to be master or owner of**
 - When we respond to receive Christ legal ownership is transferred to Jesus
 - We are repositioned in a new Kingdom under a new King and laws
- The spirit of God becomes "joined" to our spirit (to cleave)

2. **Possession is a mistranslation in the Bible**

- **The use of the word "possessed" conveys the idea of being totally under the control of demons**
 - The Bible words translated as "possessed" should be translated differently
 - "Daimonaizai".....to have a demon, be troubled by a demon, be influenced by a demon (Mk.1:32)
 - "Echo"to be clothed with, to be held by a demon(Act.16:16)
 - "Katadunesteo....To be held down against your will by a spiritual power or force(Act.10:38)
- **Believers can be tormented by demons**
 - Demons do not possess believers but can dwell in the body or soul seeking to increase their hold

3. **Jesus Taught that Deliverance is The Children's Bread**

- Mat 15:26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the **children's bread** and throw it to the little dogs."
 - Woman.....Gentile and excluded from covenant
 - Children.....People in covenant with God
 - Bread.....Staple food item to strengthen (possible reference to Num,14 Giants)
 - Deliverance is food to strengthen a believer
- **Jesus gave a mandate and power to the Church over Demons**
 - When do we cast out demons?
 - Before a person is saved?
 - After they are saved?

4. **Two Common issues the Church has regarding Demons**

i. **They blame everything on demons**

- They tend to see demons everywhere
- They become unbalanced and over spiritualize issues
- There is no challenge to personal responsibility and repentance

ii. **They deny the real destructive activities of demons**

- **When People believe a Christian Cant Have a Demon**
 - ◆ They do not do any deliverance to anyone
 - ◆ They leave people struggling with issues that they cannot resolve
People tend to conceal their issues and live in shame and condemnation
 - ◆ They remain blind to the operations of demonic spirits
 - ◆ They tend to focus on performance and outward appearance

5. OT Example

- An example of this is seen in the pattern for Solomon's temple
 - **Solomons temple** was a pattern for Gods design for the true temple , people
 - The temple had hidden chambers which in times of revival were cleansed of secret hidden idols and defilement
 - **Nehemiah:** Tobiah the enemy of Gods people was found dwelling in a chamber in the temple and had to be cast out with all his possessions, and the chamber cleansed and dedicated

V. How do Demons Affect People?

• Evidence of the presence of Evil Spirits

- *Eph 2:2* in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now **works** in the sons of disobedience,
 - Demons bring pressure or energise different areas of our life.
 - Evil Spirits "work" in us: **energeo...be active, put forth power, manifest self**
- **Issues people have are Fruit...Where there is fruit there are roots**
- **If evil spirits are present there will always be some kind of "fruit"**
 - **Unwanted invasive thoughts...**unclean, angry, rejection, guilt, shame, suicide
 - **Overwhelming emotions...**fear, rejection, grief, heaviness, lust, envy
 - **Temptations.....**pressure and attraction to sin
 - **Accusations** and general self condemnation
 - **Unwanted paranormal** experiences that frighten or defile
 - **Cycles of failure** in relationships, finances
 - **Sicknesses** that will not heal
 - **Addictions**
- Note: The presence of Occult type spirits will result in paranormal experiences and fears
- People usually think that they are the cause of all the problem and live in shame and fearful of exposure
- They think: " *That's just how I am*", or " *If I tell anyone about this they will think I am crazy*"

VI. How do Demons Enter People?

1. Bible Warnings:

- *Eph 4:27* nor give place to the devil.
 - "Place' ...topos...opportunity, a foothold, a condition,
 - Demons need a doorway to enter the lives of people.
 - Demons observe people and have strategies to gain access to people
- *2Co 2:11* lest Satan should **take advantage** of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.
 - We are not to be ignorant of demonic strategies, but to understand them and overcome them
- *Mat 18:34* And his master was angry, and **delivered him to the torturers** until he should pay all that was due to him.
 - *Mat 18:35* "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."
 - Unforgiveness delivers us into bondage to tormenting spirits

