**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

Topic: **How to Release People from Suffering – Delivering the Bound**Speakers: **Pastors Philip and Janet Brice**17th August, 2017

**Memory Verse**  **Colossians 2:15 (NLT)**

“In this way, God disarmed the evil rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross of Christ.”

* Jesus intended that all His disciples should have authority to cast out demons. (Matthew 10:1; Luke 10:17-19; Mark 16:15)
* Christ said that the works that He did while on earth, believers should also do (John 14:12) and certainly a strong feature of His own ministry was the casting out of demons.
* No one should be considered fully trained for ministry, either evangelistic or pastoral, until he or she has learned how to identify demon power and deliver those who are bound.

**Your Attitude?**

In any ministry that brings us face to face with the power of Satan we must be very sure of our ground spiritually…

* Not for the inexperienced, nor for the fearful (Acts 19:13-16)
* Approach with reverence, but not with fear; with confidence, but not pride (1 Peter 5:8-9)
* Have complete faith in the Name of Jesus; value the effectiveness of the Blood of Christ and be familiar with the Word of God. (Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 2:15)

**Note:** Be careful as you try to discern the nature of any demonic influence. Great confusion and offence may be caused by unwise charges that a particular person is **definitely** bound by evil spirits. We need both the wisdom and love of God in ministering to those who are troubled, as well as their cooperation, if we are to engage God’s power to bring deliverance.

1. **How To Identify Demonic Power**

1.1 Discerning of Spirits

1 Corinthians 12:10

1.2 Personal Awareness

Sometimes people become aware that their troubles may be caused or compounded by demons (Mark 7:25-30; Acts 5:16; 19:12)

1.3 Classical Manifestations

* *Strong reactions to the presence or name of Jesus Christ.*

Examine Mark 5:1-20; 9:14-29; 1:21-28; Acts 16:16-21.

*List the signs of demonic manifestations…*

##### *Demonic Manifestation*

Sometimes you may be quite unaware of the presence of demons until they "manifest themselves" and this may happen when the presence and power of God are experienced in a marked way. (Mark 1:21-28; Acts 8:4-8).

**2.0 How To Prepare for Deliverance**

2.1 Faith

Not only must the person ministering be strong in faith and conscious of the promise of the power of the Holy Spirit, but, it is really important that the one to be delivered has their faith built up through the Word of God. It is far better to take time this way than to engage in strenuous prayer for the victim. An active faith in God's Word can release people from the bondage of demonic power without any manifestation and without any specific ministry of deliverance.

2.2 The Word of God

The Word of God will do its work as the person meditates on them and builds their faith in the promises of God (2 Peter 1:3-4; Isaiah 55:10-11).

Here are some Scriptures you can give…

* **Believer's authority** - Luke 10:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:38; Revelation 12:10-11; etc.
* **Assurance of sins forgiven** - Isaiah 1:18; 1 John 1:9; etc.
* **Submission to God and His will -** James 4:7; Romans 12:1-2; etc.

You can give other Scriptures that counter the particular nature of the spirit binding the person. For example, for a person bound by:

* **a spirit of fear** - 2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:18; Psalm 23:4; 27:1; Isaiah 43:1; Mark 5:32.
* **an unclean spirit** - John 15:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:7; Romans 6:19; Ephesians 5:3;1 Corinthians 6:19-20: Matthew 10:1.
* **a spirit of affliction/oppression** - Acts 10:38; 1 John 3:8; Luke 13:11-13.
* **a spirit of depression** - Isaiah 61:3; Proverbs 17:22; Luke 4:18; Nehemiah 8:10b;Proverbs 18:24; Psalm 30:11-12; 42:5.
* **a spirit of violence (anger)** - Ephesians 4:26, 31; Matthew 5:21-26; James 1:19-22; Genesis 4:6-7; Proverbs 14:29-30; etc.

The Holy Spirit will make certain Scriptures a particular reality to a person. These are the ones to use in order to build up faith for deliverance.

