

Soul Ties – Part 2

What is your soul?

Your soul is your mind, will and emotions. What you think, what you want and what you feel.

Human beings are 3 part creatures. We are a spirit, we live in a body, and we have a soul which is our mind, will and emotions.

Tie- to attach/fasten someone/thing with a string/rod

Genesis 2:7 “and the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul”

Ecclesiastes 12:7 “then shall the dust return to the earth as it was and the spirit shall return to God who gave it”

Matthew 22:37 “Jesus replied “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind”

What is a soul tie?

A soul tie is an emotional connection or bond with another person that unites you.

You can literally become chained or bound to a person thru your soul.

Ex.. Have you found yourself tormented by thoughts about a person, excessively wondering about them? Checking on them, social media stalking them, rehearsing times with them? YOU HAVE SOUL TIES

Have you grieved over a severed relationship with someone you were once close with? YOU HAVE SOUL TIES

Do you miss them, long for them, desire to be with them? YOU HAVE SOUL TIES

Not all soul ties are bad. We have good soul ties with our spouse, our kids, parents, siblings, close friends, co-workers, teammates, roommates, business partners, small groups...**AS LONG AS THE OTHER PERSON IS HEALTHY & HOLY & ACTIVELY PURSUING GOD!**

When soul ties are good & healthy the power of God is magnified

Good biblical soul tie

David & Jonathan

1 Sam. 18:1 “When David had finished speaking to Saul, **the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David**, and Jonathan loved him as his own life”

Knit – joined together – to tie physically

Marriage - cleave together

Matt 19:4 ⁴ And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ ⁵ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be **joined (cleaved)** to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? ⁶ So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has **joined together**, let not man separate.”

Joined - cleaved- united in love

Body is one – united in love

1 Corinthians 12:12 - Paul says- the body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts and though all its parts are many they form one body. So, it is with Christ.

- **every person has a part in the body & we are united thru Jesus -unity in spirit and in one body**

Colossians 2:2 Paul says, I want you to know how much I am struggling for you and for those at Laodicea (lay-o-da-ca) and for all who have not met me personally, my purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and **united in love**. “ (NIV)

“that their hearts may be encouraged, **being knit together in love**” (NKJV)

“united in love” same Greek word for knit together – in Christ

V19 –.....the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and **knit together** by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase *that is* from God.

“knit together” being held together by Christ

Ephesians 4:1-6 Paul says, I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all

lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, **endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.** *There is one body and one Spirit,* just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all

Bond of peace – knit together – in Christ

Ruth 1:14 “Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but **Ruth clung to her.**

Again, soul ties are formed thru close friendships, thru vows, commitments, promises and thru sexual intimacy. God will strategically bring good relationships into our lives to form healthy soul ties.

Likewise, **Satan is always trying to counterfeit the things of God.** Satan will bring counterfeits into your life to cause confusion and try to knock you off track with ungodly soul ties.

Counterfeit (Wikipedia) To counterfeit means to imitate something authentic, with the intent to steal, destroy, or replace the original, for use in illegal transactions, or otherwise to deceive individuals into believing that the fake is of equal or greater value than the real product. Counterfeit products are fakes or unauthorized replicas of the real product. Counterfeit products are often produced with the intent to take advantage of the superior value of the imitated product.

That is exactly how satan operates is thru deception, perversion, twisting of the true authentic thing

When unhealthy soul ties are formed satan is magnified

Biblical Ungodly soul ties –

1 Corinthians 6:15-17 “ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make *them* members of a harlot? Certainly not! ¹⁶ 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.” ¹⁷ But he who is **joined** to the Lord is one spirit *with Him.*”

Joined – **uniting – knitted together** - sexual

But not always sexual – but to communicate a joining together; a uniting

Same word - Uniting with Jesus – not in a sexual way – Paul is simply saying not to be yoked together with unbelievers.

2 Corinthians 6:14-16 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with (BEE LYLE) Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God.

So here Paul is urging us to pay attention & be mindful of who we are yoked with.

Synonyms for yoke – harness, hitch, couple, tether, fasten, attach, join, team

And then same word cleave, I mentioned in Matt 19 about a man and woman cleaving together is the same word used in the book of Acts to describe something that's clearly outside the marriage bond.

They've arrested the disciples for preaching in the name of Jesus and they're trying to decide what to do with them. And then Gamaliel, stands up, orders the disciples outside for a moment.

Acts 5:35-39 “And he said to them: “Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men. For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, **joined him**. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing. ³⁷ After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census and drew away many people after him. **He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed.**

Same word “Joined” here is also “cleave”

We don't know what these 400 men did? One could guess or form an opinion...some sort of pagan blood ritual or whatever **but it's the idea that humans can form unholy bonds, unholy ties with ppl outside of the marriage covenant with unholy ppl.**

Judges 16 -Samson & Delilah

The story of **Samson and Delilah** is a tale of faith, betrayal, and redemption from the Book of Judges. Samson, a Nazirite consecrated to God with extraordinary strength, falls in love with Delilah, who betrays him. This leads to his downfall, blindness, imprisonment, and powerlessness. Samson's life ends tragically when he knocks down the pillars supporting the building he was taken to, killing himself and the thousands of Philistines inside¹

How do soul ties form?