2. Three Methods of Entry

(i). Violations of God's Laws

- When we violate the laws of God, whether knowingly or unknowingly we remove ourselves from God's protection
- A legal right is created for demons to gain access to afflict and enter people
- Sin, transgressions and iniquity all give grounds for demons to access and afflict people
- In the OT when people turned away from God to idols, they lost their authority and dominion and came under the authority and dominion of their enemies and into slavery and bondage to those who served those gods
- Sin issues must be confronted of and brought to the cross for people to to experience freedom

(ii). **Unhealed Wounds and Trauma**

- There are many situations in life where we experience pain, disappointment and become hurt by the actions of other people and by the consequences of our own actions
- **Trauma are experiences that cause people to overwhelmed by fear or grief or shock**
 - People are unable to process the overwhelming feelings and the impact of trauma leave lasting damage to the body and soul
 - Demons recognise these unhealed wounds and are drawn to them like flies to meat
 - Unhealed wounds need to be faced and healed for people to be free of demonic torment
- **People fail to turn to the power of God to overcome, and instead try to save themselves by controlling pain and relationships**
- Their reactions to pain and trauma create many legal rights for demons to access and torment

(iii). **Ungodly reactions people chose in response to wounds or traumas**

- When people are hurt they can choose how they respond
- We can choose to draw near to God for grace and healing to overcome what has happened and its impact
- As we yield to the Holy Spirit he uses the painful experiences to shape and conform us to become like Christ
- Usually people choose to try and control people and relationships and protect themselves from further hurt.
- In doing so they come into agreement with controlling spirits, violate god's law of love and make decisions that open the door evil spirits to torment
- **Common reactions:**
 - Denial, minimising and avoidance
 - Bitterness
 - Bitter Judgments
 - Inner vows
 - False Burdens...rescuing
 - Death wishes
 - False Comforts...addictions

VII. **Demons can Return to People**

Jesus Teaching

- Mat 12:43 *"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none.*
- Mat 12:44 *Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order.*
- Mat 12:45 *Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation."*

1. **Where do Demons go when they have been cast out?**

- Mat 12:43 *"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none.*
- **There is no record of Jesus sending any demon to hell**
 - Waterless place...may refer to any place that is spiritually dry, or may refer to a spiritual wilderness
 - Demons afflicting people have probably been dwelling in the earth since before the fall of Adam

2. **Demons can return to people**

- Mat 12:44 *Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order.*
- **Demons desire to inhabit people and express their nature through them**
 - When a demon is cast out is usually angry at being discovered and displaced
 - Demons will seek to return to the people that they inhabited

3. **Facts Jesus teaching reveals about Demons**

- Demons are invisible disembodied spirit beings
- Demons have a memory and can make plans
- Demons have a will
- Demons can speak and communicate
- Demons desire people to indwell

- Demons are legalists, who claim rights of ownership

4. Demons can locate people.

- *Mat 12:44* Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order.
- Demons search out people
 - Demons can find peoplelocate where they live
 - The physical realm is visible to demons from the spirit realm
 - There is probably some spiritual communication system...like an internet

5. Demons can determine the condition of people?

- ..And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order.
- Demons see us differently than we see one another
 - We see the physical body, the house the person lives in
 - Demons see the inner man, that is hidden from our view
 - "Find"....to find after searching, to discover, to recognise
 - "Empty"....to be on holiday, unoccupied,
- Demons can discern the spiritual and emotional condition of a person

6. Demons work together

- Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits **more evil than itself**, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first
- There are different ranks or levels of evil and power among demons
 - Demons communicate with one another
 - The first demon in is able to invite others to enter and reinforce its hold

