

SOZO TRAINING MANUAL

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Introduction

Sozo is the Greek word meaning “saved, healed and delivered.” It is used 110 times in the New Testament. It contains the concept of salvation, healing and deliverance in one action word. Jesus wants more for us than just salvation. He also wants us healed and delivered.

Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save (sozo) what was lost.”

Salvation: Romans 10:9 “That if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you shall be saved (sozo).”

Healing: Matthew 9:22 “But Jesus turning and seeing her said, Daughter, take courage your faith has made you well (sozo), and at once the woman was made well (sozo).”

Deliverance: Luke 8:36 “And those who had seen it reported to them how the man who was demon possessed had been made well (sozo).”

This seminar focuses on methods useful in setting people free. The aim of our time together is to love on people, and to provide you with tools so you too can see strongholds broken through healing wounds, revealing truth, and closing “doors” to the enemy. It is our desire that you connect in a closer way to the Godhead and you continue to walk out and fulfill your destiny.

History

Around 1997, Randy Clark came and held meetings at Bethel (Bethel Church in Redding, California). In his meetings, Mr. Clark had the congregation pray for healing for each other. To achieve this purpose, he sent out teams in advance to teach the congregation how to be prayer servants. Fred Grewe led this training at Bethel. One area we were taught was praying for deliverance. His prayer model was based on what was being done in Argentina. Carlos Anacondia of the Argentine revival states that, “In the United States you get people forgiven, but you don’t get them free.” In the U.S., of the people who come forward for salvation, after six months only 6% of these people remain in church, much less are leading a committed Christian life. In Argentina, the percentage is 85-90% even after five years has passed.

Pablo Botarri (an associate of Anacondia) developed a model of prayer for deliverance called the four the doors. The doors are: sexual sin, occult, fear and hatred. Pablo’s model of deliverance is an interview process that identifies the right of access through these doors. The four doors, when they have been opened by you or someone else, allows the enemy to have legal access to you.

Dawna and one of her friends said, “Let’s try this.” They did, and the sozo ministry was born. They later attended a seminar taught by a brain scientist, Aiko Horman, where other tools were acquired: the wall, divine editing and how to cure post traumatic stress.

God has also given us other tools from Pastor Alan Ray and Ed Smith: the Father Ladder and Presenting Jesus. We have included all of these tools into the sozo ministry, but an important part for us at Bethel is the prophetic mantle under which we walk. God gives us prophetic words and/or visions to aid in this ministry. However, you do not have to be prophetic to use this model of deliverance. The interview process can work without the prophetic.

Sozo's basic premise is that boundaries of authority, truth and safety in a believer's life have been violated through past trauma, wounding and sin. When we restore loving intimacy with the Father, the individual is much more inclined and able to repent of sin and enter into freedom and joy. When we help reestablish proper boundaries of truth and authority under God and God's established family, profession and church authorities – then we are free to deal with the demonic with the assurance freedom can be maintained.
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Prisoner vs. Captive

Isaiah 61:1b “He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and freedom to prisoners.”

Either reviving captives or releasing prisoners.

Captives are those who have been “slimed” or attacked either outwardly by other believers or inwardly by lies they believe about themselves. Freedom comes to captives through prayers of blessings or by exchanging lies for truth.

Prisoners are those who are locked away by God through unforgiveness. (Matthew 18:21-35)
Release for those in prison can only come by their own forgiveness of others.

Boundaries of Protection

God has established boundaries of protection around all people – like our physical skin. Parents, our church family and other adults are meant to protect us when we are young. As we age, we take on personal responsibility and erect our own boundaries. At a specific point in time, sin or trauma can break through these boundaries. A web of deception can thus be created over time in an unsuspecting life, eventually opening a door for more full access and control. Through these openings, legal rights of the demonic to occupy are created. A stronghold in a life is established and continues to expand until a person is either overtaken in this area or is freed! The person may be normal in most other ways, but when this area is touched or encountered, we see an unusually strong and inappropriate action or reaction. A person tries to either arrange their life to avoid these areas – thus becoming more and more bound and isolated, or they seek the pleasure of the addiction – thus becoming more controlled and warped to serve the addiction.

Qualifications of a Sozo Team Member

- A. Relationship with the Godhead.
Not only being born again, but your lifestyle must reflect a growing relationship with God.
Know the Word and have a life built on God's truth.
- B. Having been sozo'ed yourself, you need to have all doors closed regarding sin.
- C. Sit in as a third and then as a second to acquire experience.
- D. Under church authority and approved for ministry.
Willingness to submit to authority.
Stable home life and support of family.
- E. Able to maintain absolute confidentiality.

Structure of Teams

A team consists of two team members; a third individual may be present.

- A. A "first" is the leader of the session. He/she is the one that is the primary authority and is the one that makes the decision for the direction of the session.
- B. The "second" is the back-up, not only for praying but for giving to the "first" whatever God gives them. The "second" whispers into the "first's" ear what directions the "second" is hearing and then allows the "first" to make the choice.
- C. The "third" is there to pray and intercede for both the person being sozo'ed and the first. The position of the "third" is also used as part of the training for the sozo ministry.

Overall View of Methods Used

- A. Father ladder: The connection between how you view your earthly family and how you view the Godhead.
- B. Four doors: The enemy has a legal right to access you through open doors of occult involvement, sexual sins, fear and hatred.
- C. The Wall: The wall is the structure we have erected to protect ourselves from others and from pain.
- D. Divine Editing: A tool to edit out abnormal thoughts and reactions to situations.
- E. Healing Post Traumatic Stress: Dealing with triggers and flashbacks that control us.
- F. Presenting Jesus: Going back to specific memories, identifying the lie and receiving the truth.

Accessories

- A. Prisoner vs. Captive: Learning the difference between releasing prisoners and reviving captives.
- B. Familiar Spirits: Learning the difference between God’s thoughts, our thoughts or demonic thoughts.
- C. Sozo on Children: Learning how to use the tools of sozo with children.
- D. Example of Common Spirits: Learning how to use discernment.
- E. Cautions: Learning what to do and what not to do in the proper etiquette of sozo.

Father Ladder

I Thessalonians 5:23 “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved completely without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

The Father ladder reveals:

- A. The connection between earthly family and the Godhead and the importance of that connection.
- B. Our needs and who is responsible for our needs.
- C. Healed visions of the Godhead once past wounds are healed.

Typical Steps:

1. Ask the person how they view God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit (only one at a time).
2. From the description, identify the relationship problem and wounding. It is often symbolic (e.g. God is far away, earthly father was distant, etc.).
3. Forgive the corresponding person.
4. Renounce the lie.
5. Reestablish the truth about the Godhead towards us.

(Healing Rooms Sozo Team Addition: In Step 1, it is also helpful to ask the person how God views them. This will help to identify relationship issues as well.)

Four Doors

- A. Hatred – bitterness, envy, gossiping, slander, wanting someone else to look bad.

- B. Sexual Sin – occurrences that create soul ties: adultery, fornication, lewdness, pornography, molestation, rape.
- C. Occult – symptoms: rebellion, control, intimidation, lying, idolatry through sorcery, witchcraft, Ouija board, palm reading, astrology, Tarot cards, *8 ball*.
- D. Fear – symptoms: low self esteem, helplessness, hopelessness, control freak, worry, apathy (fear of failing, so why try), unbelief, anger, drunkenness, intimidation. *This door is closely linked to a misconception of Father God and is best dealt with in combination with the Father Ladder.

See Appendix B for 10 steps to closing these doors.

The Wall

The wall is made up of our own self-defense mechanisms or lies of the enemy we have chosen to believe. This is a false protection that keeps us bound. It makes us unable to fully enter into God’s presence and unable to have healthy friendships with others.

Typical Steps:

1. The person being sozo’ed may state that they can see a wall.
2. Ask the person what the wall looks like – how high, wide, what is it made of, where are they in relation to the wall?
3. Ask God to show them why the wall is there, what is its purpose?
4. Ask God to take down the wall or to give the person a tool to destroy the wall themselves.
5. May need to forgive, bind, renounce, etc. as the Spirit leads if there is any hindrance in the wall coming down.

Divine Editing

This tool edits out garbage contained in the reticular formation and exchanges it for new concepts of what should be normal.

Typical Steps:

1. Place your hand over the reticular formation. (*Ask permission to touch the person first*).
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to come and edit out what has been stored here and believed as “normal” and to replace them with new Godly principles.

Post Traumatic Stress/Trigger Mechanisms

Past traumatic memories that occurred at a point in time are triggered by events in the present.

Typical Steps:

1. Ask God to bring the memory or event.
2. Ask God to show the person where He was when the event happened.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to sever pain from the memory.
4. Ask the Holy Spirit to take out harm and to begin to nurture them.

Presenting Jesus

Bringing Jesus into memories in which pain and/or wounds occurred and inviting Jesus into the memory to identify the lie and to reveal the truth.

Typical Steps:

1. Ask the Holy Spirit or Jesus to take the person to the memory where the problem first started.
2. Ask the person to describe the memory – make sure they are “there.”
3. Ask Jesus to show the person where He was in the memory.
4. Ask Jesus to show the person the lie imparted to them during that memory.
5. Ask Jesus to tell the person what the truth is.
6. Ask the person if the truth Jesus revealed feels true.

Familiar Spirits

1. Discerning how to know the difference between your own mind and a spirit’s words.
2. Renouncing the discerned spirit.
3. Learning to embrace the truth.

Sozo on Children

Sozoing children is the same as with adults. In one sense they are easier because they are children, but understand that they are dealing with the same issues you are dealing with. They fight the same fears and strongholds that we do – the same sexual issues, occult issues, fear, hatred, and rejection and because of this, you can use the same principles. A lot of the adults we deal with started dealing with their issues when they were four or five years old! Usually with children, their issues are not as pushed down. With you and me, we have gone years not dealing with our issues but with children it is much closer to the surface.

There are a couple of cautions you need to be aware of because children are not independent adults. You can break things off of them, but you are sending them back into the same situation where they got the stuff. Be very sensitive to the Holy Spirit and how you word what you are trying to

impart to them. They may still be in the situation that causes the fears and emotions that you are trying to get them free of. You have to be careful because if they have an issue with a parent or step-parent, you will have to send them back into that same environment.

If something illegal is being done, you and your church leadership may have to be involved. Church leadership by law has to report any illegal activity involving children. Children have a harder time articulating what needs to be said. They feel the feeling or emotion but may not be able to explain in words so that an adult can understand. They may clam up. Be patient with them and be careful not to put words in their mouth.

The best thing about children is you can sozo your own children or grandchildren presently. Doing “mini” sozos on your children now means that we don’t have to do them when they become adults. Simply use the same techniques you have learned for adults.

Etiquette

- A. GOLDEN RULE.
- B. No yelling or screaming. Use respect.
- C. Back off if they are not connecting with you.
- D. It’s not based on their faith or their fault.
- E. Only do what the Father is doing.
- F. LOVE ON THEM!

Cautions

- A. Rely on the Holy Spirit.
- B. No counseling!
- C. Don’t be shocked.
- D. Over your head – STOP!
- E. Don’t leave the person feeling raw.
- F. GIVE GOD THE GLORY!

For You (The Team Member) Afterwards

Since you have been engaged in warfare, you now need to be prayed for to be brushed off and refilled. You do not have to be a target of the enemy just because you have ministered. Yes, you

do need to be ministered to after the session. If you start to experience: sicknesses, difficulties at work, difficulties at home, depression, or the like, don't take it alone. Call people you trust, especially from the team, and get prayer. Don't assume it's you and your sin – it could be because you ministered for God.

Appendix A

Some References for Further Reading:

Carlos Anacondia: Listen to Me Satan
Charles Kraft: Deep Wounds, Deep Healing
John and Mark Sandford: Deliverance and Inner Healing
John and Paula Sandford: Healing the Wounded Spirit
John and Paula Sandford: The Transformation of the Inner Man
Leanne Payne: Crisis in Masculinity
Leanne Payne: Restoring the Christian Soul
Leanne Payne: The Broken Image
Leanne Payne: The Healing Presence
Neil Anderson: The Bondage Breaker
Neil Anderson: Freedom From Fear
Neil Anderson: Victory Over the Darkness
Pablo Bottari: Free in Christ
Peter Horrobin: Healing Through Deliverance - Vol. 1 The Bible Basis
Peter Horrobin: Healing Through Deliverance - Vol. 2 The Practical Ministry

Appendix B

10 Steps for Praying for Deliverance from Fred Grewe based on Pablo Bottari's Notes

This is a prayer model for bringing freedom to people who are struggling with strongholds. This model was developed in the Argentine revival.

This model is based on the fact that a person has opened up rights of access to allow the enemy/demons to afflict them. These rights of access can be opened by them or by someone who is in spiritual authority over them, i.e.: parents, etc. With this model, you can find these rights of access and then close them. These rights of access are based on some element of truth; either a lie, a generational curse, or a weakness that the demonic uses to harass a person.

This model is not a formula, but a tool to be used with listening to the Holy Spirit. There is no 10 step prayer model in scripture, but the principles that are used in the model are scriptural. The rights of access are also labeled doors that have been opened.

The four doors are:

SEXUAL SIN (heterosexual, homosexual or animal relationships and abortion);

HATRED (resentments, envy, pride, vengeance, rage, bitterness, unforgiveness);

FEAR (insecurity, phobias, doubts);

OCCULTISM (Ouija boards, horoscopes, psychic hot lines, fortune tellers, tarot cards, witchcraft, divination, black or white magic).

Step 1: Make Sure the Person has Manifested

Manifestation just means a sign that something is happening. Manifesting is not only a sign of the presence of the demonic; it could mean the presence of the Lord, or the person is in intercession. Talk to the person with love and kindness, don't cause more fear, they may not understand what is happening to them.

Step 2: Make the Spirit Submit in the Name of Jesus

You have the authority and believe that the spirit is under Jesus' authority, but don't abuse your authority by yelling and screaming. The spiritual world can hear you with your normal tone or even whispering.

Step 3: Make the Person Regain Control Over Themselves

People have free will and they have control over their own mind and body. The person needs to make decisions for themselves.

Don't talk to demons. They lie and mislead. You don't need to know their name or their function. They still have to submit to you, no matter what.

Step 4: Ask the Person if They Want to be Free

The person has to want to be free. They need to understand what is happening to them and to make decisions for themselves. If the person does not want to be free, ACCEPT THEIR DECISION. This is their life, not yours. You cannot force freedom on them, Jesus did not even do that. You also don't want to make their situation even worse by inviting seven more back.

Step 5: Ask Them if They are, or Want to be a Christian

People need the Lord and the Holy Spirit to be in control instead of what opened the doors.

(We have been hearing about unsaved people who were ministered to and obtained freedom and then were introduced to the Person (Jesus) who set them free.)

Step 6: Interview the Person

Ask questions about the person's life. You are looking for the reason why the rights of access were opened. You are looking for consequence of sin or unforgiveness in a person's life. Ask the Holy Spirit for discernment and revelation.

Forgiveness is a powerful tool. It is not an option for a Christian, it is a commandment. Forgiveness is releasing the person you are praying with, not releasing the person who is being forgiven. See Mark 11:25-26; 2 Corinthians 2:10-11; but especially Matthew 18:21-35.

Step 7: Ask the Person to Give Up or Renounce Each Binding and Break the Power of the Spirit

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to the person any specific details that need to be dealt with. They must say it in their own audible voice, not just yours. You then lead them or have them on their own (if they know how and are comfortable with the process) to renounce any authority or binding to have occurred because of rights of access. You may have to go through all four doors and renounce and bind the spirits that have had access through those doors.

Step 8: Cast Out the Unclean Spirits

Take authority over each area and cast out each spirit in the Name of Jesus. (You can send the spirit to the feet of Jesus for Jesus to decide where the spirit needs to go.) When the spirit is gone, there may be a sign of his leaving: a sigh, a cough, a jerk or a feeling of lightness or joy.

If the person starts to manifest again, keep them safe and go back to Step 3 (regain control) and you may have to go to Step 6 (the interview) to start the process again. Remember that not all manifestations are demonic, the person could just be releasing pent up emotions or feeling the presence of the Lord.

Step 9: Lead the Person in a Prayer of Thanksgiving

GIVE GOD ALL THE GLORY. He is the one who did all the work.

Step 10: Pray for the Person to be Freshly Filled with the Holy Spirit

Bless the person, love on the person. They have just dealt with the issues in their lives. Their old identity is now probably gone and they are not totally sure of who they are. They may be a bit disoriented. They have left behind some or all of what they believed and had held onto as their life. But God is in control, so connecting them with the Holy Spirit is needed.

This model of prayer is very effective. You can use it on the prayer line or in extended times of prayer. If you use it on the prayer line, you do not have to use every step or in the order they are given. Follow the lead of the Holy Spirit.

Appendix C

Sowing Thoughts, Building Strongholds

Loss of control normally starts small and grows over time in visible control. A lie is planted and believed. A temptation is acted out. A wound is incurred and left to fester. Our life changes according to what we believe – to us it is true.

If we sow a thought, we will reap an act. If we sow an act, we will reap a habit. If we sow a habit, we will reap a lifestyle. If we sow a lifestyle, we will reap our destiny.

2 Corinthians 11:3 “But I am afraid that, as the serpent **deceived** Eve by his **craftiness**, your **minds** will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.”

The hold of demons typically seems to progress to total control and destruction if it can.

1. **Suggestion or Situation:** A stray thought that is not your thought but seems to be – it is targeted at a weak place in your life, an unresolved place of potential disobedience, a place of wounding, etc. The thought comes again and again in related ways. It begins to build a web of thinking. OR A traumatic or painful situation happens once, or many times, causing emotional wounds.

2. **Impression:** We entertain the thought or act on it. It makes a lasting impression on our heart. It is a seed that is planted and begins to ripen towards bearing bad fruit. We are enticed by it. OR We begin to protect ourselves from wounding, or react to wounding, through any number of emotional mechanisms (withdrawal, rage, fear, anger, etc.) Pain begins to “impress” within our souls.

3. **Oppression:** The area of thought or the area of wounding begins to seem to push us, control us, or even bully us. We are not totally conscious of the subtle changes, but it begins to dominate our thinking and consume us. We may wonder at our sanity and what is going on. Fears may grow about a growing loss of control. The perversity of sin or the spreading impacts of wound-related damage begins to spread throughout our life. We can’t seem to get away from it. We may not even resist but embrace it. It may still seem to be coming from the outside of us, but it is definitely attached. Or it may seem that it is inside us, even part of us, though often with a hollow “foreign” feeling.