Anytime you spend a lot of time with a person you're creating soul ties.

- Close relationships
- sexual relationships
- vows, marriages, commitments, promises made, inner vows, business deals
- controlling parents, bosses...anyone who tries to control you

Several ways unhealthy soul ties are formed

- abusive relationships (physically, sexually, emotionally, verbally)
- adulterous affairs
- sex before marriage
- obsessive entanglements with a person (giving them more authority in your life than you give God)
- controlling relationships
- business deals w/ungodly ppl
- being unequally yoked w/companions & friends

4 indicators of wrong soul ties

1. Confusion
2. Misery
3. Torment
4. Disobedience to God

When you are tied to the wrong ppl, you take on their spiritual warfare, their torment, their brokenness as well as what the enemy is doing to you thru them.

Fruit of Wrong Soul Ties in Your Life

1. Produces irrational thinking, not capable of reasoning, lost mental clarity, obsessive thinking
2. Causes a person to evaluate themselves and others according to previous context (circumstances)
3. Causes a person to shut down emotionally
4. Unhealthy, unnatural desire or attraction to ppl, places or things – even to the persons detriment.
5. Lack of judgement & discernment
6. inability to establish & maintain adult relationships
7. feelings of low self-esteem, never good enough, guilt, shame, unworthy

Causes of being tied up in your soul

1. words spoken
2. works of the flesh
3. unforgiveness
4. curses
5. bloodline – generational curses
6. vows, inner vows
7. business deals
8. marriage(s)

What makes us vulnerable to ungodly soul ties?

1. Abandonment issues
2. Rejection
3. Lack of self esteem
4. Lack of self worth
5. Fear

Fear contributes to soul ties bc we are afraid of being alone, we have a dependency for someone to be there, to share life with. We were created for love and interaction, companionship.

Afraid to lose an abusive relationship

Afraid for your life

Afraid to walk in your identity

Afraid to upset someone

Afraid of messing up someone's mood

This fear is very controlling and demonic

FEAR TOLERATED IS FAITH CONTAMINATED

Solution to the fear – bind the strongman – bind fear from operating in your life, control your thoughts, remember 2 Cor 10:5 – taking every thought captive.

Prayer – **ask for the** courage to walk away, to walk in your dominion & authority, belief in yourself, to see yourself correctly, to get a revelation of how God sees you.

THERE IS HOPE!!!

Psalm 71:20 (MSG) You, who made me stare trouble in the face, turn me around; Now let me look life in the face. I've been to the bottom; Bring me up, streaming with honors; turn to me, be tender to me

Lamentations 3:18-26 So I say, "My splendor is gone and all that I had hoped from the LORD."

I remember my affliction and my wandering,
the bitterness and the gall.

I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind

and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him

How to break ungodly soul ties

THE BLOOD OF JESUS... in **Galatians 6:14** “May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, **through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.** Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the **new creation.** Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.”

The word that Paul uses there for world is cosmos which means the circle of the earth, the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human family, the ungodly, the whole mass of men alienated from God, world affairs, the sum of all things earthly.

What Paul is saying here is that the cross of Jesus changes our relationship to the world and to ppl. Thru the work of the cross (the blood of Jesus) I've been crucified to them and they to me.

Crucified means to put someone or something to death by nailing it or binding to the cross

And this is where the holiness in a relationship, the restoration, the healing of this deep brokenness can come from...THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST!!!

The blood of Jesus BREAKS UNGODLY SOUL TIES

Applying the blood between you and another person, breaking every unholy tie, especially sexual bonds outside the covenant of marriage, and all other ungodly bonds. Fantasy, romantic, controlling ppl, obsessive ppl, angry ppl,

The blood of Jesus and YOUR WORDS break every unholy bond. However, it does not break holy bonds.

You aren't rejecting the person necessarily. You are just breaking ungodly soul ties. Some ppl you will continue to have relationship with but there are those that you are severing all ties with.

Remember that Paul tells us to preserve the bond of peace thru Jesus. Scripture urges us to preserve healthy & holy bonds.

Prayer to break soul ties

I break soul ties with _____ in Jesus Name. As Galatians 6:14 says I have been crucified to _____. And they have been crucified to me. I give them back to themselves and I take myself back. Father, I release them to be who they are called & created to be and I take myself back to be whom Im called and created to be. I forbid their warfare or their sin to transfer to me. I declare that I am free from _____. I am forgiven, cleansed by the blood & I am delivered in Jesus Name. I bind myself to You, Jesus and to Your word and will for my life and I am whole & complete in Jesus Name! Amen!!