7. It is Important that people learn to walk in Freedom

- "...the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation."
 - The nation of Israel received Jesus ministry of Deliverance and were set free
 - They did not maintain their freedom by alignment with Jesus
 - Their last state was worse their first condition.
 - They became hardened and resistant to further change
- It is important for people to be instructed how to maintain their freedom
 - This is why we focus on Doors of Entry for Demons....identifying the ways that demons enter people
 - Doors of Entry or legal rights must be removed if the person is to remain free

VIII. Key Doorways for Demonic Defilement

- When demons enter the lives of people they first **deceive, then defile and then destroy.**
- **We may not be aware that the source of the problems that we are facing is demonic**
- The following is a list of the Major Doorways exploited by demons to enter people

1. Generational Iniquity and Curses

- *Exod.20:1-5* Generational impact of sin
- Some problems that we wrestle with did not begin with us but began in previous generations
 - They sinned and opened the door for spirits to enter them and also to successive generations
- Sin always has a generational impact
 - Generational curses can be recognised by the repeated problems that exist in family members from one generation to the other'
 - Where there is bad fruit there is always a bad root
 - You are privileged to be chosen by God to bring and end to the destruction in your family line, and build a Kingdom legacy of blessing and life
- Iniquity:
 - A crookedness, a distortion that tends to cause sin to be empowered and keep repeating
- Curse:
 - Cycles of failure that are empowered by demons and continue until the curse is broken
- Sources of Curses
 - *Dt.27:9-26*
 - Violations of God's laws

2. Impact of Curses

- **Curses always have a fruit or evidence of their presence..continued cycles of problems**
- Hidden Roots produce visible Fruits
- The Fruit of curses are cycles of failure that are empowered by demons until the curse is identified

and broken

- Health
- Finances
- Family breakdowns
- Mental breakdowns
- Suicides and premature deaths
- Oppression and defeat
- Paranormal experiences
- Barrenness or womb issues
- Inability to settle,

3. **Idolatry and False Religions(Cults)**

- *1Cor.10:14,20-22 Idolatry and demons*
- **Altars are a place sacrifice and of encounters with the spirit realm**
 - Idolatry involves exchange of an offering of something in exchange for protection, prosperity or power.
 - Something is given and something is received in exchange
 - The idol is an object through which demons gain access to people
 - In many cultures idolatry is openly practiced. In the West, idolatry is more concealed
- **False religions all replace the centrality of Christ and the Cross, and salvation is by our works**
- **Impact of Idolatry and False Religions**
 - Performance or works oriented
 - Soul Ties to Idol or religion
 - Demonic Defilement
 - Spirits of Pride, Jezebel, Guilt, Shame, Fear, Mental torment, Unbelief

4. **Spiritism of Occult Activity**

- *Deut.18:9-12 Forbidden occult practices*
- **The word "Occult" means secret or hidden or concealed**
 - What is concealed is the reality of demonic spirits being the source of power behind the activity
- **Divination**, or fortune telling, is any activity that seeks hidden **knowledge** from the spirit realm
 - *Act.16:16-19 Woman with a spirit of divination*
 - A person who operates in divination is called a psychic, or a medium.
 - They have a familiar spirit that reveals information to them
- **Sorcery**, or witchcraft is any activity that seeks hidden **power** from the spirit realm.
 - Divination and sorcery were forbidden by God and those who practiced them appear all through the Bible
 - Even **objects** associated with occult activities are doors for demonic oppression
 - Spiritism is a rebellion against God being the source of knowledge and power
- Often the attraction to The Occult is rooted in rejection, bitterness, and rebellion
 - *Acts.8. Simon the Sorcerer*
- **Impact of Occult Activity**
 - Strong legal rights are formed for demonic oppression
 - Agreements, covenants, vows, dedications
 - Demonic defilement
 - Paranormal experiences
 - Resistance to Holy Spirit
 - Generational defilement of descendants

5. **Bitterness**

- *Heb.12:15 Defilement of bitterness*
- **Bitterness is a deep root of unforgiveness and anger in the heart that defiles all relationships**
 - People who have suffered and refuse to acknowledge and forgive develop bitterness in the heart
- **Sources of Bitterness**
 - Unresolved offences and resentment
 - Injustice
 - Abuse
 - Betrayal
 - Failure