4. **Obsession:** We seem to be living a lifestyle dictated by this area of our lives. If willful sin, then we derive some perverse pleasure from it even though it is bringing us havoc in other parts of our life. The draw toward God and the things of God is being deadened. There are inner voices and a driven feeling. We may have the feeling we are not in our bodies. There are areas of our souls that seem out of control. We may have compulsive thoughts of suicide or gross sin. We may feel we are fading fast.

5. **Possession:** Possession implies ownership. For the non-Christian that ownership is by the demon and occurs at the very core of the person, within a dead spirit. The human shares control with demons, though loss of control is apparent for long periods. We are triggered to action at the will of the demons who often remain hidden and submerged in the person to pull the strings at

will.

For Christians there are places that seem to be totally dominated by demonic control. Demons seem to “own” certain places in us, in our thinking, behavior and beliefs. Wondering if a Christian can “have a demon”? The lingo is not important, but when it becomes somewhere between oppression and obsession it takes on an energy of its own, almost a life of its own.

*Taken from the Sozo Training Notes – Abounding Grace Church, Tennessee, 2001

Appendix D

Demons:

We in the sozo ministry have a cardinal rule that we wish to express: Don’t allow the demonic to embarrass the person. There is no reason for the demonic to manifest to the degree that the person you are dealing with is either embarrassed or hurt. If you feel the demonic is about ready to express itself, take your authority and gain control of the situation.

We do not encourage dialoging with the demonic. There is no need to discuss with demons what their name or function is. If that information is needed, you can obtain it from Jesus. If, in your prophetic gift, you feel them/sense them/see them, you have the ability to know their function.

We do have the authority to cast out demons. We need to make sure that we are only doing what the Father is doing. Just because we have the authority does not mean we do it outside of what Father God is doing. It says in Luke 11:26 that a demonic spirit was cast out and he wandered around, thought about his old house, and brought seven of his friends back. If the person is not going to rely on the Holy Spirit to fill the house, then don’t cast out the demon so he can bring seven more with him when he returns. It’s better to leave the people with one demonic spirit than it is to open them up for eight to return.

Yes, you are going to encounter the demonic. Jesus says in Ephesians 6:12 “we struggle not with flesh and blood”, but our aim is to love and respect people which is opposite of what the demonic wants to do. Your belief system may be different than this, but this is what we want to do to honor the people to whom we minister.

To address the question of demonic oppression or possession, our answer is whether it’s in, around or harassing you, we don’t care! We just want it gone. In the sozo ministry, we believe that once you have broken the stronghold, removed the root, and broken the lie, the demonic cannot stay. There is nothing left to hold them.

We want to honor the Satanic Ritual Abuse victims and Dissociative Identity individuals by allowing people who have more extensive training to minister to them.

Appendix E

Manifestations of the Demonic

There are many, many ways demons find to manifest their industrious plan for control. Here is a list of one-liners designed simply to expand your thinking about manifestations.

Manifestations point to both a presence and a deeper root cause of the manifestations. We cannot simply tell the person to control themselves or deal with the issue through counseling alone if there is demonic energy and presence keeping things locked up. Any item on this list individually does not, in itself, indicate demonic activity but does raise a flag. Many of these things are also deeds of the flesh – recall there is often a combination. Demons manifest for a reason and enlarge, exaggerate, and grow the problem.

- *Addictions
- *Out of control appetites
- *Anorexia or Bulimia
- *Behavioral extremes
- *Bitterness
- *Unforgiveness
- *Compulsive behavior
- *Deceitful personality
- *Depression
- *False religion involvement
- *Irrational behavior
- *Strong immaturity in character or relationships
- *Legalism and deep spiritual bondage
- *Violence and temper
- *Universalism and other false concepts
- *Emotional disturbance or long-term unbalanced emotions
- * Escapism and withdrawal
- *Fears and withdrawal
- *Guilt and condemnation
- *Hearing internal or external voices
- *Hereditary illness or chronic or repeated sicknesses
- *Undiagnosable symptoms
- *Heretical beliefs
- *False gifts of the spirit
- *Overt denominationalism
- *False concept of the scripture
- *Nightmares
- *Occult involvement
- *Out of control tongue
- *Extreme self focus
- *Sexual aberrations
- *Suicidal tendencies

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After you have been sozo'ed, there is a walking out process. You can keep the doors closed or reclose them if they get opened. The tools that were used in your session can be used by you for the rest of your life to not allow the strongholds to reemerge.

We encourage you to journal or tell someone what happened during your sozo. Journaling and sharing helps you to remember what actually occurred and to remember the tools used. When you remember what the visions or words that the Lord showed you or told you, then you can hold on to the truth that you received. If you tell someone, then that person can pray with you and hold you accountable for what you have to do in your walking out process.

These are some of the tools that are used during sozo. Not all may have been used during your sozo: the relationship between your earthly family and how you view God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit; the wall; divine editing; trigger mechanisms; and the four doors of the occult, sexual sins, hatred and fear.

The following are some topics that also can help you to stay focused on your freedom: Your ID, The Word, Praise and Worship, Accountability, Fasting, and Doing Ministry.

Your ID

In Ephesians, God shows you who you are in Him and what your position is in Him. You are chosen “in Him before the foundation of the world,” (1:4); “He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself” (1:5); “you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance” (1:13-14); and “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (2:10).

Do not allow the enemy to retake the ground you have attained during sozo. In Ephesians 4:27, Paul writes “and do not give the devil an opportunity,” and in 6:11 “Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.” Don't believe the lies that the enemy gives us or allow him to have access to you. Compare those thoughts and words you hear to what God says about you in the Bible and any visions He has given you. **WHEN YOU GRASP WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST, NOTHING CAN STAND AGAINST YOU OR STAND IN YOUR WAY.**

The Word

“This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it, for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.” Joshua 1:8

You need to become intimate with God by getting intimate with the Word. Andrew Murray wrote, “I pray – I speak to my Father, I read – my Father speaks to me.”

There are several different methods of Bible study. At a bookstore, you can get books to show you how to study the Word. The church also has classes that help you become intimate with the Bible. You can sit and quietly read, meditate on what God says in His Word.

In Psalm 119 the psalmist expresses the importance of God’s Word, and remember Ephesians 6:17 “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

Praise and Worship

God wants us to worship Him and one of the ways to worship Him is through praising in song. “It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High” Psalm 92:1 and “Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” Colossians 3:16

We should worship God because we love Him and want to acknowledge His virtues. When we worship God, we let all of heaven and earth know who we love, honor and obey. We invite all of creation to enter with us into the presence of God. Worship keeps us free by creating a sanctuary for us in God’s presence. Psalm 27:4-6 Worship creates a tabernacle, a place of refuge from fear, doubt, worry and despair. It is a safe place the enemy cannot enter. Worship is also an awesome offensive weapon. II Chronicles 20:22; Acts 16:25 When we come into God’s presence, we come into the presence of all that He is, and He is Jehovah Rapha. In His presence is healing for not only the physical, but mental, emotional and spiritual as well. When Saul was tormented by an evil spirit, it was David’s playing on a harp that brought deliverance. Saul was refreshed, made well and the evil spirit departed. His physical man, emotional/mental state and spirit were made well. Worshiping God is KEY to obtaining and maintaining freedom!

Accountability

We need to be accountable to someone even on a limited basis and to a body, i.e. the church. We need to be connected to a community, which is the church. We need to not only have people minister to us “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep” Romans 12:15, but to minister to others “Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another.” I Thessalonians 5:11. So, attend a church and a home group. Share yourself, your life, your dreams and visions with others.

Fasting

Fasting is discussed in the Old and New Testaments as part of people's daily lives. There are examples of specific times or situations for fasting – penance, need, prayer, specific days. Nehemiah 9:1,4; Esther 9:31; Psalm 69:10, 109:24; Isaiah 58:3-6; Jeremiah 36:6-9; Daniel 6:18, 9:3; Joel 2:12; Matthew 6:16-18; Luke 2:37; Acts 9:9 and 13:2-3. There are no set instructions on actually how to fast. There are various ways to fast it does not have to be just a 40 day water fast. You can fast one type of food, one meal a day, or a certain activity. Leanne Payne in her book Broken Image states “That we might be more fully present to God is the very reason for fasting. By a physical fast, we seek to quiet the demands of the body, thereby humbling it so that we can hear and be obedient to that word the Lord is speaking to us.”

Doing Ministry

1 Corinthians 12:7 states “But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” We are all given gifts and calling to ministry for the common good. We are one body but have different functions so that the one body can operate properly. Become involved in some form of ministry so you can use your gifts and calling and have fun watching what God does.

Remember, “For as much as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tablets of stones, but in fleshy tablets of the heart.” 2 Corinthians 3:3

Important

During your sozo, you forgive individuals. Forgiveness is a lifestyle and a commandment: “And so, as THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY GOD, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and FORGIVE EACH OTHER, who ever has a complaint against anyone; JUST AS THE LORD FORGAVE US, SO ALSO SHOULD YOU Colossians 3:12-13 and “And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, FORGIVING EACH OTHER, JUST AS GOD IN CHRIST ALSO HAS FORGIVEN YOU.” Ephesians 4:32

Forgiveness releases you from the stronghold you walk with. It does not say that what the person being forgiven did or said was correct, nor does it release them from any action God may or will take. Forgiveness is an act that you do for yourself, so that there is no blockage between you and God. In Matthew 18:21-35, Peter asked how many times he should forgive his brother. Jesus replied seventy times seven or we should forgive many times. Then Jesus told this parable about Servant A, whose king forgave him a great debt. But Servant A did not forgive a much smaller debt of Servant B. The friends of Servant B went to the king and told him what Servant A had done. The king summoned Servant A and said “You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you entreated me. Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, even as I had mercy on you?” Then the king did an interesting thing. He handed Servant A “over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him. SO SHALL MY HEAVENLY FATHER ALSO DO TO YOU, IF EACH OF YOU DOES NOT FORGIVE HIS BROTHER FROM YOUR HEART.”

In Conclusion

Ephesians 6:10-20. Once you have done all that you can do:

New Identify: “having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness” with the “helmet of salvation”

The Word: “and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”

Accountability: “be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints”

Fasting: “and whenever you fast” Matthew 6:16

Praise and Worship: “Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant and praise is becoming” Psalm 147:1

Doing Ministry: “to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel”

“Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ... take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day,” so that you don’t lose the new ground you gained in your sozo.

Scheduling a Sozo Appointment:

1. Ask the Holy Spirit which sozo team members should sozo a particular person.
2. Call the person to be sozo'ed to schedule the day and time for the appointment. Tell them that the appointment is scheduled for a three hour session.
3. Instruct the person to be praying and asking the Holy Spirit to prepare them for the appointment. This may include fasting prior to the appointment (optional).
4. Tell the person that they should not plan on any activity after their sozo appointment. We advise resting after sozo because the flesh is weaker than the spirit, and the Lord will continue to speak to the person after the sozo is finished.

Team Member Prayer Prior to Sozo:

1. Team members need to begin to pray during the week prior to the sozo session asking the Lord to prepare the team members and the person to be sozo'ed for the session.
2. At the scheduled time for sozo, team members need to pray together before the person to be sozo'ed enters the room.
3. When the person to be sozo'ed comes into the room, the team members pray that the enemy will not be able to see or hear what is happening during the sozo session. Pray covering over the team members and the person's living relatives. Pray that the session will be covered by the blood of Jesus so that it will be a safe place for the person.
4. When the sozo session is finished. We pray over the person that the Holy Spirit will seal what has been done and bring an increase in the coming days. We pray a blessing over the person.
5. When the person that was sozo'ed leaves the room, the team members pray to be cleansed from anything that would try to attach to them. They break any curses that were associated with anything demonic (for example: Some witchcraft curses toward a person include a curse to anyone that would help to break the original curse.) They ask the Holy Spirit to refresh them and fill them up.

Instructions to Person Being Sozo'ed:

1. Tell everyone to turn off their cell phones. If the person being sozo'ed has children at home alone and they may need to call, have the person put their phone on vibrate.
2. Tell them again that they will need to rest after the session because the flesh is weaker than the spirit.
3. Tell them that this is an interactive session. We will ask them and the Holy Spirit questions and the person being sozo'ed will listen for the answers. They need to tell us what they are hearing, seeing and/or feeling so that we know what the Holy Spirit wants to do.
4. Tell them that if they need to take a break to go to the restroom or get a drink of water, they just need to let the team members know.
5. Tell them that it is better if they keep their eyes closed during the session so that they can see what the Holy Spirit wants to show them without being distracted.
6. Tell them that the purpose of the session is to make sure that all access doors the enemy has are closed.
7. Tell them that part of the session will include forgiving others. Let them know that because they are part of the Healing Rooms team, they may need to forgive one or both of the sozo team members or another Healing Rooms team member, and they just need to do it and not be afraid.

Instructions to Sozo Team Members:

1. Room set up:
 - A. Put three chairs in a circle close enough so that the "second" can whisper in the "first" person's ear. Also so that you can touch the person you are praying for if necessary.
 - B. Have Kleenex and a trash can next to the person you are praying for.
 - C. Position the person being prayed for so that they have easy access to leave the room (do not block the door).
 - D. Have a note pad and pen available for the "second" to write down any discernment from the Holy Spirit concerning the person being sozo'ed.
 - E. Have mints in the room.
2. Make sure your breath is fresh when praying for the person.
3. Ask permission if you want to touch the person being sozo'ed.

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DVD 1

Welcome to the Healing Rooms Ministries Sozo Training. I just want to let you know that there is a manual that's available to go along with these DVD/CDs that you can use for your future reference and reading.

INTRODUCTION

What does sozo mean?

We're going to start out today by just explaining what the word sozo means. So many people say, "That sounds strange. What is that?" Sozo is the Greek word that is used for saved, healed and delivered. It's used about 110 times in the New Testament and I'm going to give you a few examples of how it is used. In Luke 19:10 it says: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save (or sozo) what was lost." In Romans 10:9 it says: "That if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you shall be saved" (or sozo'ed). In Matthew 9:22 it says: "But Jesus turning and seeing her said, Daughter, take courage, your faith has made you well, and at once the woman was made well." And that's sozo. In Luke 8:36 it says: "And those who had seen it reported to them how the man who was demon possessed had been made well" (or sozo'ed). Those are just a few examples of the many times that word is used. It's just the root word for saved, healed and delivered and that's what this ministry is about. It's to make sure that people are totally free of every work of the enemy.

Destroying the Works of the Enemy

In 1 John 3:8 it says: "He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of Man was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." And that's what we want to do. We want to destroy every work of the enemy because Jesus paid the price for us to be completely free. What we are doing is making this ministry available to our Healing Rooms Ministry team because you are on the front line day in and day out, whether it's right in the Healing Rooms or around your city or in your church, you are encountering works of the enemy at every turn and you are helping people to get free from those works. We wanted to provide a safe place for our own ministry team members to receive prayer and to make sure the enemy has no access to you to torment you in any way. That's what sozo ministry is about--to close all the doors of access that the enemy has to us. We know that the enemy is a legalist and he's going to make sure that if we have any type of sin issue in our lives or traumas or unforgiveness--things that we haven't dealt with--then he has a legal right to torment us. This ministry is about taking care of all of that.

HISTORY

I want to just give you a brief history of how this ministry came to be at the Healing Rooms and was made available to our teams. My husband, Richard, and I lived in Redding, California and we were part of Bethel Church. In about 1997 Randy Clark was

coming to minister and do a conference at Bethel Church. As part of that ministry he wanted people to use this prayer model when they ministered at the conference that he was doing. He sent a man by the name of Fred Grewe ahead of him to train the ministry team on this prayer model and that's how it got started at Bethel. After we had the training and after the conference, there were some ladies that decided this is a good thing to implement all the time to help people to be free. So some ladies got together and began to do this ministry and I was part of the beginning of that and Rich entered in a little bit later in doing sozo prayer there at Bethel Church. I just want to let you know that Randy Clark had gotten this prayer model from Argentina--from the revival. What was happening was they were having their meetings and people would begin to manifest demonically. So they made a preparation for that by taking people from the meeting and taking them into a special area and then beginning to pray for them so that they would be delivered from everything that the enemy had come against them with. That's where the prayer model began.

I just want to read you a quote from Carlos Anacondia: "In the United States, of the people who come forward for salvation, after six months only six percent of these people remain in church--much less are leading a committed Christian life. In Argentina the percentage is 85 to 90 percent even after five years has past. In the United States you get people forgiven, but you don't get them free." We can see that in our churches and in our communities when people come forward for salvation. What we want to do is--whether it's at the altar, whether it's out on the street or whether it's within our ministries--we want people who come to the Lord to be totally set free and to get everything that Jesus purchased for them. As we go through this training I'm aware that this is for Healing Rooms Ministries' teams, but I'm also aware that people are going to see these tools and they are going to want to use them in their churches, and when they are ministering on the streets. So in a few places I'm going to kind of make a distinction between if you're ministering to Healing Rooms Ministry team members, or if you are ministering to other people. We'll kind of go into that a few times throughout this whole teaching.

As this ministry began to formulate at Bethel Church some of the ladies went to a seminar given by a brain scientist by the name of Aiko Horman. She had some tools that were implemented and adapted into this Sozo Ministry training--they are the curing of post traumatic stress, the Wall and Divine Editing. There was also a pastor at Bethel, at the time, by the name of Pastor Alan Ray and he had worked with Ed Smith in his ministry and learned about the Father Ladder and Presenting Jesus. These tools have been added to what was the original prayer model. I want you to understand right from the beginning here that this is just a model. We are listening constantly to the Holy Spirit and we are doing what He says and we're saying what He says. These are tools and they are great tools and everything that we talk about works because we've seen them in action over and over again with people being set free. It's not a formula. We're so used to wanting to make everything a form and a formula, and you just need to be aware, from the very beginning, that this is all about listening to the Holy Spirit--to what He is saying--because our God is an individual God. He's very practical in how He deals with each one of us and how He helps each one of us. We want to be aware of that and flow in that even though there are tools and even though there are access doors that we are going to talk about throughout this training. It's all about: What does the Father have for this person that you are praying for? We want to just establish that from the very beginning.

One of the things that I would also like to point out is that we have people at the training that will ask us things like: “Well, aren’t my sins--once I come to Jesus and receive Him as my savior--aren’t my sins covered in His blood?” And they are. But the problem is that so many people don’t know that. If you don’t know it, you are not receiving the fullness of that redemption. Jesus has purchased many things for us: healing, salvation and deliverance and we have to receive that fullness. The other question that we have quite often is regarding generational curses or sins from the forefathers. Many people will quote what it says in the Word about the sins that are visited on the third and fourth generation and so forth. But, that is covered when we come to Jesus—but, once again it’s if you know that. Many people just don’t receive the fullness of what Jesus purchased at salvation. We are growing in the Body of Christ; we are not the same as we were yesterday or last year.

