

David's Story – The bondage of Sexual Immorality

He couldn't tell if it was the way her breast brushed against his arm or the inviting whisper of untold delight that landed him here....again! Disappointment courses through his veins as he hastily gathers his clothes. "Sophie is going to leave me! She better not find out about this." It flashed through his mind. "Oh God, what have I done?" he thought as tears of repentance stung behind his eyelids. Yet, when he turns his head to stare at the naked figure of the sleeping woman on the bed, lust settles around him like a thick cloud spurring him to bury his face in the fullness of her breasts again. He openly cries as his hands cup her buttocks and he pulls the still sleeping woman towards him – wishing for a moment's reprieve, as the spirits of Fear and Lust battle for his soul.

David is a family man, father of three and in love with his wife. Yet a deep seated spirit of rejection causes him to seek love and approval in all the wrong places. Like many Christians David did not know how to distinguish between love and lust....he didn't even realize there was a difference between the two. He knew rejection even prior to his birth when his teenage mother fell pregnant with him. He never felt wanted or loved. At the age of 6 David's father, an alcoholic, in a bout of drunken rage rammed his revolver down David's throat with such force that he had to be taken to hospital for treatment of the wounds on the inside of his throat. It was, however, the unseen wounds of his spirit that would years later lead to several suicide attempts.

David was still a little boy when he learned the value of coating the truth with a little sugar. A lie here and there made life easier for him and resulted in more acceptance of him and lighter punishments. As a married man, the spirit of lies brought all kinds of problems to his marriage. Having grown used to not facing the consequences of his actions by lying his way out of them, David approached his infidelity in the same manner. Upon being questioned by his wife concerning his whereabouts, the lies flowed easily over his tongue, feeding the growing distrust and division in his family relationships.

Guilt, self-condemnation and hopelessness became David's constant companions and he longed for release from his situation. The constant bombardment of suicide turned to action as he tried to commit suicide to escape from his unbearable life. David turned to an overdose of pills and topped it off by jumping into the pool, swallowing water until he drowned. God and David's plans were not the same. God would not allow David's life to end. A neighbor saw David drown in the pool and rushed to save him. They not only took David out of the pool but also rushed him to hospital to have his stomach pumped.

Once again David was faced with his life. His near death experience uneasily stirred thoughts that a higher power was in control of his life. Yet, being faced with the same circumstances and the same temptations once again, he soon had

the same feelings of hopelessness overwhelm him. Satan was trying to end his life and once again David succumbed to the thoughts of suicide. This time he bought six boxes of sleeping pills and chased them down with a bottle of Scotch. Once again God intervened and did not allow Satan to take his life. David woke up the next morning, just like normal, with no adverse affects to his failed suicide attempt. He should have been dead. He definitely should have been dead. David was again faced with a God who would not allow him to die!

Could it really be true? Did God really love him? Was God really in control of his life? Unanswered questions lingered in his mind and this time David knew that the unexplained had touched his life. As before, David was overcome by his situation and this time he decided on a more active approach. David decided to end it all by using exhaust fumes in his car. Once again God intervened and supernaturally preserved his life. Two hours later and still alive, David knew that God was indeed in control and had a plan for his life.

The failed suicide attempts did not stop Satan from trying to end David's life. Being a law enforcement officer, David was often confronted with dangerous situations. On three separate occasions, people had shot at him; yet God only allowed burn marks of the bullets to scar his body. Over and over God showed him that He was indeed in control of his life. David no longer doubted that God had a plan for his life. Yet, even armed with this knowledge, David seemed helpless to overcome the battle against a spirit of immorality.

It was so much easier to give in to a moment of lust, than to choose to love his wife. You see, there is no accountability or responsibility with lust but it becomes a burden when you choose to love. As David looked for love and acceptance in brief affairs, the responsibility and accountability of married life became too much for him. Every time his wife confronted him with his immoral life style, it became easier and easier to just opt out and leave his family. But deep down David knew that the love he experienced was real and true and it kept on drawing him back home. David's constant indecisiveness played havoc with the relationships in his family. His wife was unable to trust him or to show him love; his eldest daughter had lost her respect for her father and found it difficult to trust any man and the children were rebelling against his authority.

It was at this unbearable point in their marriage that I met David and Sophie. Sophie was the one who first reached out for assistance. David had threatened to leave the family for the seventh time and she was at her wits end. Through all of this she loved her husband, but whenever he hurt her through infidelity she retaliated, criticizing and belittling him, which drove him only further away. They were in a catch-twenty-two situation and were unable to help each other out of it. It seemed unavoidable that the marriage would end. Sophie was calling for help to overcome the hurt that her husband caused her. Satan and his demons were ready to celebrate their victory in destroying the unity and love within their marriage.

Once again God intervened in their situation. Not only were they both delivered and set free by God, but Sophie was also healed of asthma, which attacked her through a deep-seated fear of being rejected and abandoned. They were filled with a new hope and determination to stand together in unity in order to save their marriage and protect their family. David turned to spiritual warfare to protect his own family, fulfilling the calling on his life to protect his family and take up the God given role to pray for his family.

We have over the years, ministered to countless couples who have experienced attack on their marriage. Satan knows that if he can break the unity between a husband and wife, so that they fight each other, he has already won a great victory. The old saying of "divide and conquer" is very apt in this case. In ministering to couples with marital problems, it is important to have them realize that they have a mutual enemy and that his first tactic is to get them to fight each other instead of him.

God instituted marriage for several reasons. One of the reasons for marriage is described in the following scripture: (Mat 19:3-6) The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,' and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Another reason why God instituted marriage is because He seeks godly offspring, as stated in the following scripture: (Mal 2:15-16) But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. "For the LORD God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the LORD of hosts. Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously."

Satan hates Godly marriages for several reasons. One of them is that a Godly marriage enjoys a special blessing from the Lord. The Lord says in His Word that a three fold cord is not easily broken. (Ecc 4:10-12) For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

The marriage and the family members experience God's peace, joy and protection. The unity in the marriage provides the children with a very safe and love-filled environment to grow and develop. The Godly order in the marriage also provides the children with good role models.

As priest of the household, the husband is to hear from God, intercede for his family and provide guidance. God honors the family that operates according to the roles and responsibilities He has set in place. As for our children: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Prov 22:6).

There are many scriptures to help us, as parents, husbands and wives, to live in the ways God has shown us. Living like this will bring unity and blessings from God. It will also enforce a relationship between husband and wife that includes, Jesus and the three-fold chord will not be easily broken.