- Rejection and Abandonment
- **The Impact of Bitterness**
 - Complaining
 - Blaming
 - Ingratitude
 - Victim mentality and Identity
 - False Comforts
- Often People also form **bitter judgments** against people.
 - This triggers a reaping of more of the same treatment in their life
 - People who have made bitter judgments also usually make **inner vows** or promises to protect themselves from further hurt or pain
 - This opens them to controlling powers and many tormenting spirits
- **Frequently bitterness develops towards a parent which has generational consequences**
 - Eph.6.2-3
 - This is the most common root of issues that people have

6. **Sexual Sin**

- *1Cor.6:16-18 Sexual Sin defiles*
- *Luke.4:33-36 Man with an Unclean Spirit*
- **Sexual sin unites two people in a spiritual bonding or soul tie**
 - Sexual sin are activities that violate God's covenant design for relationship. It deeply wounds our capacity for intimacy
 - Through the Bible God's enemies used sexual sin to draw people to idolatry, and direct engagement with demons
- **Worship of false gods and idols were always associated with sexual perversions**
- **Sources of Sexual Sin**
 - Fornication
 - Adultery
 - Pornography
 - Homosexual or lesbian sexual activities
 - Incest
 - Bestiality
 - Sexual violence
 - Sexual Abuse
- **The Impact of Sexual Sin**
 - Ungodly Attachments or Soul ties
 - Defilement by demons
 - Pictures add memories that reoccur and intrude
 - Wounds of rejection
 - Bitter reactions

7. **Habits of Sin**

- *Rom.6:16 Sin brings bondage and slavery*
- **A habit is an action that we continually practice**
 - When a pattern of sin becomes a habit, it becomes a stronghold where demons manipulate and control us
 - Eg. Unforgiveness, Hatred, Anger, Rebellion, Jealousy and Envy, Lying, Addictions

8. **Word Curses**

- *Gal.3:13-14 Jesus redeemed us from curses*
- **Curses and blessings are both spiritual realities. Jesus gave His life to redeem us from curses**
- **A Curse is a cycle of failure empowered by demonic spirits** that is initiated by words spoken
 - Once a curse has started it continues until it is broken, and deliverance takes place
- **Sources of Word Curses:**
 - God's Word, Authority figures,
 - People of influence or authority in our lives,
 - Witchcraft or occult curses, manipulative prayers or prophecies,
 - Self curses
- **Impact of Curses**
- **Curses always have a fruit or evidence of their presence..continued cycles of problems**

- Hidden Roots produce visible Fruits
- The Fruit of curses are cycles of failure that are empowered by demons until the curse is identified and broken
 - Health
 - Finances
 - Family breakdowns
 - Mental breakdowns
 - Suicides and premature deaths
 - Oppression and defeat
 - Paranormal experiences
 - Barrenness or womb issues
 - Inability to settle,

9. **Defiling Attachments**

- **People are made for attachment in healthy supportive life giving relationships**
 - People can also attach to relationships and things that defile their lives
 - Another term used to describe Defiling attachments is **Ungodly Soul Ties**
- **Sources of Ungodly Attachments**
 - **Sexual sin**
 - **Pornography**
 - **Controlling or Abusive relationships,**
 - **Trauma experiences**
 - **Addictions**
 - **Grief**
 - **Addictions**
 - **Co-Dependent Relationships**

10. **Transference**

- *Act.19:18-20 Believers burn occult objects and books*
- **Transference....conveying something from a person or object to another person**
- **Sources of demonic Transference:**
 - People can sometimes become demonised by demons transferring from another person to them
 - Movies/media,
 - Fantasy games
 - Occult objects,
 - Pornographic books and videos
 - Defiled houses or temples,
 - Dead bodies
 - Laying on of hands,
 - Angry people carrying injustice of grievances