Many times in the past when we’ve led someone to the Lord we have taken them through the sinner’s prayer and said: “Now you’re part of the family of God. You have Jesus, you have everything.” But we don’t really go after that for the person. We don’t make sure that they are delivered from habits and addictions and the different traumas that they’ve been through and the bad choices that they’ve made or other people have made. In that process of not doing that, we can have people who have known the Lord for 20 years but who are not free. We want, through the ministry, to make sure that the people praying in the Rooms and the people they associate with are free from the moment of salvation. That’s just a little bit of the history of how this ministry came to the Healing Rooms. When Richard and I came up to Spokane to begin a work in the Healing Rooms, we felt like this was a good ministry to have for the team and Cal agreed with that. We’ve just begun about a year ago to make this available.

PRISONER VS CAPTIVE

I’m going to kind of transition here and talk about the difference between a prisoner and a captive. It’s just a good thing to be aware of because we read the word so many times and kind of skim over things and don’t really realize the fullness of what is taking place in the Word. In Isaiah 61:1, the second part of that says: *“He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners.”* So as we are praying for people, we’re either reviving captives or we’re releasing prisoners. I want to explain the difference here: captives are those who have been attacked either outwardly by other believers or inwardly by the lies that they’ve believed about themselves. Freedom for captives comes through prayers of blessing or by exchanging the lies for the truth. A prisoner is one who has been locked away by God through unforgiveness. The scripture reference there is Matthew 18:21-35. Release for those in prison can only come by their own forgiveness of others. It’s not like you have to designate whether this person that I’m praying for is a prisoner or captive because most of the time we’re both in different areas. But we want to be aware of the fact that there is a difference in how someone gets free. If they are a prisoner it’s because they have chosen not to forgive and forgiveness is a command in the Word. The Lord said: *“I cannot forgive you if you will not forgive.”* Release for those in prison comes from them

forgiving others and also forgiving themselves. With captives it comes by trading those lies for the truth.

BOUNDARIES OF PROTECTION

I want to just go over, for a moment, boundaries of protection. God has an order for our lives and He has placed people in positions within our lives to help us to grow, mature, and be godly people. There are parents; there are people in authority as far as principals or teachers, in many different parts of our society; in government officials. In different areas of our lives there are people that God has placed in authority to keep us safe--to keep us within the boundaries of God's safety under His cover. Many times people that are placed in those positions of authority may violate what God has said in some way and that boundary of protection is crossed. Then there's the place where when we are older we can make choices and many times we make the wrong choices and they don't line up with what God's Word says. He talks to us extensively in Deuteronomy about the blessing and the curse--freedom or bondage. We can make choices that cross those boundaries of protection where we have made wrong choices that don't line up with the Word and we no longer are within that safety and covering of the Lord. What we want to do through this ministry is to re-establish those boundaries of protection that God has ordained and ordered for our lives by taking care of our sin issues or forgiving those who have sinned against us. That's just basically what we are after.

QUALIFICATIONS OF A SOZO TEAM MEMBER

Relationship with the Godhead

I want to explain what the criteria for a Sozo team member is. We are going to go into a bit of detail later on of what that really means, but I just want to give you some brief guidelines. You need to have a relationship with the Godhead--that's obvious. It's Jesus who's purchased and paid the price for us and we need to have an understanding of that. We need to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit because we're looking to Him to tell us and show us what needs to happen to cause someone to be free. You not only need to be born again, but you need to have a lifestyle that reflects a growing relationship with God.

Working Knowledge of the Word

You need to know the Word and have your life built on God's truth. Sometimes, right there, people disqualify themselves because they think, well, I don't really know the Word really well. I've only been saved a year or whatever. It's just that you need to be in a process of always moving forward, always growing in God. You don't have to know every scripture in the Word. God is going to bring forth those things that need to be

brought to light. Even as you're praying for the person ahead of time the Lord's going to lead you possibly to scriptures that you're going to need to share with them. This does not disqualify you if you are not just an excellent scholar of the Word. At any point that we're at God will use who we are and what we know to the very best advantage.

Personally Been Sozo'ed

You need to have been sozo'ed yourself to make sure that all the doors are closed in your own life regarding sin. The optimum is if you can sit in as a third person in a session before you actually begin to pray for other people so you can see how it works.

Under Church Authority and Approved for Ministry

You need to be under church authority and approved for ministry. You need to have a willingness to submit to authority and you need to have a stable home life and support of your family. Now, a lot of times people get stopped there as well. There are many people in ministry in Healing Rooms and elsewhere where their spouse may not be a believer yet, but their spouse has released them to minister. Then it's ok. It's when you don't have any support and where there isn't an agreement that you don't need to be doing this ministry, because it's all about people getting set free and the enemy doesn't like that. We want to make sure that when you go home after praying for someone you have your own safe place to be regarding what you need in nurturing and so forth.

Able to Maintain Absolute Confidentiality

You need to be able to maintain absolute confidentiality. It's not an option to speak about anything you hear in a sozo session. There's a reason why it says absolute. Even in the midst of us having many sozo teams here in Spokane--many members of our team--we do not discuss, even between another team, what has happened at a sozo session. Everything is confidential and that provides a safe place for our team members. They know they are not going to be talked about. We know that's already established in just being a Healing Rooms team member. You have to be a person of confidentiality.

STARTING A SOZO MINISTRY

These are some of the qualifications. Just because you take the training and maybe even receive prayer it does not mean that you can be a Sozo Ministry team member at your local Healing Rooms. The directors of each local Healing Rooms decide whether or not they want to make this ministry available and who is going to head the ministry. One of the things that we have heard several times is that the directors are very, very busy maintaining and growing the work of Healing Rooms Ministries and they don't feel that they have time to do this ministry for their team members. We completely understand that. We are not saying the directors need to be the ones who head up a

team, but they can choose who they would like at their Healing Rooms to be team members and who would lead the team. So there is another alternative to the directors being the ones who actually lead the team and there is a freedom in that for the director. We just want to make that clear that it is not the responsibility of the directors to lead the team.

Within this configuration of sozo teams, especially in regards to what we like for a Healing Rooms and because we have both male and female team members, whoever is going to head the team we need to have at least one male and one female. That way everyone that's on the ministry team at your local Healing Room can receive prayer in a proper order--just like we have a proper order in how we already deal in the Healing Rooms. Two men are not going to pray for a woman—two women are not going to pray for a man. Many times we have a husband and wife team praying for either a man or woman so there is still that same order that you follow that is for everyone's safety and protection. But, to begin with, we like to have a male and a female who can at least begin the Sozo Ministry within the local Healing Room.

STRUCTURE OF TEAMS

The way that the teams are structured is that there are two people on the Sozo Ministry team praying for one person. It's a little bit different than what we do in the Healing Rooms where we have three people. In this case we have two. The other difference is that you actually sit down while you do the ministry because we schedule an appointment for a three hour session. I'll get into all the practicality of that later on. Just to let you know those are two differences between praying for our team members through Sozo Ministry and what we normally do in the Healing Rooms Ministry. A team is comprised of two people praying for one person. This is where it comes in that a third person in the room can observe while the other two are praying.

When you are first training people, it is always a good idea to have them sit in while you are praying. We have one person that leads the session, but we tag team with the second person. The way this works is that the first person begins to pray and the second person will write down or jot down notes on things that may need to be covered that we want to make sure are covered. They may write something down, or whisper into the leader's ear of things that they think need to be covered at that moment. So, there are two people in the room--there is a lead, but they do go back and forth as the Spirit shows them. The main purpose of having someone as the lead in the room is that if there is any type of demonic activity there is someone that is acknowledged as the lead person--the one in authority in the room at the time. Even as you would pray and switch over to the second person you would literally say to the one receiving prayer: "I'm going to have this person pray for you now." You've transferred that authority to that second person while they are praying. You are always having one person that is established in everyone's mind in the room as the one in authority. We'll get into some details as we really get into the nuts and bolts of doing the Sozo Ministry.

OVERALL VIEW OF METHODS USED

I'm going to just give you an overview of some of the things that we are going to be talking about--some of the methods that are used and some of the tools. One is the Father ladder: that's the connection between our relationship with our earthly family and how we view the Godhead. We are going to get into all these specifics. One is the four doors: the enemy has a legal right to access you through open doors of occult involvement, sexual sin, fear, or hatred. We're going to talk about the Wall. The Wall is a structure that we have erected to protect ourselves from others and from pain. We're going to talk about divine editing which is a tool to edit our abnormal thoughts and reactions to situations. We're going to talk about healing post-traumatic stress and dealing with triggers and flashbacks that control us. We are also going to talk about Presenting Jesus, which is going back to specific memories and identifying the lie and receiving the truth.

FATHER LADDER

I first want to talk to you about the Father Ladder. In 1 Thessalonians 5:23 it says: *"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved completely without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."* The Father Ladder establishes the pattern of how we relate to our earthly family and how we relate to the Godhead. When we begin a Sozo session we begin with six questions. I'm going to tell you what those are. They are really two questions given to the three persons of the Godhead. Through these six questions and someone's answer to them we can get an idea of where there may be some issues and some things that need to be taken care of—unforgiveness and so forth. They really help us to understand what may be going on in a person's life.

As we had begun the Sozo Ministry down in Redding we used the Father Ladder, but not in the context of starting out with that every time. When we went down to Redding to do a review to see if there was anything different that they had seen happening over the years the comment was: if you begin with the Father Ladder the Sozo session goes much more quickly because you are seeing where there may be potential issues. The first question that we ask the person is: "How do you see, or what do you think of when you think of Father God?" We simply wait for the answer. Ahead of time, right before we ask the questions, we tell the people: "We're going to ask you these six questions. You're the one who's going to answer. This isn't us asking the Holy Spirit. You're the one who is going to answer these questions and there is no right or wrong answer. Even if you have no answer, that is not a wrong answer." We always want to begin with that to set the pace of what the truth is with these questions.

GETTING STARTED – SIX QUESTIONS

You're going to begin by asking: "How do you view Father God, or what do you think about when you think about Father God?" We want to put it in those kinds of terms. All of our personalities are different so we all state things a little bit differently, but we always want to be open with the people so that they can relate to the questions in the way that they relate to God. With many people God speaks to them primarily through pictures so they are going to be the ones that view. How do they see Father God? But there are many who relate to Father God more in a way of Him speaking words to them. We don't

want to put any limits on how someone might relate to Father God or any of the Godhead and we want them to be able to answer those questions in the way that they want to respond. So, you're going to listen to the answer. You don't have any time frame on this. You are just listening. You are already going through and telling the person that they need to say everything out loud. We will be getting into the absolute practical details of how this plays out, but I just want to give you an overview of all of these different tools first.

You are just waiting upon the person to answer the question and with these six questions you're going to see how the person is. You are going to get a feel for the person, because many times you are going to be praying for someone on the team that you may have never met. You are not going to know how they express themselves. Many times a person is one who thinks through the whole thing first—they hear all of the answer and then speak. Then there are others who are telling you what's happening, or what they are thinking, or what they are feeling, or what they are seeing as they see it, feel it, or think it. During this time of these six questions you're getting a feel of how that person is going to express what's happening. Sometimes it may be that you have waited a period of time and there has been silence and you need to speak to the Holy Spirit within yourselves: "Do I need to say something to the person?" They may be a person who is not used to saying things out loud and so you need to prompt them to begin to say things out loud so they will continue to do that throughout the Sozo.

The first question is: "How do you view Father God, or what do you think about when you think of Father God?" And you are waiting for an answer. The second question is: "How does Father God see you, or what does He say about you?" And you are going to listen for the answer. Throughout this whole time of these six questions all you are doing, as the one who is praying, is that you are listening for the answers and then you will know where to begin. In the second set of questions, the third and fourth question is: "How do you see Jesus, or what do you think of Jesus?" And also: "How does Jesus see you, or what does He say about you?" Then the third set of questions is about the Holy Spirit. "How do you see the Holy Spirit, or what do you think about when you think of Him. How does He see you, or what does He say about you?" As you go through these six questions, many times depending on what a person's past experience has been, they may not have an answer regarding—especially regarding—"How does Father God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit see me, or what do they say about me?" If they have no answer, you need to reaffirm to them that that is not a wrong answer. It is the answer and you need to make them feel comfortable in that and then you need to go on from there.

Identify the Relationship Problem and Wounding

Let's say that someone says regarding Father God: "Well, I know that He loves me. He always takes care of me and makes sure I have what I need. But He just seems to be kind of far up there in heaven and I don't really know how to get at Him." It may mean that their experience with their natural father or with a father-figure in their life is that they do know that they loved them; they do know that they protected them and provided for them, but they were distant in some way. It could be that the father, or the father-figure traveled for a living and wasn't around much. There are many things that

you can see from the answers to these six questions that will help you to know what you need to do as you begin to pray and you are listening through these. The way that the Father Ladder works is this: we relate to Father God based upon our experience with our natural fathers—those that are father-figures in our lives. Many people, especially in the culture and the day that we live in now, have never known their father and an uncle or a grandfather is representing the father. There are so many dynamics in the earth today in relationships and families that you need to specify as you are going through and praying that it's not necessarily the one who gave life to you, but it can be those who raised you and your experience with them. It can be many-fold. It could be that they related to five different uncles as a father or whatever the situation may be. But, the bottom line of it is that our relationship with our earthly father, or father-figure, has an impact on how we view Father God.

How we view Jesus is based upon our relationship with our peers and our siblings. Jesus is our brother and He's our friend. So depending on the types of relationships we have had with peers and with siblings, that can have an affect on how we view Jesus. When it comes to the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is our comforter, our guide, our nurturer and that's what mothers were created to be in our lives. Depending on our relationship with our mother or mother-figure it can have an influence on how we view the Holy Spirit. Now many times we are talking about seeing where there might be issues, but like anything else we have to realize that it's not just the negative we're looking at. These relationships can be very positive in how we view Father God or Jesus or the Holy Spirit even when we are going through issues, which we'll talk about at a later time. As we're going through issues with someone they may have an issue with a father. We are dealing with the place where that relationship may not have been in order with the Lord and we're rooting those things out and speaking forgiveness. We are also embracing all of the good characteristics that we have received from that father or father-figure. We always want to make sure that we are not just getting rid of what seems to be the negative, or the work of the enemy, but we are also embracing all of the good inheritance we have in these relationships. That is just a brief example of what we go through in asking those six questions, and then as we go through and use the different tools we're going to begin to deal with issues that have to do in those three realms as far as the God-head.

What we want to do is take care of where there is any work of the enemy in those relationships, and then we want to have the person receive those healed visions of the Godhead. There may be areas where there's been a miscommunication, where there's been a wrong thinking or where they believed a lie about Father, Son, or Holy Spirit. We want that truth in there so they now have a healed vision of who the Godhead is. They can now walk in that newness of relationship with each one of them. Basically, as you go through and you're dealing with issues, you are going to be speaking forgiveness, you're going to be renouncing lies and receiving truth. You're going to be breaking word curses and all those kinds of things, but the main thing is to see through the Father Ladder, what are the issues that we might need to deal with--that's just a brief explanation.

Now I'm going to go through just a few of the tools that may be used and this is all led by the Holy Spirit throughout the entire Sozo session. You are relying on the Holy Spirit to show you how to pray--even what questions to ask as you're going along--because God is going to relate to that person and even have you ask questions in the way that person will understand. It's different for every one even though you may pray

about the same issue with someone in many different sessions. Many people may have an issue with their father or their mother, or their brother or sister, and it is going to be different in the way that you ask the questions and the way that you relate to them, because God knows who they are and exactly how to speak to them.

THE WALL

We are going to start by just describing and talking a little bit about the Wall. The wall is made up of our own self-defense mechanisms, or lies of the enemy, we have chosen to believe. This is a false protection that keeps us bound. Many times people think that this is my safety--I'm safe here. But in reality it's a false protection because it's not based upon relying on Father God as our protector, and therefore it really keeps us in bondage rather than safe. It makes us unable to fully enter into God's presence and unable to have healthy friendships with others, and many times prevents us from having a healthy relationship with ourselves. What we are going to do is: You're in a Sozo session and the Holy Spirit is telling you there's an issue here. I want you to ask the person if they have any walls around them. A lot of times people think they're not going to know. They know. You can even have people who say to you: "I know I have this wall because every time this happens this thing goes up and blocks between me and the person." The point is that we are dealing with the injuries in relationships and so forth, but the goal is so that there is absolutely nothing that hinders our relationship with God in any way. That's why we are going through these things to receive complete freedom so there is right relationship with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Describe the Wall

The Holy Spirit may lead you to say: "Do you have any walls?" And if the person says "yes" then you say: "What I want you to do is tell me how high is that wall, how wide is it, where are you in relationship to the wall, what's the wall made out of?" Through that description you are going to see what some of the issue is. You are going step by step. When you are asking the person the question you're reminding them that they need to hear the Holy Spirit and then speak it out loud to you. You want to see or hear what the Holy Spirit is showing them or saying to them, and that's going to give you the guidance of where you need to go. You, as the person praying, are always asking the Holy Spirit: "What do I need to say here?" Then you are going to wait to say it in the way that He wants you to. One of the things that you have to be aware of, and you need to make everyone in the room aware of really, is—silence is not bad--it's good. We're going to let the person take the time they need to hear the answer, and those praying for the person need to wait to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying. There is no rush here. There's a reason why we make an appointment for three hours, so that the Holy Spirit can do whatever He wants in any way that He wants to do it. We're just cooperating with Him.

We're asking the person: "Do you have a wall, what is it made out of, how thick is it, how tall is it, where are you in relation to the wall?" Let me just give you an example. Let's say that the person says that: "The wall is 12 feet high and it's five feet thick. It's made out of concrete block with steel inside of it and I'm on the inside of the wall." That's going to give you an indication that it is a stronghold in their life. If they say to you: "The

wall is made out of clear plastic that's very, very thin and even when I blow on the wall it moves." You're going to know that it is not necessarily a stronghold, but it's an issue--a wall in their life, but the impact that it's had on their life is less than the twelve foot by five foot, concrete blocks, steel reinforced wall. It makes a difference also in where they are in relationship to the wall.

