

# The Prayer of Freedom - Master Class

## Session 1: Sin and Discipline

### Panorama Overview of this course

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### Overview

Sin is a significant cause of sickness, infirmity, and all kinds of life issues

**Not all illnesses are tied to sin...** ...but many of the issues we deal with *are*.

- It's all part of God's plan to give you abundant life
- **John 10:10** (ESV) - "The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy, but I came that [you] may have life, and have it abundantly."

#### **Discipline vs Punishment**

- We are not being punished, we are being disciplined.
- Discipline is for correction; punishment is for penalty.

### God's spiritual laws of discipline

- **Heb 12:4-6** (NIV) - <sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, <sup>6</sup>because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son."
- If you are his child, God *will* discipline you when you sin... even if you live a "righteous" life

### The spiritual realm

**The Spirit Realm is where God's discipline occurs**

- **Eph 6:12** (ESV) - For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
- **TLB version:** - For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies...

## PERSONS WITHOUT BODIES...

### ▶ Good spirits

- **Holy Spirit** - **Gen 1:1-2 (ESV)** - <sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
- **Angels** -- angels are spirit beings, and they are also "persons"
- **Spirit of skill** - **Exo 28:3 (ESV)** - You shall speak to all the skillful, whom I have filled with a spirit of skill, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him for my priesthood.
- **Spirit of wisdom** - **Deu 34:9 (ESV)** - And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.
- **Spirit of truth** - **Joh 16:13 (ESV)** - When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
- **Spirit of gentleness** - **1 Cor 4:21 (ESV)** - What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

### ▶ Bad spirits

- **Spirit of jealousy** - **Num 5:14 (ESV)** - and if the spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife who has defiled herself, or if the spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife, though she has not defiled herself
- **Spirit of terror** - **1 Sam 16:14 (ESV)** - Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the LORD tormented him.
- **Spirit of lying** - **1 Kings 22:21-22 (ESV)** - <sup>21</sup> Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, saying, 'I will entice him.' <sup>22</sup> And the LORD said to him, 'By what means?' And he said, 'I will go out, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And he said, 'You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go out and do so.'
- **Spirit of confusion** - **Isai 19:14 (ESV)** - The LORD has mingled within her a spirit of confusion, and they will make Egypt stagger in all its deeds, as a drunken man staggers in his vomit.
- **Spirit of whoredom** - **Hos 4:12 (ESV)** - My people inquire of a piece of wood, and their walking staff gives them oracles. For a spirit of whoredom has led them astray, and they have left their God to play the whore.
- **Spirit of divination** - **Act 16:16 (ESV)** - As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling.
- **Spirit of fear** - **2 Tim 1:7 (NASB)** - For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

► **Additional bad spirits (not referenced in Bible)**

- Spirit of addiction
- Spirit of depression
- Spirit of heaviness
- Spirit of anger
- Spirit of violence
- Spirit of pain
- Spirit of suicide

► **Infirmity spirits**

- **Spirit of muteness and seizures** - Mar 9:17-18 (ESV) - <sup>17</sup> And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup> And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able."
- **Spirit of Fever** - Luk 4:38-39 (ESV) - <sup>38</sup> Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. <sup>39</sup> So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.
- **Spirit of "Bent Spine Syndrome"** (camptocormia) - Luk 13:10-11 (ESV) - <sup>10</sup> On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.
- Many spirits are **amplifiers** - they amplify a specific characteristic

## Sin, discipline and repentance

- **The 5 Step Process of Man**

**(1) Man made in God's image**

- **Gen 1:27 (ESV)** - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

**(2) Man sinned**

- **Gen 3:6-7a (NIV)** - <sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree [of the knowledge of good and evil] was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened...

**(3) Man lost God's image**

- **Gen 5:3 (ESV)** - When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

#### (4) Jesus made in God's image

- **Rom 8:3 (ESV)** - For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh
- **Heb 1:3a (ESV)** - He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power...
- **We are to be conformed to Jesus's image ... God's image**
- **Rom 8:29 (ESV)** - For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers
- **Question:** How do we conform to the image of his Son?
- **Answer:** Repent of our sin

#### (5) Man repents to restore God's image

- When we repent of our sin, it removes the sin  
--> this was Jesus's primary message
- **Repentance is the primary message throughout the Bible**
  - **God in OT** --> **Joel 2:12-13 (ESV)** - <sup>12</sup> "Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart ["repent"], with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup> and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.
  - **John the Baptist** --> **Mat 3:1-2 (ESV)** - In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
  - **Jesus** --> **Mat 4:17 (ESV)** - From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- **Sin does two things**
  1. breaks relationship with God  
→ to restore: repent of sins as a whole
  2. breaks image of God  
→ to restore: repent of sins individually
- **God and Michelangelo - a picture of what this looks like**
  - God conform us back to his image in the same way  
Michelangelo created beautiful sculptures --> one chip at a time
  - **Luk 6:40 (ESV)** - A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.