11. **Unhealed Wounds and Trauma**

- *Is.53:3-4. Jesus carried all our griefs and sorrows*
- *Matt.18:34-35 Unforgiveness delivers us into the hands of tormenting spirits*
- **Unhealed wounds are an open door for demonic spirits to enter and torment**
 - When we are hurt we can turn to Jesus and exchange our pain for His healing and release forgiveness to our offenders. Our lives become conformed to the character of Jesus
 - Or we can hold in the pain and harbour pain, anger, offence, resentment, bitterness and desire to retaliate
 - Instead of turning to Jesus we can choose to control pain and relationships and life, and we become conformed to hidden controlling and tormenting spirits
- **Trauma are experiences that cause people to be overwhelmed by fear or pain or shock.**
- **Traumas open the door to demons and leave a deep impact upon Body and mind and emotions**
- People react to pain and trauma and develop defensive reactions to protect themselves
- *2Tim.1:6 Fear is a spirit that destroys our destiny*
- **Sources of Trauma and Wounds**
 - Prenatal trauma,
 - Birth Trauma
 - Early childhood experiences
 - Near death experiences,
 - Demonic encounters,
 - Surgery
 - Accidents,

- Abuse,
 - Abandonment,
 - Betrayal,
 - Rejection,
 - War,
 - Frightening experiences....natural disasters
- **Impact of Trauma**
 - Open door in the spirit realm to oppression and manipulation
 - Soul Ties to the trauma experience/person
 - Demonic defilement....spirits of trauma, shock, death, fear, infirmity
 - Body Cell memories of the trauma experience...sounds, smells, feelings, words, event
 - Nervous system stuck on high alert
 - Pictures in the Mind that wont go away and resurface
 - **Reactions to the Trauma**
 - Control
 - Bitter Judgments
 - Inner Vows
 - Death wishes
 - False comforts (Addictive)

I. **Key Doorways of Entry**

- The following is a list of the major Doorways exploited by demons to enter people
- 1. **Generational Iniquity and Curses**
 - *Exod.20:1-5 Generational impact of sin*
 - Some problems that we wrestle with did not begin with us but began in previous generations
 - They sinned and opened the door for spirits to enter them and also to successive generations
 - Sin always has a generational impact
 - Generational curses can be recognised by the repeated problems that exist in family members from one generation to the other'
 - Where there is bad fruit there is always a bad root
 - You are privileged to be chosen by God to bring and end to the destruction in your family line, and build a Kingdom legacy of blessing and life
- 2. **Idolatry and False Religions(Cults)**
 - *1Cor.10:14,20-22 Idolatry and demons*
 - Altars are a place sacrifice and of encounters with the spirit realm
 - Idolatry involves exchange of an offering of something in exchange for protection, prosperity or power. Something is given and something is received in exchange
 - The idol is an object through which demons gain access to people
 - In many cultures idolatry is openly practiced. In the West, idolatry is more concealed
- 3. **Spiritism of Occult Activity**
 - *Deut.18:9-12 Forbidden occult practices*
 - The word "Occult" means secret or hidden or concealed
 - What is concealed is the reality of demonic spirits being the source of power behind the

activity

- Divination, or fortune telling, is any activity that seeks hidden **knowledge** from the spirit realm
- A person who operates in divination is called a psychic, or a medium. They have a familiar spirit that reveals information to them
- *Act.16:16-19 Woman with a spirit of divination*
- Sorcery, or witchcraft is any activity that seeks hidden power from the spirit realm.
- Divination and sorcery were forbidden by God and those who practiced them appear all through the Bible
- Even objects associated with occult activities are doors for demonic oppression
- Spiritism is a rebellion against God being the source of knowledge and power

4. **Bitterness**

- *Heb.12:15 Defilement of bitterness*
 - Bitterness is a deep root of unforgiveness and anger in the heart that defiles all relationships
 - People who have suffered and refuse to acknowledge and forgive develop bitterness in the heart
 - Often they also form bitter judgments against people. This triggers a reaping of more of the same treatment in their life
 - People who have made bitter judgments also usually make inner vows or promises to protect themselves from further hurt or pain
 - This opens them to controlling powers and many tormenting spirits