Identify the Purpose of the Wall

Let me give you two examples. As they describe the wall you are going to say to them: "Does the wall have a name?" And they may say: "Yes, it's rejection." The wall's name is rejection. Well, if this person is inside the wall, then they may be a person who rejects others before someone can reject them. If they say, "I'm on the outside of the wall and I'm always looking in trying to see in." It may be a person who's always trying to get in to have relationship with people, but always feel that they are rejected. There is a difference there and you need to be aware of that as you are praying. Throughout this whole time you are getting the discernment from the Holy Spirit on what to do, what to say, and what does that mean? Even if a person says something, and you may even know what it means, but they are saying, "I'm not sure what that means," – you are not going to tell them what it means. You're going to say: "Holy Spirit, what does that mean when they are inside this 12 foot, five foot wall, what does that mean?" You are going to just go through and ask the Holy Spirit so that the person is having the relationship with the Godhead. You are not telling them what is happening or what their problems are, or anything. You are facilitating them to have a relationship with the Godhead, and have a better understanding of the lies they have believed and what the truth is.

Take Down the Wall – Get to the Root

In dealing with the wall there may be a couple of different ways that it comes down. In my experience there's been a difference. One of the ways can be that you begin to ask the Holy Spirit: "Where did this person first feel rejection?" And you are going to listen and have them listen, and see when the first time they felt rejection was. Depending on who they are and the circumstances of their life, it could be anywhere from "when I was in third grade" to "when I was in college," to "when I was in the womb, I didn't feel accepted. I was rejected." You are listening to what the Holy Spirit wants to say, but basically what you're doing is getting down to the root--where did that thing first come in? Because if you take care of the issue at the root, everything that the enemy has built up throughout their life in that place of rejection, is going to fall. You are taking care of the life source of that rejection. It may be that they see the situation: "When I was in third grade I wanted to play out on the playground with this group of friends, and they wouldn't let me play, and I just felt so rejected by them." You are going to have the person go through and forgive those friends for that rejection and take care of that issue with those people. They need to take care of that unforgiveness with those people. After you take care of that issue, that one situation, you're going to go back and you are going to say: "What does the wall look like now?" They may say: "Well, now the wall is still five feet

thick, but it's only ten feet tall now, or six feet tall now." Some of it has come down because you dealt with that one area of rejection where the root came in, but there are still some things that need to happen.

The enemy builds upon the first thing--the rejection in third grade. He builds upon that year after year after year, to where there are many situations of rejection built upon that situation. It's not that you have to go to every single one. There may be hundreds of them. You don't have to go to each and every one—you need to go to the places that the Holy Spirit shows you that are the most impacting. It's about what lie did that person believe at that time? There is a reason why certain places are turning points where we've made decisions or we've made choices or we've come to conclusions about ourselves or others based upon what we felt or thought at the time. Now we have a wall that is still five feet thick, they're still on the inside, but it has come down. Now it's six feet tall. And you're going to ask the Holy Spirit: "What does this person need to see about this wall of rejection? What else needs to happen here?" Let the Holy Spirit show them the next place of rejection. "Well, when I was in high school my parents divorced and my mother left us and I felt rejected." Then you are going to deal with that issue; with the forgiveness issues and all that needs to take place in that situation.

The thing about praying--even though we're talking about the Wall and that being a tool—in anything that we pray it may go off into many different areas within one issue that you're dealing with. Here is one situation: first, in the third grade where the friends wouldn't let them play—well, it could also be that the child went to the teacher and the teacher said: "Get over it" or whatever and they felt rejected by the teacher as well. Within one situation there may be many paths you take leading you to places that need to be forgiven or dealt with. But, you always want to make sure that you come back to where you started with that original issue of rejection. You are going to do the same thing--you are going to this next place where: "My parents divorced and my mother left me and rejected me." You are going to deal with all the people within that situation—it may not just be the mother—that need to be forgiven in order for that rejection issue to be taken care of. Again after each time you're praying you are asking the Holy Spirit to show them what the wall looks like now. Now the wall may be very thin and very short, but it is still there. You're going to ask the Holy Spirit: "What needs to happen here for this wall to be completely gone?" One of the things that you have to realize is that it is not just people being rejected by others, but people rejecting themselves.

The next issue is that the Holy Spirit may show the person who they have really rejected. It could be they don't like themselves, there's self-hatred there, and they have basically rejected themselves, and you're going to take care of that issue. We don't always just assume that it's someone else that has rejected the person. It also can be that it is not an actual rejection, but the person may perceive that they have been rejected. It doesn't matter if it is perceived or reality, that issue of rejection needs to be taken care of. You continue to go and you continue to ask "what does that wall look like now?"

Now, let's say they've dealt with the self-rejection and then they say: "Oh, good, the wall is all the way down." But you ask them what does that all look like? "Well, the wall is down, it's all the way broken apart. The rubble is just on the ground now." You do not want to leave rubble on the ground, because if you've got little pieces of stone and

steel and concrete block there, that wall can be rebuilt by the person. You want to make sure that absolutely every bit of that rubble of that wall is gone. Now you're asking the Holy Spirit: "What needs to take place here for this rubble to be gone?" And you're going to go ahead and deal with whatever that last issue is, or last small issues are, and take care of it until there is absolutely nothing left of that wall. You're going from a twelve foot by five foot, inside the wall, steel-reinforced, concrete block to absolutely nothing left. That area of rejection has been taken care of in that person's life.

Part of what we do and part of what that second person is doing is, at this point, they would write down "rejection." At this time we are not breaking the spirit of rejection that's been in someone's life. We're taking care of that wall and all of the issues the Holy Spirit has shown us, but that does not mean that in another part of the Sozo there might not be some hints of rejection issues that need to be taken care. We are always waiting to the very end of the Sozo to break any spirits that are associated with rejection, abandonment—any of those issues. Part of what the second person is doing is writing down what those words are—such as rejection, abandonment--so that those things will all be prayed through by the person, renounced and broken at the end of the Sozo session.

We're going to talk just for a few minutes regarding the wall and the fact that the wall can be made out of absolutely anything, just as I gave the description of the concrete wall, or the clear plastic it doesn't matter. I've had people ask me different things like can it be a window or could it be a hedge? A wall can be made up of anything. It's whatever is keeping you out of relationship with other people or God. Don't let people think just because you're saying wall, and people have an image of what a wall is, that it's a specific type of material or whatever. It can be anything. It could be wooden poles. It could be absolutely anything. So you're not making any judgment about whether or not it's a wall—because it is. You're asking the Holy Spirit these questions and the Holy Spirit is showing you what the issues are.

Many times you have to remind people as you are praying for them, that we have asked that the only voice that we're going to hear is the voice of the Holy Spirit. So many times people see something or feel something or hear something and they are thinking: "I don't understand it, so I'm not going to say it." People need to understand that they have to say absolutely everything that they are sensing, that they are thinking, that they are seeing, because the Holy Spirit is the one we've asked the question of. Even if there's not an understanding of what it means at that moment it is relevant. Many times as you are going through the wall you need to remind people of that, because they'll say: "Well, I see this, but I have absolutely no idea what it means." That's ok. You're asking: "What is it that you're seeing?" And then we're asking the Holy Spirit, "What does that mean as we're going through the wall?"

Control Buttons

The other thing that I want to talk to you about regarding the wall is the fact that it's not just the absolute structure that we have to deal with, but sometimes it may be that the person has a control button associated with the wall. For instance, they might say: "I

have this wall and it's a steel plate, but I can just push a button and it will go down or up." Well, it may be that every time—let's say that it's a female—every time there's a man around that wall is up. But, every time her friends are around that wall is down. It can be an issue of rejection or abandonment or any kind of issue that you may need to deal with, but that person may also have a control that they use within that. You need to make sure that the button is taken care of as well, because it is still an issue and they need to not differentiate between one group of people or another or one person and another. They need to be free, completely free, of that issue regarding all people. Many times you may even be dealing within a certain issue, like in rejection you may be dealing with rebellion. You may be dealing with addictions; you could be dealing with all kinds of things associated with having control in situations.

You need to continually ask the Holy Spirit: "What is it that I need to be praying and saying here?" Even as you deal with forgiveness—as we talked about with rejection or whatever needs to happen—many times people may not feel comfortable trying to just say the prayer on their own. You may need to help them in saying it. Let's say there was that third grade issue of the friends. You may need to say: "Holy Spirit would you show this person everything they need to forgive Sally and Fred and Susan for." Let the Holy Spirit show them, but then help them. "I forgive Sally and Fred and Susan for rejecting me; for not letting me play on the playground with them; for making me feel bad; for making me cry; for making me feel humiliated."--whatever the words are that the Holy Spirit shows them, because we want the entire issue dealt with.

Many times people might say: "Well, I forgive Sally and Fred, and Susan," but God's saying—"No, I want them to be specific." Then you are going down to the very point of where the pain is and you're getting it pulled out at the root. It's not going to have an influence on their life anymore! There is a second way that I want to show you that the wall might come down. First, we talked about the fact that the Lord may have you go to the root and see how that wall comes down. You deal with each rejection issue as in our example.

Take Down the Wall with a Tool

The other way that wall may come down is by the Holy Spirit having you see the Lord or the person taking that wall down. You've asked the question; you've established the fact, and we'll give the example again of the concrete wall being twelve feet by five feet and steel reinforced, and you may say: "Holy Spirit, how does that wall need to come down?" Rather than Him saying, "Find out where the root is." He's having you ask the question: "How does it need to come down?" That person may see a picture of Jesus coming with a big bulldozer to bulldoze the wall down. Or, it may be: "You know what, the Lord's coming with a sledgehammer and He has two of them and we're both going to knock that wall down." It depends on the person and what their situation has been. Many times when people, in our example of rejection, let's say—many times people need to recognize that they have authority to not let that spirit of rejection control their lives--that they have authority over that. It may be that they need to see, in the example of Jesus coming with a sledgehammer for both of them, that Jesus does not reject me. They need to see that. But, they also need to see that they have authority over that spirit of rejection.

So together in recognizing that Jesus does not reject them, and that they have authority that is given them, it empowers them to get that wall taken care of.

In the same way you're going to continue to ask the Holy Spirit: "How does that wall need to come down?" It may be stages, just like it was with the root issue, and you'll repeat over and over. It may be that in the first part of it they need to see Jesus coming with a bulldozer and Jesus knocking it down to where it's a foot tall or whatever. And then they need to see that they can knock it down with a sledgehammer, but the fiery eyes of Jesus are burning up that metal that was reinforcing it. See, it's all about what does the person need to know about the Godhead? It may be that in the place of rejection, because of someone's experience, they need to see that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all with them and together they are taking this wall down.

One of the things that many times people will ask is: "Well, isn't that just someone's imagination causing that to happen?" We're talking about the spirit realm, and in the spirit realm there literally is a wall that the person has built, and it's a spiritual thing that's taking place as they are seeing the Lord help them to take care of that wall. It's not just somebody making something up, but it's an actual thing happening in the spirit realm, and people need to understand that. Many times they'll say: "Well, I see this, but is this really real?" Well, most importantly, we've asked the Holy Spirit to be in control here and He's the one who's showing us what is happening. The evidence of it is the freedom, the lightness that people feel as that issue in their life is completely taken care of.

You also need to understand that a wall can be absolutely anything, as we've said before; it can be those main issues that we hear of a lot in people's lives of fear, abandonment, rejection, and self-hatred--all of these kinds of things. It really can be anything that's happened in someone's life. A wall could be built out of one situation that took place in someone's life where they were intimidated or whatever. The whole point is, let's get the walls down so that the person can have free access to others, and others can have access to them, and they can be in right relationship with those around them and with God--with no blockages. That's just a description of how the Holy Spirit might show you how to deal with people regarding walls.

POST TRAUMATIC STRESS/TRIGGER MECHANISMS

We're going to talk for just a few minutes about post-traumatic stress and trigger mechanisms. Many times as I'm dealing with people it's mixed also with presenting Jesus. I'm going to just give you an idea of both situations. Post-traumatic memories that occur at a point in time are triggered by events in the present. We'll give you just a couple of examples of some things that can happen. Many times when people are listening to this teaching or they are in a training session the things that we say and even the examples that are given may touch a place in you that is a place of wounding. You need to understand that the Lord is going to meet you right there at that place of wounding, and He is going to cover you, and protect you, and help you to get through and take care of any of these issues. Even in the examples we've already given, regarding rejection or abandonment, if they touched a place in you the Lord has peace for you, and He will help you get through that and take care of those issues. With any examples that

we give during this training I want you to understand that we pray the peace of the Lord over you, and the fact that it's touching a place is because God knows you are ready to deal with it.

Regarding post-traumatic stress, what can happen is--and you see this a lot in Vietnam veterans where the war was horrible--when they came home it was still horrible and there were conflicting emotions, thoughts, and all of the things that happened. It's not just people in war it can happen to, but that's one example. Given the state of our life and things that people have been through--many people have been through wars--especially in other nations where there have been generations of wars. We need to know that we have to be able to help people to be free of the trauma of these things and the painful memories. What can happen is, for example, a car backfires and someone right then is flashed back to where they were in war in a certain situation and what was happening. Or the trigger may be that a helicopter puts people right back into that memory.

We want to deal with the triggers and the trauma and the pain associated with the event in someone's life so that they are completely free of it. It's not that they won't remember that they were in war--that's part of what their experience has been--but the pain and the torment of it will no longer control their lives. The normal sounds of a helicopter or a car backfiring will not control their lives anymore. The main thing is that we want to get the person to that memory, but only to the place that they need to know where the lies were. One of the difficulties that has been, in my opinion, in the Body of Christ, is that we think that a person has to re-live every bad thing that ever happened to them. I don't believe that's true. All they need to do is go to the place where they believed a lie about themselves, about God, or about other people, so that they can see the lie and receive the truth. Get the lie out and get the truth in. That will absolutely change their lives and their relationships. The purpose of even going into this is to go to that memory and see what happened. What was the lie that was believed? What was the trauma that happened at that moment? What is the pain associated with that memory and then sever the pain from the memory.

The Lord may do that in several ways. Like I said before, many times for me it's been that He wants to present Jesus, or one of the Godhead in that place, in that trauma. We'll get into that in just a moment. But, also what I want to say about trauma is that it isn't just people in war. It can be absolutely any event in our lives that caused trauma to us. It can be being in a car accident. It could be seeing a car accident or a train wreck or whatever. It can be things such as being molested or raped. It can be a variety of things; anything that caused trauma in our lives that keeps us bound. Every time we see something or hear something or smell something it reminds us of that incident. It may not be that we actually have a trigger that constantly takes us back to that scene and we're re-living it, but it can be a trigger that reminds us of the pain. Many times people can tell you—you may even ask the Holy Spirit and He may tell you to ask them: "Do you have any triggers? Do you have anything that just sets you off?" And people know it. "Every time I hear a door slam it just sends something up the back of my spine and I can't stand it. I just want to run." It can be anything like that and it can be things where people have triggers and they may even recognize it, but they don't know what it's associated with. "Why does it happen every time I hear a door slam?" In that case you're going to ask the

Holy Spirit: “When was the first time that this person heard a door slam and it affected them?” And there again you’re getting back to a root issue where it may be, like in a previous example, where a door was slamming. “My mom slammed the door as she left us.” You’re going to deal with the fact that there is pain and you are going to forgive.

One of the main things you’re going to see in all of these tools is that there is a lot of unforgiveness. There are a lot of places where we need to forgive people and release them to God. We’re going to get into that in a little bit. But, people need to recognize the fact that when you forgive someone that does not mean that what they did to you, you’re saying, is right. You’re just releasing them because God says to forgive and to send them to the Lord. That’s part of what you have to remember in all of this. Getting back to the triggers—you’re going to deal with that root issue. What is it? When was the time a door slammed and their mother left? You’re going to take care of that forgiveness issue so that now anytime that person hears a door slam it’s not going to take them into bad feelings. These can be feelings about themselves that aren’t right, feelings about God, or whatever, because they’ve taken care of what was behind the trigger of the door slamming. This doesn’t mean they might not like doors slamming, because a lot of people don’t, but it’s not going to be an issue in their life any more. It’s simply going to be a door that was slammed and that’s it. That’s just a little bit about post-traumatic stress.

One of the things you have to realize is that a trigger can be absolutely anything, and sometimes people will not understand it and you, as the one praying, need to make sure that they can understand that if they are seeing something, or hearing something, or feeling something, don’t just throw it out. It can be the trigger. When you are asking, “Do you have any triggers?” are you asking the Holy Spirit to show them that anything can be a trigger? It can be a fan in a bathroom; it can be the sound of a train whistle. It could be absolutely anything--the brightness of a certain kind of light, a certain color or a certain smell. It could be every time they smell roses—or every time the lilacs are in bloom or whatever. That’s because there can be a traumatic situation that happened and though the people didn’t recognize it at the time—let’s say there was a car accident--the lilacs were in bloom. So every time they smell a lilac they relate it to the car accident that was so traumatic because their friend died, or whatever. A trigger can be anything and you just need to be wise in the Lord and discerning in the spirit. You need to ask: “What does that mean for this person?” and let them hear the Holy Spirit and be released from that. All of it being that we need to forgive; we need to reject the lies and receive the truth--whatever needs to happen. Like I said before, within one given situation of a trigger in a trauma there can be multitudes of people that need to be forgiven or things that need to be taken care of.

PRESENTING JESUS

We’re going to talk about Presenting Jesus now. That’s bringing Jesus into memories in which there’s pain or wounds that have occurred and inviting Jesus into the memory to identify what the lie is, and to reveal the truth. We call it Presenting Jesus, because Jesus is the one who paid the price for us and He’s the one who, more than likely, would be seen in a situation. However, we don’t want to just assume that it could only be Jesus. It may be the Father, or Holy Spirit or any combination of the three persons

of the Godhead, that need to be seen in a situation to bring the freedom to expose the lie and reveal the truth. What you are doing—and many times this can take place—is Presenting Jesus within what we already talked about in the post-traumatic stress or the triggers. Many times I've seen in those situations where the Lord wants to make himself known. What people sometimes have a problem with is that they say: "Well, that's just someone's imagination." But, Jesus has always been with us. The Godhead has always been with us. The problem is that we may not have recognized it. God was with us even before we received Jesus. We just did not recognize that He was for us and that He was with us.

It's not your imagination to think that Jesus is in a given situation. We need to make that clear to people so they understand that as the Holy Spirit is having us ask these questions, or for Jesus to show Himself where He was in a given situation, that the people need to understand that it's real. In the same way that we talked about the wall and so forth, and the fact that it wasn't imagination, but a spiritual truth. This is the same kind of situation where you may see Jesus, you may see the Father, and you may see the Holy Spirit or any combination. So let's relate presenting Jesus back to the trauma or post-traumatic stress issue. In the event that we talked about someone in war in a given situation it may be that they saw their best friend killed in that situation. They may have been right next to them or there may be feelings of guilt that I wasn't able to save my friend. It can be any number of things that can take place in a situation that literally jars us to the core and that is basically what it is. We are asking the question in that situation in war where there's been pain, where their friend has been killed and there's confusion and whatever the situation might be. What we are doing is asking the Holy Spirit to show the person where Jesus is in this situation. Many times the lie that's associated with a trauma or a traumatic event is that God was not with me. That imparts one of the lies and the person needs to see this.