**3.0 How To Uncover The Enemy**

3.1 Preparation

Often deliverance occurs instantly or at least very quickly. Other times, however, preparation is necessary before deliverance takes place. Some people have become bound before conversion, sometimes in childhood and therefore it may be necessary to uncover the opening by which the spirit took advantage of the person and entered. Some persistent sin, a traumatic fright, a serious illness, etc. Not suggesting that any of these mean automatic entrance for a spirit, only that these are some of the occasions and circumstances by which demons may take advantage and gain an entry.

3.2 Forgiveness

If it becomes necessary to discover how the person became bound - you must lead the person's faith to the cleansing blood of Christ and so avoid all sense of guilt or fear. (1 John 1:9; Psalm 103:12; Romans 5:1; 8:1) Demons work on old memories and lingering guilt.

3.3 Discretion

Always be discreet and strictly keep confidence or, better still, develop the art of entirely forgetting the details you have heard. Do not allow the person to go into unnecessary details about past sins. Only talk about the past if it impinges on their present bondage area.

3.4 Be alert

Sometimes a demon has not been stirred until his victim has recounted the situation which gave this spirit its opening.

* *Always be prepared in case this happens.*
* *If an evil spirit knows it is cornered it will suddenly manifest itself and can easily be cast out in the name of Jesus.*

There are times when a person will need to be led to true repentance for some unconfessed sin before deliverance can be experienced (James 4:6-7). This must be handled wisely and gently (2 Corinthians 7:10; 2 Timothy 2:25-26).

**4.0 Practical Tips**

4.1 How to approach people who are influenced by demons

It can come as a severe shock to people to realise they are being influenced by an evil spirit. How can this be overcome?

* *Show them how common place such bondage was in the New Testament days. Have a list at the back of your Bible.*

**Note:** Being bound is no more to be criticised or despised than suffering a physical sickness. Read Luke 8:1-3 and observe the special role these women who were delivered of evil spirits had in the ministry team of Jesus.

* *Be quick to counter any shock or fear by showing the person the authority that Christ has given and the assurance of victory according to the promises of God. Again, have a list of appropriate Scriptures in the back of your Bible.*
* *Emphasise to the person that they are not possessed (owned by the demons), but merely bound in a particular area of their life.* ***They are indwelt by the Holy Spirit and owned by Christ their Saviour and Lord.***

4.2 Claiming the Victory

* *Be authoritative.*
	+ How did Jesus deal with demons? Check out Mark 5:8; 9:25-26; Acts 16:18.
* *If you are unsure there is a demon there pray a prayer proclaiming the person’s position in Christ, placing them under the completed work of Christ on the cross. Never close your eyes and be very alert, watching for signs of manifesting.*

4.3 Speak to the demon

* *When you know you are dealing with a demon, speak directly to it in the name of Jesus Christ. Command the demon’s attention by looking straight at the person. Then…*

*Bind its power* (Matthew 12:29; Matthew 16:19)

I.e., refuse its right to be there. (The word 'rebuke' (Mark 1:25) means to scold or and the words 'be quiet' mean to be muzzled or choked off.)

###### With faith and authority charge it to come out of the person. Be strong and firm and never waver in your sense of authority. (In saying this, there is no need to shout - noise does not determine the level of your authority.)

**Note:** Sometimes it is important means to 'dial down' a frenzied atmosphere and gain more information before proceeding. In the case of the demonised boy in Mark 9, we see that Jesus ministered to the boy in a relatively private setting away from the frenzied crowd.

4.4 The setting

Wisdom needs to be exercised as to the time and place of this ministry.

* *Avoided manifestations in public meetings, or in the presence of those who do not understand. When demons are aroused in a public service, it is better to bind the demon in Jesus name, commanding quietness and arrange to minister to the person under more suitable circumstance.*

4.5 Deliverance is a process

Deliverance may be instantaneous, or, you may find resistance.