5. **Sexual Sin**

- *1Cor.6:16-18 Sexual Sin defiles*
- *Luke.4:33-36 Man with an Unclean Spirit*
 - Sexual sin unites two people in a spiritual bonding or soul tie
 - Sexual sin are activities that violate God's covenant design for relationship. It deeply wounds our capacity for intimacy
 - Through the Bible God's enemies used sexual sin to draw people to idolatry, and direct engagement with demons
 - Worship of false gods and idols were always associated with sexual perversions
 - Eg: Fornication, adultery, pornography, homosexual activities, incest, bestiality, sexual violence

6. **Habits of Sin**

- *Rom.6:16 Sin brings bondage and slavery*
 - A habit is an action that we continually practice
 - When a pattern of sin becomes a habit, it becomes a stronghold where demons manipulate and control us
 - Eg. Unforgiveness, Hatred, Anger, Rebellion, Jealousy and Envy, Lying, Addictions

7. **Word Curses**

- *Gal.3:13-14 Jesus redeemed us from curses*
- Curses and blessings are both spiritual realities. Jesus gave His life to redeem us from curses
- A Curse is a cycle of failure empowered by demonic spirits that is initiated by words spoken
- Once a curse has started it continues until it is broken, and deliverance takes place
- There are many sources of curses:
 - God's Word, Authority figures, People of influence in our lives, witchcraft or occult curses, manipulative prayers or prophecies, self curses
- Curses always have a fruit or evidence of their presence..continued cycles of problems
 - Health, finances, family breakdowns, mental breakdowns, suicides, premature deaths, oppression and defeat, paranormal experiences, barrenness or womb issues, inability to settle,

8. **Transference**

- *Act.19:18-20 Believers burn occult objects and books*
 - Transference....conveying something from a person or object to another person
 - People can sometimes become demonised by demons transferring from another person to them
 - Eg Movies/media, Fantasy games, Occult objects, pornographic books and videos, defiled houses or temples, dead bodies laying on of hands,

9. **Unhealed Wounds and Trauma**

- *Is.53:3-4. Jesus carried all our griefs and sorrows*
- *Matt.18:34-35 Unforgiveness delivers us into the hands of tormenting spirits*
 - Unhealed wounds are an open door for demonic spirits to enter and torment

- When we are hurt we can turn to Jesus and exchange our pain for His healing and release forgiveness to our offenders. Our lives become conformed to the character of Jesus
- Or we can hold in the pain and harbour pain, anger, offence, resentment, bitterness and desire to retaliate
- Instead of turning to Jesus we can choose to control pain and relationships and life, and we become conformed to hidden controlling and tormenting spirits
- Trauma are experiences that cause people to be overwhelmed by fear or pain or shock.
- *2Tim.1:6 Fear is a spirit that destroys our destiny*
 - Eg. Prenatal trauma, birth, Early childhood experiences, near death experiences, demonic encounters, surgery, accidents, abuse, abandonment, betrayal, rejection, war, frightening experiences

VIII. The Foundations for Spiritual Freedom

1. Freedom is a Process and a Power Encounter

- **Freedom is a Process**
 - A process is a sequence of steps, continuing forward movement that leads to an outcome ...freedom
 - We must be intentional and committed to doing our part in the Freedom Journey
 - *Exo 23:29 I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.*
Exo 23:30 Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land.