We're asking the Holy Spirit to show the person where Jesus, or anyone in the Godhead, was when they were in that situation in war. You're asking, and you're telling them: "Now look and see where He is." They may say: "Well I don't see him anywhere." You reply: "No, what you need to do is stop and look all the way around," because many times if the person and the trauma is right in front of someone they think that's where the Lord should be. Well, it may be that the Lord is behind them or to the side of them--they just need to look around and see where the Lord is in that situation. Then you're going to ask the Lord: "What is it that this person needs to know about this event that happened?" It may be that they need to hear: "It was not your fault. You were not responsible for your friend's death." It may be that they need to know that a certain group of people are not all bad--because the ones they have been fighting against represent a certain group of people--and it's not necessarily everyone in that people group that's at fault. There are so many things when it comes to war and situations like these that can be involved in it.

There may be several lies associated with one event and the person needs to know what the lie is and what the truth is--as the Lord is showing them. For example, saying to them: "The lie is that I'm guilty of my friend's death." And so you are going to say: "Jesus, if that is the lie, then what is the truth?" We can't just assume that the Lord is going to tell them: "You're not guilty." It may be anything that He needs to say to them

that's the truth and it may have many facets to it so that they can understand the fullness of what the truth is. You are never assuming that in a given situation there is only one lie or that there is only one thing that the Lord wants them to know. You are also not going to assume that it's only Jesus that's going to tell them something. It may be that Jesus tells them: "You are not guilty of your friend's death; it was not your fault. The truth is that you did everything that you could; that you were a good friend; that you were a supportive friend and that you under girded and encouraged your friend." You see, it can be a wide variety of things, but that may not be the only issue. It may be that another lie is: "Father God was never with me, He did not protect me." In this case it's Father God who is going to be in that situation to reveal the lie and then to speak to them what the truth is. "Yes, in that situation I protected you." He may even give them an example: "This was about to happen and I moved you from that area to another area." It doesn't matter all the fullness of it, as long as when we come and we ask we make sure that we wait for the full answer so that the person can be completely set free of the lie and receive the truth in those situations.

It can be that they believed a lie about themselves, about God, even about their friend. Maybe they had a friend who was reckless and didn't follow the commander's orders and they may be angry at their friend for getting killed. See, there is a wide gamut of emotions for things that can be there that need to be taken care of. It can go all the way back to: "I blamed our country for getting involved in this war." There is just such a wide gamut of issues that may need to be dealt with and we're taking it step-by-step as the Holy Spirit leads. It may be that in one issue it takes you half an hour to deal with everything and then another five minutes. It's not about the amount of time it takes or that this is a deeper issue over another—it's about what is the Holy Spirit doing and how is He doing it? And that is what we are going to do.

Part of this area in Presenting Jesus can also be lies that people have believed about themselves, like we said. I want to switch over to some examples of other situations that might have happened. Many times when people are abused in any way—sexually or physically or verbally--they really don't believe that God is with them, or for them, or how could He have allowed that? Many times when, for instance, there may be a death of a baby, and people don't understand why God allowed that. What happened? In all of these kinds of things God wants to come and make Himself known to the person so that they absolutely know the truth. There are so many ways that the enemy comes and brings the lie, and once we receive it and believe the lie, it can have a very deep root. We want to completely get that root out of there and get the truth of God in that place.

In Presenting Jesus in traumatic situations--and it may not even be necessarily traumatic things, but just in ways that the Holy Spirit says in this situation--I want you to ask: "Where is Jesus?" I want them to know what He says and why He says it. We are not making any assumptions in any way that we minister to people. We don't want to make any assumptions; we are to just follow what the Holy Spirit is doing. We are asking the Holy Spirit to show the person and that's basically what's happening when you are Presenting Jesus. Like I said before, you're going to ask the Lord to show them in their memory where He was. Like I said before, that does not mean that the person has to re-live the whole memory. You just want to know what the lie is and what the truth is and let's get done with it.

The person does not need to suffer while they are receiving freedom. Part of this is that you, as the one praying, need to understand that the Lord will not injure us while He's healing us. If we, as the people praying, are not listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying--let's say we're a person that wants to know the whole story of what happened--we can actually cause injury while the person is receiving healing. This happens because we are not listening and abiding by what the Holy Spirit is doing and saying, but instead we have our own agenda mixed up in it. We absolutely cannot do that. We have to only do and say what He is doing and saying in a given situation. The point is, we just want the person to be free and that's it.

Like I've said before, in these other tools many times there are many different avenues that you may have to go down in a given situation. There may be fifteen people that need to be forgiven in a situation, but you always want to come back to what the original thing was that you were doing--that you were asking. You need to make sure that even though you've taken care of all those forgiveness issues, that you have taken care of the main issue that you were dealing with. Just to remember and to review--it's called Presenting Jesus, but it could be Father, Son or Holy Spirit, or any combination thereof, that wants to speak to this person and make themselves known in a situation.

Many times when people have had a trauma, they feel other things besides the area of not being protected, which would be a Father God issue, because Father God is the one who protects us. Let's say where there's been a rape or there's been abuse, even when the person has the courage to tell someone else about it, that person may reject what they say or not believe them or there may be many other things that happen. There's the added issue of—I wasn't nurtured, I wasn't comforted, I wasn't taken care of even after the situation. I didn't feel protected in it and now afterwards, when I say something about it, I don't feel comforted, or nurtured or taken care of. You're going to need to deal with that issue as well. So in a given situation there can be many avenues that you have to take. You're remembering always to come back to the original thought--the original thing that the Holy Spirit wanted you to ask.

DIVINE EDITING

Now, we're going to just briefly go over Divine Editing. That's the tool that we talked about that came from the brain scientist, Aiko Horman. What she presented was the fact that there's a place in the back of our brains basically at our brain stem where it meets the neck. There is actually a place in our brains called the reticular formation and what that area of the brain does is from the time that we are conceived till we go to be with Jesus it records things that are happening. From the time we are in the womb it could be recording if we have a very pleasant environment around us--if our parents are joyful about our birth and so forth. It's recording that. It's also recording if there is strife and division in the household. Every area of our life is being recorded in that place called the reticular formation. For example, we may say that we grew up in a household where there was constant verbal abuse and where no one in the family was ever encouraged--they were only put down. For us in that place in our brain that is normal behavior. That is a normal situation. We may go to our friend's house when we are in sixth grade and all of their family is very loving and encouraging and because we are so used to our

situation and the negativity we think that this family is strange. There is something wrong with them because they encourage and strengthen one another. The other part of that is that we could be in that family where there is always encouraging words and where there are always blessings and building up of people and we go to someone else's house and we think there is something wrong there--and there is. Either way it's what we are used to or what is normal for us. But, it is not normal in God's Kingdom. What we do when we pray for someone almost every time is that we're breaking habits.

We're breaking a lot of lies and things and at the end of the Sozo we are going to pray for that portion of the brain so that all of those things associated with the negativity no longer seem normal. There is a reason why it's called Divine Editing, it's because we're asking God to do it. He's the only one who can. In the natural we can't overcome that, we just have to ask God to remove it. We actually pray for people and put our hands on the back of their head, after we've asked permission to do that, and we pray: "Lord, would you please remove every thought, every thought pattern, everything in this portion of the brain that seemed normal to this person, but was not from you." Then, just like with everything else, there's all those lies coming out—that's the negative coming out. Now we want the truth in there. "Lord, please replace it now with your truth and with all of these examples of your truth that you have given to them. Now put that truth in that place." Literally that person will think differently. I want to give you an example of that.

This example comes from someone who gave permission many, many years ago to use this example. There was a young lady who had been sexually abused by many men in her family and she received prayer. She had us pray in that area of the brain and about a week later she came back and said: "I can't believe what's happened." She said: "I was in the grocery store and I was in the grocery line and there was a man in front of me and there was a man behind me and all at once I realized I wasn't afraid." In her whole life her thought patterns were that if there was a man nearby that you need to be afraid because you're going to be hurt. She realized that she had been set free to the extent that she could have men around her and she was no longer afraid. This is just one example, but you can see it over and over in places where people have an expectancy and there's a thought pattern process that people have associated with those bad behaviors, either of their own or their environments, that they have grown up with and Jesus sets them free and literally changes the way they think. That's what we do when we are praying near the very end of the session, that everything that's been a lie—all of it--is being removed and the truth is being put in there and their life is transformed. That's the testimony of Jesus and even as you listen to this training, the testimony of Jesus is for you. He has the ability to take out of your thought patterns those ways of thinking where you have had abnormal thoughts all of your life and God is able to take them out. He's willing to take those thoughts out and replace them with truth so that you can literally walk out free. You need to know that. There are many of you that need to know that. It's not just what you do, but it's what He does that absolutely transforms your life.

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FOUR DOORS

Now we're going to talk about the Four Doors. These are the doors of access to the enemy that gives him the legal right to torment us. As we've been talking through these tools, the Holy Spirit is showing you that you may use the Wall or deal with trigger mechanisms or presenting Jesus. You are dealing with all of these Four Doors within that, or parts of them. But, when you are done using the tools in the way that the Holy Spirit wants you to, you are always going to go back and check these Four Doors. In all the areas, within the different tools that He may have had you use during the Sozo, you are always going to go back and check whether there is anyone else they need to forgive. I'm going to begin to talk about these different doors and what may be represented by them and what symptoms come from these different areas of access. We just want to go through each one individually. I am going, at a later time in the training, to do kind of a practical demonstration to the extent of how you set up the room, how you begin, what your first prayer is, and the first six questions. In that way you can get a feel of how we begin the Sozo and how we end it. I just wanted to specifically go through these doors and talk to you about them.

Hatred

The first door we're going to talk about is hatred. A lot of people have trouble, even when you say that, because they think: "I don't hate anyone." Well, if you have unforgiveness, you have hatred. Either you love someone or you don't. We want to be really bold about the fact that unforgiveness is hatred. Now, one of the things that you want to recognize is the fact that we can have unforgiveness towards others, but many times we have unforgiveness towards ourselves. Sometimes the hardest thing for people to deal with is in forgiving themselves. Hatred can be bitterness, envy, gossiping, slander, or wanting someone else to look bad. It can be murder and violence--it can be a wide gamut of things encompassed in that. We're the ones who, as we know in the Body of Christ, many times grade sin. We say that murder is worse than gossip, but in God's eyes it isn't and we're going to deal with all of these things in the same way.

Forgiving

First of all, what you are going to do is that you are going to ask the Holy Spirit to show the person whether there is anyone they need to forgive. They may have forgiven many, many people in the tools, in the Wall, in dealing with triggers, any other things the Holy Spirit had you do before this, but you want to make sure. For instance, you say: "Holy Spirit, would You show them if there is anyone else they need to forgive?" And they go ahead and they see someone's face, or hear someone's name. Then you're going to ask: "Holy Spirit, would you show them everything that they need to forgive Bill for?" And have them embrace that. "I forgive Bill for running over my foot with the bicycle." You know, we think things like that are funny, but if that person had an injury to their foot when they were five and they are now 25 and they have pain in the foot every day, it is not a little thing. We never discount anything or think that it is silly. That's why we, as people praying, can have absolutely no judgment. We cannot show anything on our face, we cannot be shocked, or amused even, by things that we hear. It's all about it meaning something to that person and it is a big deal. Ok? You are going to continue to do that.

The person forgives Bill for everything the Holy Spirit shows them to forgive. Then you are going to ask again. “Holy Spirit is there anyone else they need to forgive?” You are going to continue to do that. It’s funny, but people sometimes start to get mad at you. “Why do you keep asking me that?” “Well have we stopped seeing people yet?” Right? The point is we want complete forgiveness. We want everything dealt with. We want absolutely nothing left that gives access to the enemy. When we have unforgiveness the enemy has the right to torment us and we want to get rid of every right of access.

Forgiving Mutual Friends/Acquaintances

One thing, when you are talking about forgiving, and especially in the context of the fact that we are praying for team members, is that we may work with them on a daily basis. When we begin in this area and even at the very beginning of the Sozo we’ll give you some instructions and this is part of the instruction. You need to say to the person: “As we’re going through this Sozo you may need to forgive me for something.” I’m the person praying for them, but they may need to forgive me for something. I’ll tell them: “Just go ahead and do it—don’t worry about it. If I need to deal with the Lord later on it, I will.” The whole Sozo session, even if they may need to forgive you for something, is about them being clear with God. You can deal with the issue of them having unforgiveness towards you or anything else you did to them or was perceived of doing to them later. It’s not about you, it about them getting free--that’s the main focus. You do have to remind people of that because they may not only need to forgive you, but they may need to forgive other team members or someone that you know and then they feel uncomfortable about that.

The other thing that you need to reassure them of is that it doesn’t matter what they need to forgive anyone for. Whatever it is will not cause me to judge them in a certain way. Many times, especially when people need to forgive mothers or fathers or family members or someone that you have as a mutual friend, they think that by saying what that person did to them, you, who are praying for them, are going to form a judgment or you are going to be tarnished in some way or think badly about that person. You need to reassure them that this is not the case. We are operating in the Holy Spirit and when we are done praying we ask the Holy Spirit to remove from our minds everything that we prayed about. Once it’s under the blood of Jesus, we don’t need to know about it, because it’s taken care of.

You’ll sometimes see a little bit of struggle on a person’s face as you are asking the questions and they may see someone or hear a name. You just need to tell them: “It’s ok; I’m not going to judge.” The Holy Spirit is going to tell you when you need to say those things. You may have to say it more than once in a session when you are dealing with these forgiveness issues. Sometimes people have difficulty when you ask: “Holy Spirit is there anyone they need to forgive?”—and they come up with a blank. You don’t assume that there’s no one. What you need to do is help that person by breaking it down into categories. You can say: “Holy Spirit, are there any family members this person needs to forgive?” And then that might jar their minds to remember: “Oh, yeah, my sister, Isabelle, wore my favorite dress and ruined it.” It’s all those kinds of things that we think,

like I said, to us may be silly, but it means a big thing and there's unforgiveness and it needs to be taken care of. You're breaking it down and you're saying: "Are there any family members that this person needs to forgive?" Or you're saying: "Holy Spirit, are there any peers, co-workers, church friends that they need to forgive?" Or you're saying: "Holy Spirit, are there any authority figures they need to forgive?" And you're giving examples. "Are there any lawyers or principals or teachers or bosses or pastors that they need to forgive?" In the church there is a lot of injury within the Body of Christ.

Forgiving Themselves

We have to understand that we need to help people to get to the place where they see where the unforgiveness is--whatever we need to do. Then you are always, always—whether you think it's there or not by discernment--you are always going to ask: "Holy Spirit, is there anything they need to forgive themselves for?" You never want to forget that. There are so many areas where people have so much guilt and so much shame that they have not forgiven themselves and in that they have not received the fullness of the new creation they are in Christ--they are holding things against themselves. Sometimes it's very difficult for people. "Well, you don't know what I've done." Your response is: "Well, did the sacrifice of Jesus cover absolutely every sin and mistake? Did it?" You have to sometimes just exhort--sometimes you need to say to the person: "If this was your brother would you forgive him?" They need to put it into a perspective in that context of the Kingdom. "Yes I would forgive him." "Then you can forgive yourself."

Whatever you need to do and whatever you need to say be led by the Holy Spirit so that forgiveness happens. Now, within that there may be a lot that needs to come out. There may be anger or there may be resentment against self. There may be all kinds of things, but the bottom line is you're going to deal with whatever flows out of that. Part of that may be: "Well, before I met Jesus, I really had a life and I have hurt so many people. Lord, forgive me for hurting this person, this person, this person. Lord, I ask that you would help them to forgive me. Don't let what I did to them influence and change their life, but let them receive what they need from you in healing." Whether it's forgiving someone else or forgiving yourself you need to do that. There are people that really need to understand that. It is sin to hold unforgiveness towards yourself. It is sin, like it is in holding unforgiveness towards someone else. You need to release yourself to the Lord for blessings. Forgive and release.

One thing that we see quite often is in people that have lived a life of performance--of feeling like they always had to try to measure up and never did. Many, many, many times I don't know if there's ever been someone I haven't prayed for that hasn't had self-hatred in some measure. You need to be sure that you take care of that when you're dealing with performance issues and other areas. These things may have already come about in the other part of the Sozo, but you always want to make sure that it's totally cleared up. As I said before, you're going to deal with forgiveness and all of that in these other areas. Let's say that you've dealt with an issue with someone's father and they've forgiven them, but when you come to this part, the Lord says: "Ask them if they need to forgive their father for anything else." Sometimes God is taking a person in a specific

area for a moment because that's what they can deal with right then. That doesn't mean that they don't have other things that they need to forgive.

Building Trust

Part of what happens during the Sozo is this, as I mentioned at the very beginning, it may be that I'm praying for someone that I've never met. They may be new to the team, or I've just never encountered them in the day-to-day working of the Healing Rooms. I don't know them and they don't know me and there is no basis for them trusting me to pray for them. Or, they may not have any basis of trusting God for whatever reason in their life. When you begin the Sozo the Lord is going to show you what you need to deal with first and what you need to deal with next. You, because you are people of discernment in the Lord and your hearts are to see people healed, are going to see many things that are in people's lives, but you are not going to say those things. You're going to let the Holy Spirit reveal to the person the way that they need to deal with those things and the path to take.

Here is an example: Let's say that you are praying for a person you don't know and therefore they have no means of trusting you. You see that they were badly abused by a friend in the neighborhood—verbally and physically abused every time they went to school or whatever. To them that may be the most traumatic place they need to deal with and you may see that too, but God is saying: "I'm not going to do that right now." You're going to start where the Holy Spirit shows you to start and you're going to keep progressing. What happens is that by the time you go and deal with this thing, which to the person you are praying for is the smallest thing, you get to a little bit deeper issue and then a little bit deeper. By the time it comes to dealing with the issue of that verbal and physical abuse of that friend in the neighborhood, that person can deal with it. They now know that: "When I said this and when I said this and when I said this there wasn't any judgment. The people who are praying for me didn't laugh at me--they just took me through it." Literally within that Sozo session the Lord is building the trust of the person for you. But also, well into this situation: "God helped me to forgive" or "I received forgiveness from God and in this situation it was the same thing and so now I can trust God with this area that is the biggest torment of my life."