**Note:** Whenever a person is delivered from a demon, the New Testament examples and present day experience reveal to us that there must be some definite experience or reaction. I.e., falling down, crying out, moaning, deep exhaling, foul odours, etc, all of which are followed by an unusual peace (Mark 9:26) or infectious joy (Acts 8:7-8) or an infilling of the Holy Spirit. Where there is no definite experience or reaction it is questionable whether deliverance has been effected or whether the person's problem was compounded by demons in the first place.

4.6 Identifying access

It the demon remains resistant to leaving, you may have to identify what is giving it the right to be there. This is called finding the key or the access point (Luke 11:22).

* *Destroy its armour by piercing it with the sword of the Spirit; a word from God (rhema). The word you need is the identification of the access point. This word can come by operating spiritual gifts (word of knowledge) or through an interview.*

4.7 Removal of access

Removing access usually involves sincere repentance by the demonised person. Once access is cut off, the demon can easily be driven out. The ministry of forgiveness is usually a crucial part of any deliverance.

* *Confirm forgiveness authoritatively (John 20:23) to the person who confesses their sin and is willing to repent (James 5:16). In doing so you are practically applying the cross of Christ through which demons have been defeated.*

4.8 Consecration

* *Ask the person to willingly surrender their body to the Lord (Romans 12:1-2), particularly the areas of body or mind that the demon has influenced.*

4.9 Pray and bless them with the presence of the Holy Spirit

## Be led by the Holy Spirit as you do this (Romans 8:17; James 1:5)…

* *Take time to sing and worship the Lord in tongues, bringing to bear the anointing of the Spirit in a more powerful way.*
* *At times, pray over the person the Spirit while laying hands on them. (Ephesians 6:18).*
* *Other times read appropriate Scriptures to them.*

4.10 How demons leave their victims

A demon is a spirit (Greek pneuma also means breath). A person's breath enters and leaves the body through his mouth and nose. The same is often true of demons. When a demon comes out of a person it usually comes out through his/her mouth. Sometimes they may leave the body through the hands, feet, or some other place.

* *At the point of exit, there is usually some definite manifestation (Ie, screaming, roar, yawn, protracted exhale etc. Acts 8:7; Mark 1:26; 3:11)*

4.11 Demons that talk and threaten

Sometimes when commanded to leave, demons talk back through the lips of their victim. Jesus encountered this when dealing with evil spirits (Luke 8:28). They like to boast of their strength and threaten what they will do both to their victim and to the one ministering.

* *Never engage a demon in unnecessary conversation. Jesus always silenced them. (Luke 4:35, 41; Mark 1:25, 34).*

4.12 How to be sure the demon has left

If you are not sure that the demon has left (as they do have some hiding tactics to lead us to believe they have left)…

* *Look at the person and pray a prayer proclaiming the person’s position in Christ.* Refer to section 4.2.

4.13 Consolidating the Victory

After the person has been delivered there is often a time of re-adjustment spiritually, mentally, and often, physical recuperation.

* *Take a personal interest in the one who has been delivered until such time as the victory is consolidated. Healing in related areas may need to occur or it may be necessary to refer them on to an appropriate person.*
* *Do not be discouraged or confused if it is later discovered that the deliverance was not complete. It may be that the demon left but left other spirits behind. (See Luke 8:30)*
* *Urge the person who has been delivered to continue in the Word so that they can be renewed in their mind. Encourage them to be filled and keep being filled with the Holy Spirit, to be an active part of the church and to resist any attacks of the enemy (Matthew 12:43-45; 1 Peter 5:8-9). Instruct the person to ‘put on’ the complete armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-18) and regularly check back with them to strengthen their faith.*

Some people need the professional help of a Doctor, Psychologist or trained counsellor. The best thing you can do if you are unsure is, ask! Ask a leader or Pastor within our church, and they will help you find just the right pathway for someone who needs further follow up.