2. Freedom is a Power Encounter

- A power encounter is an experience with the power of God that brings freedom from tormenting spirits
- When we submit to God's word and Spirit we can experience an encounter with the power of God
- *Act 8:6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.*
Act 8:7 For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

3. Jesus has provided deliverance for us through the Cross

- *Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,*
Col 2:14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
Col 2:15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.
- Jesus went to the cross as the representative of every person
- His sacrifice addressed and broke the power and authority of Satan and every evil spirit
- He made provision for forgiveness, cleansing and freedom from every affliction we could experiencesin, transgressions, iniquities, curses, shame, rejection, abandonments, our broken heart, grief and sorrows, sicknesses, trauma, injustices,

4. Personal Response, or Faith action is needed to Position ourselves for Freedom

- *Jas 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*
- We must make a personal response to what Jesus has done on the cross for us
- We must submit to God's way of dealing with sin and griefs and traumas
 - **Recognise.....We see and acknowledge the problem**
 - **Responsibility.....We cease blaming and excusing and take responsibility**
 - **RepentanceWe turn away from sin and confess it to the Lord**
 - **Release Forgiveness.....We release forgiveness to those who have hurt us**
 - **Renounce.....We speak aloud and break all agreements with demons/lies**
 - **ResistWe assert authority over spirits and command them to leave**

VIII. **How is Deliverance Ministry Done?**

1. **Self Deliverance**

- You have authority to deliver yourself, to command demons to leave your own life
 - Identify the area of problem or resistance
 - Repent and confess any sin or agreement with Demons and their lives
 - Pray strongly in the spirit for a while
 - Speak from your spirit to the spirits affecting your body or soul and command them to go
 - Cough or breath out strongly as a faith action

2. **Corporate Ministry...The Altar Call**

- You may be asked to minister to people on an altar call.
- This is not a time for intense counselling or talking. It is a time for power to flow
 - Follow the instructions of the senior minister
 - Establish what the issue is
 - Depend on Holy Spirit to lead you
 - Break bondages and command spirits to depart
 - Release the power of God

3. **Personal Ministry**

- This is the most common way you will minister..out of personal relationship and opportunity
- There are several steps to take
- **Depend Upon The Holy Spirit**
 - It is God who heals the broken heart
 - Only Holy Spirit can uncover hidden roots
 - Listen for spontaneous thoughts, pictures and impressions
- **Diagnosis**
 - Ask questions
 - Listen carefully to the person and the Holy Spirit
 - Identify hidden roots or doors of entry
- **Prepare the Person**
 - Tell the person what you have discerned
 - Share with them the foundations for freedom...their part
 - They may need personal preparation....to journal unresolved issues and forgive
- **Keep Ministry Safe**
 - Men minister to men
 - Women minister to women
 - Couples minister to men or women or both
 - Avoid be alone when ministering
 - Treat confidences with respect
- **Open with prayer**
 - Invite Holy Spirit to come and release gifts or revelation, discernment and power
 - Confess and declare the power of the Blood of Jesus
 - Forbid all demonic backlash against the ministry
- **Share how ministry will take place**
 - Explain the steps of ministry
 - Explain what you will do and what you expect them to do
- **Lead them through a simple prayer**
 - Confess faith in Christ and His work
 - Lead them to repent of sin,
 - Lead them to release forgiveness and break all agreements with spirits
- **Lay hands and minister deliverance**
 - Lay hands on the head or belly or as the Lord leads
 - Ask permission of the person before doing this
 - Break known bondages by strong commands
 - **Command** demons to come out
 - Speak to the spirit as a real spirit being present and listening
 - Insist they leave
 - **Use short commands...**Come out, Out
 - Don't shout, or become frustrated or angry
- **What about manifestations?**

- These may happen or may not
- It is not necessary to have manifestations
- There are many common manifestations.
- Observe them. They reveal the spirits that are operating
- Yawning, growling, hissing, spitting, cursing, shaking , arguing, falling down, shaking hands rapidly, clenching fists, claw like hands, eyes rolling up, eyes shut hard, intimidation
- **How to know if the ministry is complete?**
 - You feel or sense a release
 - The Holy Spirit may prompt you
 - Ask the person hope they are doing
- **Follow up the person**
 - Pray for them to be cleansed and filled with the Holy Spirit
 - Call or text them the next day to see how they are doing and if further help is needed