Even within the context of the Sozo the Lord is building that trust between you and the person you're praying for and between the person and God in a greater measure so that absolutely everything can be dealt with. Here again, you cannot have your own agenda and you cannot think that you know what to do. You have to ask the Holy Spirit. Because He is the only one who knows. The Godhead is the only one that knows the heart of that person and what needs to happen and how it needs to happen. This is where it is absolutely crucial that you're only saying and doing what the Holy Spirit is doing, or else the blood is going to be on your hands.

When I first began praying for people many, many years ago the Lord reminded me--and this is kind of my paraphrase--the fact is that when it comes to His children and people hurting His children it is better for a millstone to be hung on your neck and you be drowned in the sea than to hurt one of these children of mine. I remember that when I go to pray for people because we need to have the fear of the Lord when we pray for people. It's not about what we think, it's not about what we want to see happen. It's about what God wants to do and the way and the timing that He has for that person.

More on Unforgiveness

Getting back to the unforgiveness, you're going to continue to say: "Holy Spirit, is there anyone they need to forgive?" You may need to break it into categories of peers, siblings or it may be even within families. "Are there any family members they need to forgive?" Sometimes the Holy Spirit will not even make it that broad. "Do they need to forgive their parents for anything? Do they need to forgive their brother or their sister for anything? Do they need to forgive any aunts or uncles or cousins?" It may be that they literally need to have it broken down that way because that's the way the Holy Spirit wants to do it.

Many times while you're praying for people who have been injured they feel that they aren't worth the time that you are taking with them. You may have to remind them that: "This is all about you." This is the one time that we can say: "It's all about you." Most of the time we're trying to get people to realize that it's not all about them. It's about the lost. In this situation we're saying to them: "It's all about you." And you'll have people say: "Well, this is taking me so long." No, it's not. It's taking exactly the amount of time the Holy Spirit wants it to take. When people are silent or they are just stumbling over some things you need to reassure them that: "It's ok, we're here to do whatever you need, and take whatever amount of time each little thing needs to take. It's not a big deal--it's good--it's what God wants." You need to bring that reassurance. It seems that, especially when you're talking about unforgiveness and such, there is a reason why the Bible talks so much about unforgiveness and forgiving people--because it's huge! It's just widespread in all the affects that it has in a person's life.

We want to make sure that we do a complete run through of every relationship and we keep asking the Holy Spirit. You are going to start with just saying: "Holy Spirit, is there anyone they need to forgive?" Let that keep happening, keep happening and encourage them. If He hasn't stopped showing you we're going to keep going. Then remember that you may just need to break it down into categories for them so they can see: "Are there any family members I need to forgive?" I've had it where you're saying: "Holy Spirit, are there any people from elementary school that I need to forgive, or junior high or high school?" It doesn't matter how you need to break it down because you're being led by the Holy Spirit and it's going to be effective.

That's basically what we're talking about when we're dealing with hatred. I want to give you an example. When it comes to hatred sometimes people, especially when it's a sibling or a parent that they are having a difficulty with, might say: "You know, I just always try and please my mother and she is never pleased with me, but she likes

everybody else. With all the other children it's fine, but with me it's not." Sometimes what you can encounter is the fact that maybe that child looks exactly like mom and mom hates herself. It has nothing to do with the child, but every time they look at that child, because that child looks like the mom and the mom hates herself, she's taking out that hatred on that child. It may be that there's been a divorce in the family and that child looks exactly like the mother or the father—the husband or the wife—and they are taking out that unforgiveness on that child that looks that way. It may be that the child looks like a relative that abused someone. There's a wide gamut of things and so you are always asking the Holy Spirit. The person might say: "I could never please my mom and I don't know why." "Holy Spirit, why is that?" It's not always getting to the root of what happened with the person themselves, but sometimes there needs to be a revelation that the Lord brings regarding another family member that brings the explanation of why that injury takes place. Then you deal with the forgiving and the blessing.

Many times, whether you're dealing with a traumatic situation or something that's really had a huge impact on somebody's heart, you're literally going to have them speak: "I forgive my mom for treating me differently because..." and you're going to go through all the forgiveness. Then you are going to have them say: "I release my mom to you, Lord, for blessing." You always want to release the person to the Lord and ask the Lord to bless them. In times when you are dealing with a person that has really caused a lot of anguish in someone's life you want that person to speak a specific blessing because it's going to bring healing to them even in the process. You're going to tell them: "Now you want to release them to the Lord for blessing, but you will ask the Lord how He wants them to be blessed. What is it that you desire? What blessing do you desire for them to have?" It may be, "Lord, I just pray that my mom would be saved and that she would know you. I pray that she would be healed of all her wounds." You see, many times the Lord is showing why there's a pattern in a family and you can actually be the one who says: "Well, I'm forgiving and I'm saying, God, I'm targeting that person for a blessing."

When we hold unforgiveness we have sided with the enemy that says that person is guilty--that person deserves death. We know that the enemy means spiritual death which means separation from God for all eternity--that's his goal. When we have unforgiveness we're siding with him and saying: "Yeah, let him be punished" when Jesus has paid the price for every one of us--He took the punishment on himself. When we agree with the enemy we are saying: "That person is not worthy of the blood of Jesus." So we want to change that. We want to forgive and then we want to say: "Lord, I have just taken the target that I had on that person that they would be cursed and miserable." You know it's kind of like when people say: "I just want to pray to bless them with a brick." No, we're taking that target off and we're saying: "Lord, I remove that and I'm putting the target of blessing on that person. I am asking you, Lord, to cause the Holy Spirit to speak to them in a way that they receive revelation of Jesus Christ and they are set free." That's the difference.

The Lord wants us to be partnering with Him in regard to people. Here again, as I've said before, when you are talking about forgiving someone who has raped them, beat them down verbally, whatever, you're not saying that what that person did is right. It isn't right and that isn't the plan of God. They have made a wrong choice--they have chosen death instead of life. But, what you are saying is: "Lord, that bad choice that they made

will no longer affect me. I'm going to believe what you say about me and what you have for me. I'm going to believe the provision that you have for me rather than what's been spoken to me or done to me that's from the enemy." In actuality you're releasing yourself to the Lord so that you can receive all the blessings He has for you, but you are also releasing that other person so God can work in their life.

Many times when you have things like a rape or a child is killed by a drunk driver, or the variety of things that can happen in this world, you have to help the person to understand. Or the Lord actually leads the person to the place where they can actually see the work of the enemy in that other person's life. I have seen over and over where the Lord moves, and not only do they forgive and release, but they actually begin to intercede for that person. That is a fruit of forgiveness. This doesn't mean that the Lord is going to have you intercede for everyone that you need to forgive. But, there are times when He will so change your heart about someone who has injured you and hurt you badly and scarred you. He brings such a freedom to you, through forgiveness, that you actually have a heart for that person to see them set free in the same way that you've been set free. That's kind of all about the door of hatred. In the practical we'll go through a little bit of that as well. This basically gives you the understanding that anything dealing with unforgiveness, bitterness, resentment, all of those things come under this door and you want all of it released to the Lord so that there is no legal access for the enemy to torment.

Sexual Sin

We're going to talk about sexual sin and there are a few things that I want to explain to you that people may or may not be aware of. Sexual sin is occurrences that create a soul tie. A soul-tie, basically the way that I would explain it is that the Lord, in His order, says that a man and a woman who are married come together and they become one flesh. When you have sexual relations with someone you have come together with them and you have made an exchange, not just in the physical, but in the spiritual, of yourselves and it creates a soul-tie. If that soul tie is out of the context of marriage between one man and one woman it is out of God's order and it is a wrong soul tie. If it is within the context of marriage, that is in God's order, it is a correct soul tie ordained of God. We're going to talk about anything outside of the context of that marriage covenant that creates a soul-tie and are things that we need to take care of. This can be adultery, fornication, lewdness, pornography, molestation, rape, homosexuality, bestiality; any of these things can be within that context.

As a courtesy to the person you are praying for when you're asking the Holy Spirit to show them if there's anything in this area of sexual sin that has not been dealt with, you are going to suggest some of these things: adultery, homosexuality, bestiality. I say that in particular, especially with homosexuality and bestiality, because many times people have had experiences in those areas. They may have had relations with an animal, or with the same sex, and they are too embarrassed to say anything about it and they'll go away not free. But, you need to bring it up right from the start--as soon as you're talking about sexual sin. You just say it's things like... and give examples. Because that's going to help the person say: "Well, they brought that up and they think that could be a

possibility, so they're not going to judge me in that." You're doing it as a courtesy to help people. So many people, especially in their childhood, have had experiences that are in these realms and they absolutely will not deal with them, but if you suggest these things you will help them feel comfortable to go ahead and get free in that area.

Self-Image

The other thing that you want to do in this area is deal with self-image. There are so many people that look at themselves as a sexual being and they don't like themselves. It can be their physical appearance--I don't like my nose, I don't like my arms--whatever it is. It can be that physical appearance you want to deal with within this area of sexual sin. All you have to do is look at a television guide or turn on the TV and you'll see how many issues there are over self-image by just seeing all of the plastic surgery shows that are on television and all of the things where people literally want to change what they look like to something else. It's a big problem and we need to deal with it and get people free of that. God created people the way that He wanted them to be. They may look a little different because of wrong choices, but bottom line is God created them and He wants them to be happy with what He created. It is sin not to be and that's what we have to point out in this area.

Dealing with Sexual Sin

You're going to go ahead and you're going to deal with whatever needs to be dealt with within that sexual sin door. This is one of those things that you can get into a whole bunch of different areas. You may have someone that in their past, not even current, committed adultery. And there was a whole bunch of injury that took place. You have to deal with everything regarding that. For instance if it's adultery, then the person is married, but they may be having an affair with someone else who's married. So it's not just the person's husband or wife, it's the other person's husband or wife that's been injured. If they had children on both sides it can be all those children. It can be a wide gamut of things. It could be that one of the children walked in on the two while they were having sexual relations and they were traumatized. Within any given sin there may be many avenues that you will need to deal with. Not only areas where the person needs to ask forgiveness, but they need to say: "Lord, forgive me for injuring this husband, these children." Whatever the situation is. Here again you're saying to the Holy Spirit: "Show this person what they need to do to be free here. Show them everyone they hurt and what they need to ask forgiveness for." You're going to deal with that, but you're always going to come back to what that root thing was that you were dealing with. You were dealing with the adultery in that circumstance and you're going to make sure that everything is dealt with within that.

The same thing with people who don't realize that fantasy life is a sin--that masturbation is a sin. Because all of these things are either motivated by lust or not trusting in the Lord. They're not receiving the comfort of the Lord in a given situation and trying to relieve stress or whatever on their own. It is not relying on the Godhead and going to God for what you need. Whether you're married or single, if something is not in God's order you need to go to God for whatever you need. You're going to deal with this.

I've had people ask me when it comes to pornography: "Can there be a soul-tie between someone, when they are involved in pornography, and the person that's in the picture or on the screen or whatever?" Soul-ties can be created emotionally as well as physically, so yes there could be a wrong soul-tie there. The same thing in fantasy life. If a husband and wife are having relations and either one of them is thinking about someone else while they're having relations, that is sin and you need to deal with it.

Dealing with Physical Results of Sexual Sin

One of the things that the Lord has brought to my mind is this--because of the day and age that we live in and the availability of surgeries--you may have someone who has had a confusion of identity because of something in the past. Let's say they were born a man, but they feel like they are a woman and they have gone and had a sex change operation. When you deal with the underlying issues of why they had a confusion of their identity--you forgive and you deal with the self image issues and all of that regarding the reason they had a sex-change operation--then you, as the one praying, need to be at a faith level that after you've dealt with the underlying issues you can say now: "Lord, change them back physically to what you created them to be." I'm just exhorting you that if you don't feel like you're at that place you need to bring it before the Lord because, as one who is going to reach out and offer healing through Jesus Christ, He does a complete job. He doesn't leave that person now with their true identity, but with a body that does not line up with that true identity. We need to be able to not only deal with the spiritual, the emotional, the mental issues, but the physical issues that result from any of this sin. If someone has been abused as a child they may have physical scars. They may have internal scars of abuse and we're asking the Lord to completely change and heal and restore their physical body as well as what He has done in the spirit and in the emotions and the mind. This is something to think about and pray into. We need to have the faith to know that God will absolutely do a complete work in that person's life.

When it comes to some of these sexual sins, part of what you may deal with in the physical as well, could be AIDS or it could be any type of STD, or different things that have been affected. Maybe loss of eye-sight, all kinds of things can be affected by some of these sins and you need to pray into all of these things after you've dealt with the issues and the forgiveness has been given and so forth. We're going to talk about the fact that you need to then break that unholy soul-tie between the two people. We're talking about outside of the covenant of marriage anything that's been done including pre-marital sex.

Pre-marital Sex

Many times people have relations before they are married and they get married and in their marriage they may have difficulties and they can't figure out why. It can be because of that relationship that started sexually before they were married and they did not respect one another. That not respecting one another is an underlying issue in their marriage and it's not coming out in a way that they would think. They are trying to figure out—what is the problem here? If someone is married and they have had relations before they were married to the person that they eventually marry, they need to break the unholy

soul-ties of that pre-marital sexual encounter or encounters. Just like you would with any unholy soul-tie regarding people who are not married.

There's a certain way that I prefer to do it. Everyone's different, but to me, when you have that and you become one flesh you have given part of yourself to that other person and they have given part of themselves to you. What people don't understand many times is that not only did you give yourself emotionally and spiritually, but all the spirits that were attached to that person you had relationship with now became familiar to you. They now became part of your life. If that person that you have dealt with and had relations with had a problem with anger or violence and you're wondering why am I so angry now - it's having an affect. That spirit that was around that person is having an affect on you at that point. So you need to understand that. When you are breaking a soul-tie you are breaking not only the relationship, but everything that's attached to it. What I like to pray is that you are taking back from the person everything that is yours- you are bringing it back to yourself through the blood of Jesus. What you gave away is coming back to you pure through the blood of Jesus and vice versa. You want to give back to that person what you have of theirs. Basically you're going to have the person ask forgiveness and deal with all that. But then say: "I renounce the soul-tie between me and, (whatever their name is) and I take back from them, through the blood of Jesus, everything they have of mine and I give back to them, through the blood of Jesus, everything I have of theirs." You're going to break those soul-ties. You're going to do that with everyone that you need to.

Now, let's say that you have a person that's had many relationships with people. They may have had a sexual addiction and they had one-night stands every night for years. So there are a whole lot of people that they're tied to. You need to break those ties, but you need to ask the Holy Spirit how He wants that done. Let's say you have a person that's been a prostitute and they don't even know all the people they've slept with, let alone their name or what they look like even. God has the ability, still, to break all of that and people need to understand that. Many times people get hung up because they can't remember that person's name or they can't remember what they look like or whatever. No, Jesus does and He can take care of it. It may be that the Lord tells you that you need to just group all of these people together and break every soul-tie. I forgive everyone that I've ever had sexual relations with, and I ask you to forgive me and I break every soul-tie, I renounce every soul-tie with anyone I've had relations with and so forth. And you're doing it as a group if that's the way the Holy Spirit is leading it, then do it. But, if He's saying you need to break every one individually, then you had better break every one individually. I don't care if you have five Sozo sessions breaking soul-ties. If that's what God's doing, that's what you are to do.

What you need to understand is that within this the Lord may say that you can group all of these people together except for these two. So you're going to go ahead and pray the group prayer of releasing and breaking all of the soul-ties for that group, but you are also going to individually pray about those two. Generally the reason that this would be is because those two relationships had an impact on the person and where they believed lies and the lies need to be revealed and the truth needs to come. It's going to be the same way in the group, but there can be certain relationships that have such an impact on someone that they absolutely have to be taken care of in that manner. You're

going to do whatever the Holy Spirit's doing. You're going to ask him: "How do you want me to do this?" And then you're going to go through it. The thing that sometimes can be a difficulty is the person thinks: "Well, that relationship didn't mean anything, why do I have to do that one and it can't be in with these others?" Well, they don't understand until the Lord begins to reveal to them how much of an impact it had on them. Then again it may deal with self-image and everything else. So you're going to break all of these things.

Incest

In the case where there has been incest, let's say between a mother and a son, or a father and a daughter—it can be either and we don't assume that it's opposite relations—it could be two males or two females, but it's within the family structure. There is supposed to be a holy soul-tie between a mother and their child and between a father and their child. What you're breaking is the unholy soul-tie. You are retaining all that is good, but you are breaking all that is not of God. In the same way, when I gave you the example of a married couple that had pre-marital relations, they need to break that unholy soul-tie. In this situation you're going to say: "I break the unholy soul-tie between myself and... (whoever it is) and I renounce it and I break it. I give back to them and I receive back from them through the blood of Jesus. But, I retain the holy soul-tie that God meant for me to have with that person." We never want to just look at the negative and break it and not assume that there's a positive. If God has created an order He has things that are good that can be retained. You just want to make sure that you break those things.

Doors Related to Sexual Sin

Many times when you are dealing with, even within these doors of let's say the sexual sin area, someone that has been raped or molested they are going to also have a door open in fear. Within that sexual sin area the Lord may have you actually deal with fear within that. Even as you're going through the individual doors you may deal with hatred, sexual sin, occult or fear within that one hatred door. It's like anything else with these other tools you're going to deal with a wide gamut of things. The thing is that you just keep going back. Let's say the Lord is showing you these different sexual sins. Maybe the person you're praying for is dealing with when they were five years old they messed with somebody who was two years old and that was their sin and they need to have forgiveness for that and get that broken and taken care of. You're going to deal with everything within that sexual sin door, but it may also involve other doors at the same time.

Restoration of Purity

The bottom line is that you want everything that is impure out of that person's life. In that you want to make sure, especially people who have been violated sexually, that they understand and you pray for their purity to be restored. We have heard testimonies, not necessarily within the Sozo context, but I've heard testimonies of people that have received prayer in this area, whether it was their choice to have sexual relations or not, where God has literally physically restored them. That when they did come together with their spouse in the marriage covenant their purity had been restored. God is able and

willing to do the complete work that we need when we ask forgiveness for the sins that we have committed or that others have committed against us. God wants to do everything to make us whole. That is what Sozo is about—it's about making us whole.

So, in the area of sexual sin you're just going to keep asking, as you did with hatred: "Is there anyone else, is there any other sin that hasn't been revealed?" And deal with it. In the context of any of this Sozo, but particularly in some of these areas you just want to make the person feel as comfortable as they can feel speaking about some of these things. Just to reiterate how you break a soul-tie is that first the person is asking God to forgive them for that sin. Then they are forgiving the person that sinned against them. They are renouncing the soul-tie by saying: "I renounce the soul-tie and every spirit that's attached to that soul-tie. I break it in the name of Jesus. I give back to the person everything that I have of theirs, washed through the blood of Jesus, and I take back from that person everything that they have of mine, washed through the blood of Jesus." That will break that soul-tie between the two people.

Occult

Now we're going to move on to the door of the occult. Some of the symptoms are rebellion, control, intimidation, lying, idolatry through sorcery, and witchcraft. It could involve the Ouija board, palm reading, astrology, tarot cards, eight ball, false religions (like the Masonic Lodge). It could involve light as a feather, drugs, or addictions. All of these types of things come under the occult or witchcraft door. Many times people will say: "Rebellion, or this or that which I've done—that's not witchcraft!" Well the Lord puts those things into these categories and so it is and so we are going to take care of them. Basically the way that I deal with it is that it's anything that we have gone to for an answer other than God. Idolatry can even be people that we put above God. We need to recognize that many times when you are praying for people you need to help them to understand that if your spouse or your children always come before your time with the Lord or before your consecration to the Lord, then that's idolatry.

You're going through and you're asking the Holy Spirit, basically it's like anything else that we've been doing, we're always asking the Holy Spirit: "What is it we need to do here? You're asking the Holy Spirit: "Holy Spirit, in the category of the occult or witchcraft..." there again just like sexual sin, you may want to name a few things so people will get an idea of what it can be. Because they might say: "I've never been a Satanist." Well, that's not all that's involved there or they may have been. You just need to see anything that they have gone to besides the Lord for an answer. Now when it comes to drugs and addictions--that can be any type of addiction--you may have dealt with a sexual sin that was sexual addiction in that category which also came into the occult. Any type of addiction that somebody has, and it can be food, alcohol, drugs, whatever it is, comes into that category.

When we take drugs, we open ourselves up to this entire area and we really have to make sure that everything gets covered. We don't have to worry about it; we just simply keep asking the Holy Spirit until everything's dealt with. I put in here that magic eight ball because a lot of people don't think about that. "Yeah, when I was a kid we shook the

eight ball and asked questions and laughed about it.” Well, you were going somewhere else for an answer, so you just need to continue to ask the Holy Spirit what needs to happen there.

Vows

Oftentimes you’re going to deal with vows that people have made and this can also apply to the door of hatred. For instance: “I will never be like my mother.” That is a vow. The problem with this is that people don’t look at it as sin, but it is sin. Anything where you say: “I will never” or “I will always” or whatever is a vow. You have created an atmosphere and the bottom line is that you have cutoff God and God’s plan from your life. What happens to a person who says: “I will never be like my mother,” is that the person is looking at all the negative things that they don’t like about their mother, but they are totally disregarding all of the character of God in that woman that is within them. The Godly character that God has set as an inheritance from your mother to you. When we are dealing in any of these areas, but especially in the occult, you need to go ahead and break those vows. You are taking back the authority that you gave to those words and you’re saying that: “I’m trusting in God instead.”

Re-consecration to God

When you deal with the area of occult in any way, it is always a good idea--especially where there’s been rebellion and idolatry, but in any of these areas--as you’re led by the Holy Spirit, to have the person, once they’ve dealt with all of the issues and asked forgiveness, is to have them re-consecrate their life to the Lord. They’re setting their life separate unto the Lord like they did when they first received Jesus. If you’ve had rebellion, if you’ve had idolatry, you have come away from the Lord. You’ve put your focus on something else and your reliance on something or someone else. When you are talking about people going to psychics and all of this kind of thing, they’ve put their reliance on someone or something other than God. You want to lead them through a consecration prayer. Many times as people are even asking for forgiveness they realize this and they even say the things on their own, but someone may not know, or not be comfortable with that. You just go ahead and lead them through that prayer of re-consecrating their lives to the Lord.

One of the things that can really happen is people who have a stronghold of pride mixed in with that rebellion can actually make themselves God in their own lives. They are the idol in their own lives. They have to ask forgiveness, renounce, and basically in all of this whole area, they are saying: “Jesus, you are Lord of my life. You have complete control. I give it over to you. I’m making the right choice now for life.” However the Lord leads you because everyone is going to be different in what they need to say because it’s all about that person’s heart and them receiving the actual words in the way that they need to speak them. They need to receive that truth into their own heart. As we know in dealing with ourselves and other people everyone has a different kind of personality and a word that means something very strongly to me may mean nothing to someone else. God is going to show you the exact words that particular person needs to hear and to say that is going to absolutely set them apart unto God again.

Make Sure It's Complete

When you are dealing in these areas you may have a variety of things going on. If someone has been into drugs or addictions in some way there is a wide gamut of things. They may have been a drug dealer and they need to ask God to forgive them for dealing drugs and for the people who died because of those drugs. All kinds of things can enter in here. They may have been arrested and violations against them may have happened in jail or prison or whatever. All of those things are all tied together and God will show you how to pray through each thing as you go. Then you are always coming back to the original thing that you asked the Holy Spirit to show them and making sure that that's taken care of. With all of these doors, as I've said several times, you need to have an understanding that you may go into all kinds of avenues of needing to forgive and needing to receive forgiveness. There are all kinds of things that need to be done, but you always make sure that you come to the original issue you were praying about and make sure that the Lord said: "This is completely dealt with."

Also in this area of occult, depending on what the situation is, you may have someone who has been raised by Satanists and they have come out of that and have received Jesus. There may be all kinds of complications from that experience. There may be rituals that they have been involved in that need to be repented of and all kinds of things that have caused trauma that you are going to have to deal with. They may have triggers where every time somebody says "the blood of Jesus" it may trigger them to some ritual that had nothing to do with Jesus bringing a provision for sin, but had something to do with casting a lie about Jesus. You need to deal with all of these areas.

One of the things that we can get asked many times is when there has been injury—let's say a mother and father has raised their child up in Satanism or the mother or father has abused the child in some way. Many times where people, as Christians, have almost a conflict of doctrine is: How can the Bible say I need to honor my mother and my father when they have done these things to me?" Or when: "My parents have been serving Satan and they got me involved in it." I had someone tell me a long time ago and I believe it's true: honoring your mother and your father can be as simple as not repeating the things that they've done. Or not telling the things that they've done. Deal with it in prayer, deal with it in the Sozo and get it dealt with. Once it's under the blood it may be that the Lord says: "The way that you honor them is to not speak evil about what they've done." You are only receiving what was the good inheritance and you're leaving everything else.

Changes in the Spirit Realm

One of the other things that people don't realize is that sometimes, whether it's in this area of hatred, the occult or any of these, is as you're forgiving people there is action taking place in the spirit realm. Many times—maybe a week after the Sozo—somebody may call you up that you haven't heard from in fifteen years because they felt something and your name is attached to it, but they aren't sure what happened. What has happened is that they felt you forgive them because it changed the atmosphere in the spirit, but they

didn't understand what had happened. Those can be opportunities to witness to that person, to speak the "I've forgiven you; I've released you to God. I've asked God to bless you."

Then there is the other part where people may be afraid or concerned: "I've forgiven these people who were Satanists or whatever, and now I feel that they are going to come after me even more." All of those things God has a protection for, but people need to have an understanding that as they are getting free in all of these areas they have to totally trust and rely on the Lord. I've had people who have asked me in the past: "Well, I've forgiven these people, but I don't want to have relationship with them." It's not necessarily that God's going to have you have relationship with everyone, but you don't nullify the fact that He might want you to. It may look different. It may be just that you call them up and say: "I've forgiven you for every way that you've hurt me." The whole thing is God is in control as we state that in our lives: "Lord, I want You to have freedom to do whatever You want. If You want to use me to help set someone else free, I'm willing to do that." I'm just saying that there are a lot of different things that can happen because this is something that changes the spirit realm.

There may be some different things that happen after the Sozo and you just need to make people aware of the fact. The Holy Spirit will show you that as you're in the midst of the Sozo. As you're dealing with certain things He may actually say: "Tell them that so-and-so may contact them. They don't need to worry about it." Something like that, but you're asking the Holy Spirit and He's relaying it to that person. There have been times when basically we're asking the Holy Spirit to show them the completion of things where a person may say: "You know what, I have forgiven here, but the Lord is telling me that I need to call that person up and ask them to forgive me. I need to tell them that I've forgiven them, and ask them to forgive me for holding that unforgiveness." It's not about counseling. We do not counsel. The person needs to hear from the Holy Spirit themselves on what they are to do in dealing with all of these issues.

That's just kind of in a nut shell what has to do with the occult and witchcraft and basically you are just getting rid of all that stuff that's from the enemy and you're asking the Lord to forgive you or you're forgiving other people and you're re-consecrating your life to the Lord completely.

Fear

Then we're going to talk about the door of fear. There are a variety of symptoms: low self-esteem, helplessness, the person could be a control freak, or they worry, or they are apathetic. I have a fear of failing, so I'm not even going to try. It deals with unbelief, anger; it can be drunkenness, intimidation. This door of fear is closely linked to a misconception of Father God and so we need to deal with that for the most part in the area of the Father Ladder. When we talked about asking those six questions first and you're seeing where there might be issues, the Holy Spirit is going to show you. For instance, within that Father Ladder let's say we're going to start with the father and there's an issue with the father. "Holy Spirit, would you show this person what they need to forgive their father for?" Within that context you're straightening out any misconceptions

with God. Fear is saying that God is not my protector, that He's not my defender, and that I cannot rely on Him. That's why it's closely linked to a misconception of Father God. You want to deal with any of these symptoms and get to the root of it. With everything that you deal with you always want to get to the root of where it began so that it can be uprooted and the truth can get in there.

Like we said before with the wall, you know it might be an issue of fear. Let's say the person has a fear of water. "Holy Spirit, where did that fear first come in?" "Well, when I was nine months old my older sister gave me a bath and I slipped and I went under water for a minute. Now I've always been afraid of the water." Or "When I was in sixth grade we were playing in the pool and everybody was pushing me down under the water and it felt like I was drowning." It could be anything. But you're asking where the root came in and you're dealing with that issue. Fear--especially in this age--there is so much fear. People are full of fear and you don't just lump it all together and say: "I renounce all fear." You want to know the roots of those fears. It can be a fear of failing. "Lord, why does this person have a fear of failing, where did that begin?" "It's because I did this project with my dad and I ruined it and he never looked at me the same again, or he never let me do a project with him again."- whatever the situation is. You want to get to each place. It can be anything from I'm afraid of spiders when they're going across the yard to I lock myself in my house because I'm afraid of spiders in the yard. It can be a wide gamut of things and so you're asking the Holy Spirit what is this all about and you're going to each and every fear. You're getting to the root of the fear, you're getting it out and you're getting the truth in.

Now, here again, we talked about things like the Wall, Presenting Jesus, and so forth. Within this place when you are in this category of the door of fear and you're saying: "Holy Spirit, is there anything this person is afraid of?" You're letting them hear anything that they're afraid of. "I'm afraid of not having enough money." I'll tell you one thing I hear a lot of times: "I'm afraid that I'll disappoint God. I'm afraid that I won't do everything that He wants me to do and that He's called me to do." There is such a wide gamut. "I'm afraid that I'll lose my house." It can be any kind of thing. You're going to keep going and you're going to get to the root and you're going to deal with it. You're going to ask the Holy Spirit again: "Is there anything else this person is afraid of?" You're going to continually do that, just like you did with that door of hatred, until there is nothing else left. You continue until it has all been replaced with trusting God and the truths have been placed in there.

Generational Curses

Part of what you want to do in all of this is you want to break-- in any of these four doors--you want to break any generational curses that have been passed down. You may have a family who has been totally paralyzed in fear for generations and you want to break that. The way that you do that is: first of all the person, individually, is repenting for where they've let fear be in control of their life, rather than faith in God. But, they are also asking repentance for their family line. "I ask you to forgive me and my family line for letting fear control our lives, rather than having faith in You, Lord." For instance: "I renounce the generational curse." There again, you want to go ahead and embrace

everything that was good, everything that was faith in the Lord within that family line. You don't want to just break what's bad—but you want to embrace everything that's good. In every kind of area you may have a family that's had a stronghold of bitterness, or you may have in the physical a family that's had generations of cancer, physical ailments, diabetes, different things. You want to break those kinds of things, but you're doing that after you've gone through everything else, because you've dealt with the issues and now there is no basis for that curse to be in that person's life. At that point you're applying the blood of Jesus to that person and that generation and all future generations. Let's say that a person has walked in fear and they have children and they've taught their children to fear. When they draw that bloodline of Jesus Christ and say that He paid for this, part of the prayer is going to be “and Lord please heal my children of any damage that's been done because of this fear.” There is absolutely nothing that God cannot change and totally turn around as long as we are still breathing. There is nothing that He cannot take care of in our lives.

Objects Related to Sin

You're going to renounce generational curses, but you're embracing what is good. One of the things you need to remember as well, and this can apply to any area, but basically occult and sexual sin, is you may have objects in your possession that are related to that sin. If someone has been involved in pornography they need to get rid of magazines. If it's been internet stuff, they may need to disconnect that internet access until they develop the right patterns in God. If they've been in false religions and there are statues, idols, or things involved with that they need to destroy those things. They need to not only get it out of their house, but they can't allow it to come into anyone else's either. A lot of time people have a difficulty with this in two ways. One is if it has to do with things like Masonic articles that have been in the generations for years and there are all kinds of gems and rings and stuff that have great value to them. “I don't want to get rid of those,” or “I want to sell that.” No, you really don't need that because you do not want it to have an influence on anyone else's life. If you have just been freed from bondage, you do not want to do anything that causes someone else to be in bondage. You're asking the Lord everything when you're done praying for them: “Lord, reveal to them everything that they possess that You want them to get rid of.” They need to get rid of these things in whatever manner the Lord says to.

Unholy Soul-Ties

In the area of sexual sin we talked about the fact that a soul-tie could be emotional. We talked about the pornography and how there could be an emotional soul-tie between the person and the picture of the person that they are fantasizing about or whatever. When it comes to emotional soul ties it has to do with giving yourself emotionally to that person. A lot of times when people say they had a first love, they may have totally given themselves over emotionally to that person, but they never had sexual relations with them. You're going to still break that unholy soul-tie. You can have an unholy soul-tie, an emotional connection between best friends, and if it's out of whack, it's out of God's order. It has nothing to do with sexual relations, but it's an emotional thing where there

is so much importance placed on that relationship or on that person that it becomes like idolatry. That's a soul-tie, it's not of God and you need to break that.

Along with that is that a lot of times a person may have a sweat shirt that somebody gave them, a promise ring, something from this lover or this person that they first loved. For instance: "When I was in fifth grade they gave me a lock of their hair," or whatever it is. You need to get rid of that stuff. People have a problem with that. "Well, that's part of my memories." But, this is why you need to do it. So here you are, you are now an adult, you're 35 years old and you're married and you're not married to the person who gave you that lock of hair or that sweatshirt, but you still have that stuff up in a box in the closet. The enemy comes and tries to shake your marital boat a little bit, and you're not feeling like you're loved the way you want to be loved. You start thinking about that other person, and you go up in the closet and you get out that box and look at that stuff, and you remember how nice they were to you and how much they loved you. As you are turning yourself over to all that stuff you have now just given in to temptation. Why keep those items of temptation in your closet? You need to get rid of them. Let's say you have a promise ring from someone that you are not married to. Now you're married, so get rid of the promise ring. There are these things that may be objects that we keep around and don't think anything of, but they absolutely have an impact on our life when the enemy brings a little bit of pressure and we don't like how everything looks. We run to that other person instead of to the Lord and to our spouse. That's the reason why you need to make sure that you get rid of things whether it's from a past love or it's some kind of occult object. It doesn't matter. You need to get rid of those things. It's as simple as asking the Holy Spirit: "What do I have that I need to get rid of?" And do it, get rid of it in the way that He tells you to because He knows you and He knows what you need to do. It's just like the wall with the rubble. Well, God wants me to get rid of this so I'm going to take it down to the Pawn shop and maybe nobody will buy it and I can buy it back if I need to. It's like having another avenue if I don't quite want to trust God, in that area. Why do that? We're not going to agree with the enemy. So I know I kind of harped on that a little bit, but I'm telling you, it really has an impact on people's lives and you need to make sure that those things are destroyed in any way that the Lord wants them to be destroyed.

Breaking Word Curses

We talked a little bit about breaking vows. But, I also want to talk about word curses because it falls into all of these categories. There are things that people say to us that are not true such as: "You are stupid. You'll never amount to anything. Nobody likes you." There are all kinds of things that people say to us that are wrong. There are also those things that we say about ourselves that are not of God and those are word curses as well. Our words have weight to them. With our words we are either blessing or we are cursing people. The Lord instructs us in the New Testament about our mouths that we shouldn't have bitter and sweet water coming out of the same place. Those places where we have spoken word curses about someone else or they have about us, or we have about ourselves--those things need to be broken just like the vows. "I break every word curse that's ever been spoken about me. And I forgive everyone who's spoken those things and I receive your truth." Let the Lord show them the truth. "I renounce every word curse I've spoken. I ask you to forgive me for every word curse I've

spoken and in replacing them I take those things back, under the blood of Jesus, and I speak blessing to replace those curses.” You want to make sure that you take care of those things. You are either blessing someone or you’re cursing them. It’s either life or death. And you really need to make sure that you take care of those things by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Another thing we’ve had asked regarding generational curses is: “What if I’m adopted and I don’t know what’s in my family line?” Jesus does and the Father does. It’s as simple as: “I break every generational curse in the name of Jesus and I apply the blood of Jesus right here and it will have no influence on any future generations. I receive the generational blessings from my birth family. I receive those blessings into my life.” And in the same way where there’s adoption, there’s a covenant that’s made that’s solid before the Lord that these are now my parents. You need to still break any generational curses that came down through those adoptive parents because they now have an influence on your life. You’re breaking and you’re embracing. You’re always remembering to embrace everything that is of God that came down through the generations because that is a godly inheritance that you need to retain.

Mother’s Blessing and Father’s Blessing

Sometimes as we’re praying for people, especially where you’ve been praying and there’s been a break in relationship between a mother or a father or both, part of your prayer at the end may be that you need to say a mother’s blessing or a father’s blessing over someone. You are going to do that and you’re going to ask the Holy Spirit: “What is it that I need to impart to this person?” A father is to bless their children; to speak destiny to them; to speak what the call of God is on their life; to speak that protection and that safety and so forth. So you are going to ask the Lord: “What is this father’s blessing?” If He says that you need to give a Father’s blessing. “What is this that I need to speak from your heart, Father God, to this person?” You are going to go ahead and say those things to the person. In like manner it may be that their mother was never around or the mother always cursed them rather than blessing them. They need to have that mother’s blessing of that nurturing, of that comforting and so forth. You’re going to ask the Holy Spirit: “What is that blessing that I need to impart to this person from a mother’s heart?” We have the Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and it encompasses everything. They encompass absolutely everything that we need and if we ask them they will show us what needs to be imparted from their heart to this person.

Familiar Spirits

We’re just going to talk for a moment about familiar spirits. Many times something can be in our life that can be so prevalent that we don’t even recognize that there’s any wrong spirit there. We don’t recognize that it’s a wrong judgment or that it’s just not of

the Lord. Like we said before, when it has to do with those wrong thought patterns and Divine Editing, there can be things in our lives that are so familiar to us such as: you've always been in pornography or there's always been sexual sin to where you have spirits that talk to you and you don't even realize that it's not you. You think that you're just thinking these things, but in actuality it's a spirit. It can be in the same thing as in that spirit of rejection. It can be so familiar to you that you believe that you're just thinking these thoughts, and actually it's the influence of a demonic spirit upon you to even give you those thoughts. Many times that can be such a stronghold in a person's life, they don't understand because it's so familiar, and they are so used to the darkness of those words, that they don't realize they're living in darkness. It takes the Holy Spirit bringing that spirit of discernment, not only for you as the one praying, but for the person receiving the prayer, to understand that the thing is so familiar that it really is not from them, but it's from an outside influence of the wrong spirit. It's relying, once again, upon the Holy Spirit to give you that discernment of what it is and how familiar it is.

The whole thing about the Lord is, when it talks about the revelation of Jesus Christ, revelation is taking off the cover that's hidden something. So you're asking the Holy Spirit to take off the cover so that it's brought into the light and it's seen for what it truly is--not for what you thought it was and not for the deception that the enemy has tried to bring. Many times we deal with just deceiving spirits in people's lives that are attached to many of these issues. We are not even realizing that the patterns that we have, that we think are right, or that the influence is coming from the enemy and not from what we are thinking or what the Spirit of God is saying to us. We're asking the Holy Spirit for the discernment and bringing that revelation, that uncovering of the deceptive spirit to the person you're praying for, so that they can be set free. There again it's finding out what the lie is and replacing it with truth, because there always is a lie.

One of the things you need to realize that can be an influence in this familiar spirit area, is the fact that the enemy uses a portion of truth with all of the lies so that there's that hook that seems right in the context of it. Individually, within the Lord it is a correct truth, but it is wrapped in a lie and it's a deception. Many times it may be, especially in an area where someone has sinned and the enemy comes and says: "Well, you slandered your brother"--that it can be totally true. What's wrapped up with it is the deception of all that is entailed in it and the person that you are--your self image. It's based on that one little bit of truth and the Lord wants to straighten it all out and take out all of the lie, and retain the truth. In the place where it is something you did and you're asking forgiveness, you're being cleansed by the blood of Jesus and being released out of that sin, and therefore no longer having that hook of the enemy--that's the element of truth that keeps you in that deception of that familiar spirit. Once again it's just going after the root. You're asking the Lord what to do and you're asking the Holy Spirit exactly what the truth is here, what is the lie? He may have you see about Presenting Jesus in that situation. Use whatever tools the Holy Spirit shows you, but basically that person is going to be cut, severed from that familiar spirit. In that way they are going to, like what we've said before with other things, renounce that spirit and take back all authority that they've given to it. There's an agreement that's happened with that familiar spirit on our part and you're breaking that agreement and saying: "No, that's the lie and I am over here believing God now." That's just a little bit about familiar spirits. The Holy Spirit will show you what you need to do and how to reveal that.

SOZO ON CHILDREN

Sozoing Team Members

I'm going to talk to you just a little bit about sozo'ing children. Now we're going to make a distinction here between Healing Rooms and otherwise. We've had in our Healing Rooms people that are under 18 years of age that work on our team. So if one of those team members would like to receive prayer, what you need to do is first, just like you had to do at the very beginning for them to be on the team, you need to have parental permission for them to receive Sozo prayer. This applies to anyone under 18 years of age. You're just going to get a little note that says: "so and so who is my daughter or son can receive Sozo prayer. I give my permission" and they sign it and date it. And we'll get into documentation and what we do or don't do within Sozo at a later time. But, you're going to need to have that permission from the parent. That does not mean that you're going to discuss that Sozo with the parent. You are simply getting permission. You need to let the parent know up front they are giving us permission to pray for their child with any issues they may have, but we're not going to tell them anything. It's up to the person we're praying for to tell you anything that they want to tell you.

When you are sozo'ing that team member who's under 18 years of age you need to realize that they are under 18 years of age, and that no matter what you're dealing with they are going to be in that household. If, let's say, that there may have been in that household negative words spoken. They are going to be going back to that household where those negative words are being spoken, but you are giving them the tools, they are getting set free, and they're forgiving. They are doing everything that you are doing when you are praying for an adult. They are no different; it's just that they're under 18 and a team member.

Sozoing Your Children

With your own children, you can Sozo your own children every day if they need it. This is what you do. They are no different than an adult; it's just that their stuff is closer to the surface than ours. If you have a five year old or a ten year old that has had some injury, you want to take care of it while they're five or ten years old instead of waiting until they are 50 years old and on a Healing Rooms team and they need prayer for that injury. You're going to use the tools we've learned from this manual from the Holy Spirit and you are going to use the tools to Sozo your own children. What you can do is--let's say you pick your child up from school and you can tell that they didn't have a good day. You begin to just kind of interview them: "Well, how was your day? What happened today?" You're finding out what happened that caused an injury. For instance, you have a child and they're riding home in the car and you're asking them questions and they say: "You know, today we played baseball and Tommy made fun of me and said that I would never be a good baseball player and I should just stop playing right now because I look stupid and I don't even know how to run. I don't know how to hit a ball; I can't catch a ball and I just hated the whole thing. Then people started laughing at me because of what he was saying." Right there you're going to lead them in forgiving Tommy, in releasing him, and

in asking Jesus to heal the wounds that took place because of those words. You're breaking the word curses. You're going to go ahead in the way that the child can relate to depending on their age and pray just like you would for an adult.

Satan Attacking Destinies

One of the things that I want to point out is—you'll see people and you know that they have a destiny in God, and God may have even shown you the things that He's called them to—but it seems like they are the absolute opposite or things in their life have happened just the opposite of what their call is. The way that I look at it is: The fact that when a baby is born the enemy sees that baby just like we, in the physical, see that baby. We have to remember that Satan was in heaven with God. Satan knows the character of God and he knows the ways of God because he was in heaven with God and fell because of that pride. When the enemy sees that baby--let's say in this example this boy playing baseball--what if this young man's destiny is to be a baseball player who is the testimony of Jesus in the world in the way he plays the game, the way he relates to other players, the umpire and the sportscasters and fans. Everything about his life is centered on Jesus Christ and the testimony of Jesus is to be in his life while he's playing baseball. But now here is Tommy who has just agreed with the enemy against the plan of God for him and has just said: "You can't hit, you can't run, you can't do anything—you can't even catch the ball." He has just agreed with the enemy. Because the enemy was in heaven with God he sees the character of God and the attributes of God in that baby when they're born. It's not that he knows the whole destiny of that child--God knows that--but he sees the character and attributes of God in that baby and then forms a plan that will be the opposite of what the plan of God is for that child. So, people like Tommy say, and probably before Tommy somebody said: "You're just a clumsy guy, you're always falling." This is just an example, but you'll see that the enemy sees the attributes—the character of God in someone—and then tries the opposite plan to keep them from that.

A few other examples would be: Let's say someone is to be a speaker and exhorter and they're going through school. Part of it may be—you can have the physical as well as the other—that they have a stutter. Or maybe when they were in class and they had to do an oral report and everyone made fun of them and they made a vow: "I will never speak in front of people again." There are so many people you hear of when you're going to school that say: "I would rather take an 'F' than get up in front of people and speak." Those can be the very people that God has called to be a speaker or a teacher or an orator in some way. The enemy brings those plans against them and if the person will believe the lie they have cut off the destiny of God and embraced the destiny of the enemy for themselves. Therefore, you're forgiving people who have said things and you're asking God to forgive you for believing the lies--all of this is tied in. When you're dealing with Sozo in children that's what you want to do.

One other example, just because I'm feeling like you need to hear this, is that let's say that a baby is born to be a prophet in the land. They are to speak the word of the Lord, but they have been plagued with mental illness, they've been plagued with the inability to speak clearly. They hear voices, or whatever, and they're speaking and people are never going to believe them. That's the plan of the enemy, but the plan of God is:

this is a prophet in the land. So we are coming together and we're saying: "We see the plan of the enemy in this child's life and we're cutting it off and they're going to receive the truth of what God has called them to. We're not going to tell them what God's called them to; we're going to let the Holy Spirit tell them. As you're praying for your children you're cutting off all of these things that the enemy would try to bring against them to hinder them from their destiny in God, their call in God. You're cutting that off and establishing the truth. You're removing the lies and receiving the truth."

Sozing Other Children

I know many people that are in Healing Rooms, they may be pastors of churches or they may be members of churches, that want to use these tools in those situations as well. I'll just get into this just a little bit. You need to take into account that if you are going to minister to children that are not your own, you need to check with your leadership on what is required legally if you run into a situation where a child's been molested or there's been physical injury to the child. You're going to check with your leadership on what needs to be done in these situations. What I want to point out here is: you are helping this child to get the tools to remain in situations that may not be excellent, but that they will not be removed from. As I said before, you may have a child that comes to your church on a certain night and gets ministered to and you're going to pray for them and they come from a household that's completely negative. It's a situation where nothing encouraging or uplifting is ever said to that child. You're going to lead them through forgiveness and all the things like you would with an adult, but you have to realize that you need to be extremely careful with anything that you say because that child is going back into that negative situation.

Instead of causing them to want to rebel or come against something, what you are going to do is give them the tools. "Well, you know, everyone always says that I'm stupid." "Jesus what is the truth? Is it the truth that so-and-so is stupid?" No that's a lie. "What's the truth, Jesus?" And the truth may be: "No you're smart, you received me." It is whatever the person needs to hear. I don't know what it could be, but the Lord will show that person, just like when you're praying for an adult. The Holy Spirit will talk to that child and say what the truth is. What you're doing is that you've dealt with the unforgiveness and everything and the lie has been removed and replaced with the truth. Then you are going to give them those tools and you're going to ask them: "When you go back and someone says something negative to you or tells you you're stupid again, what are you going to do? "Well, I'm going to forgive them." You're giving them the tools for them to stay free. It's all about them and their relationship with God and what God has for them. You're just simply giving them the tools. Yes, you say: "I forgive you for calling me that." And in that, there can be the testimony of Jesus that totally changes the atmosphere in that home to bring people around to the truth of God and get rid of the lies. You just have to realize that the child is going back into the same situation and you have to be extremely careful, and only show them what the truth is and basically give them the tools to retain that truth rather than believing the lie again.

There is a distinction between a situation like this and Sozo'ing your own children or your own grandchildren because you can do that on a daily basis. You can keep the accounts really short so there's not anything that builds up and the enemy has no foothold

there. Then there's also praying for team members that are under the age of 18. You're getting that written permission from the parent to be able to pray for them, but everything is still being kept confidential and you're letting the parent know that ahead of time. That's basically the involvement of Sozo'ing children.

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF SOZO

Making a Sozo Team

Now we're going to talk about the practical way that we schedule an appointment, praying before the appointment, and so forth. I'm just going to go through a little bit of instruction. With anything that we talk about here, these are guidelines of what you need to do it. This isn't just some hard and fast thing—if you don't do it this way you blow it. This is just a guideline of how you need to set up an appointment and so forth--as you begin. As the directors appoint whoever is going to lead the Sozo ministry team, what you are going to do is pray for those who are going to be on your team. As you formulate a team you're listening to the Holy Spirit. For instance, here in Spokane, we've prayed about each member who would be on the team and we have some husbands and wives. We also have single people and we have people who are married, but their spouse is not participating on the team. You're going to have a variety of people on your team. You never assume that you are going to put two people together and keep them together all the time. A husband and wife don't always work together every Sozo. What you're doing is praying and asking the Lord: "Who is supposed to pray for this person that's come before us?"

When we began the Sozo ministry here in Spokane we were a bit premature in announcing it and we had people sign up for prayer before we actually were ready to start praying. We had a long list of people--not that people thought that they had issues, but because we are people who know about healing and we are hungry to see people healed. We want to make sure that everything is cleared up in our own lives and we want to be able to pray effectively for other people. We had a list of people that wanted to go through the Sozo prayer to just check-in with the Lord and make sure that everything had been covered in their lives. We had quite a long list, but we didn't assume that the person who signed up and was number one on the list was going to be the first person to be prayed for. We have to listen to the Holy Spirit. He knows the exact time. Before the foundations of the earth the Lord knew who was going to get prayed for at what time. We listen to who should get prayer next and also what the team configuration is going to be to pray for those people.

Scheduling an Appointment

When we go to set up a Sozo we call the person who has asked for prayer. We see if they're available on a certain day and time and then we ask the Holy Spirit who the team is that is supposed to pray for them. When we call the person and set up the appointment we go ahead and tell them a few things. One is that they need to be praying that they will be ready. They need to ask the Lord ahead of time: "How do you want me to prepare?" Many times it may be through fasting and prayer to prepare. We try to schedule their Sozo so they know at least three to four days ahead of time. It's optimum if they can know a week or so ahead, but that's not always possible because of scheduling and trying to get hold of people and people calling you back and forth and all their schedules. Generally you want to schedule it at least a week ahead so that they have time to prepare.

We let the person know who is going to be praying for them and then we let the people know, on our team, who they're going to be praying for. Not only is the person receiving prayer going to prepare and ask the Lord to prepare their hearts for whatever He has for them, but our team members are also praying and asking the Lord to prepare their hearts and to prepare the person receiving prayer for this prayer time. We let the person know that it's scheduled for a three hour segment of time. That doesn't mean that we are going to pray for three hours--it may be less, or it may be more—but, basically we set it up for a three hour session. The reason that we do that is because this is a Spirit to spirit thing. A person is speaking with the Lord and the Lord is revealing things. There is forgiveness and things are changing in the person's spirit. Our flesh is weaker than what our spirit is and many times an hour block of time is really as much as a person can take. We also stress to the person that the amount of time that their Sozo takes does not indicate anything. It doesn't say how many issues they have, or how bad off they are or all these things that the enemy tries to come and speak to us about. It doesn't matter. We have said that we want that person to receive the fullness of what God has for them in that Sozo session.

We've come to get everything that God has for that person and God can do it in any way that He wants. We've already said before that the Holy Spirit is the one who directs the entire prayer session and He speaks to the person in the way that He wants to. We've already said that the fact that there are times when there may be long segments of silence is fine because that's how the Holy Spirit is directing it. One of the things that we have a tendency to do, as people, is compare. You may have two team members that are best friends and they both have received Sozo prayer and one says: "Well, mine took three hours." "Mine took four hours." Or, "mine took an hour." We are not to compare--it means absolutely nothing. I really could say this a hundred thousand times because you have to remind people. You need to remind yourself when you receive prayer that the amount of time that it takes means absolutely nothing other than God is speaking to you in the way that He wants and you're cooperating with that. That's something you really have to express to the person--not only when you call them, but when you finish Sozo'ing them--the amount of time really doesn't matter.

You may have to remind people in the midst of the Sozo. Like I said previously, they may say: "Oh, I'm so sorry that this is taking so long" or "It's taking me a while to get this" or whatever. You need to tell them: "No, it's taking the amount of time that the Lord wants it to take and that is good." That's a constant thing and you will understand it as

you begin to pray for people and you run up against it. You, as a person either praying or being the one receiving prayer and associating with other teammates that also have received prayer, just remember, if someone begins to try to do that comparison thing say: “You know what? That really doesn’t matter and that doesn’t indicate anything about the person.”

Okay, now you’ve called the person and you’ve set up the appointment time. One thing that is crucial to understand is that you do not set up the Sozo time during your normal Healing Rooms hours. This is a time when it needs to be after hours; when there is complete privacy and there are no other things going on. The Healing Rooms Ministry is extremely important and you need to keep that in its place so that the people that you are praying for receive all that God has for them. This is an alternative ministry, just for Healing Rooms Ministry teams, and so you’re going to do it after hours. For instance, here in Spokane, we typically do it on a Wednesday or Thursday evening. Just some of the practical points are the fact that we are in a large building, there are many employees, there are about 150 volunteers, and so we need to make sure that, most importantly, the Healing Rooms are all finished when we begin. We usually start about 5:30 in the evening when the rooms are clear. And then, because we are in this large building and there are many people and much activity, we literally have to put signs on the doors and on the alarm system that say: “Don’t arm this side.” There’s nothing worse than being in the midst of a Sozo and you take a break to go to the restroom and the motion detector goes off and the alarm goes off. You don’t want that to happen.

Keep Distractions Away

You want to do all that you can to keep all distractions away from the Sozo session. We have a sign that we put on the door regarding the alarm system, and we have signs that we put on each door of each room telling people that we’re having a Sozo session. They basically say: “Sozo in session, please do not disturb.” We may have people coming and going in the building, but they are not upsetting the flow of the Sozo. That’s one of the things that you need to think about--the environment in which you are praying for people. What is it that we need to do in our building, in our particular Healing Rooms, to make sure that there’s that safety net for the people so there’s confidentiality and there’s also no disturbance? You don’t want to be in the midst of someone getting free of a traumatic experience and have someone walk in the room, especially if you rent a building. Maybe you’re using a church building, and you want to make sure that you lock the outside door. This way you keep that building safe from people just walking in and interrupting you.

You set up the Sozo appointment with the respective person receiving prayer and then you want to let them know that they need to not schedule anything after the prayer time as well. The Lord will want to continue to speak to the person and pour in those truths and just really create a firm foundation of truth after the Sozo session is over. Also the person may be tired physically so they will need to just have a time where they don’t have to go to work, or maybe take care of the family right after that. They need to have a time where they can continue with the Lord. Let the person know that right up front when you call them.

You may have an experience where the person may be new to the team or they pray on a different day than you or other Sozo team members so they don't know those team members praying over them. They may be a little bit apprehensive about that. This is about trusting the Lord; trusting the Holy Spirit and being transparent with the Lord about what you need. We do pray before we schedule an appointment, so we know the right people to put in that room. You just need to be able to calm anyone's fears or concerns that we have prayed and asked the Holy Spirit and He says that this is the best configuration for them. If you have a situation where someone really doesn't want a particular person to pray for them, hopefully you've heard from the Holy Spirit regarding that already, but they can voice that. It may be that the person is their best friend, or they have some other relationship with them that would make them feel less comfortable.

One thing that we do ask at the time we set up the appointment, because many times we may not personally know the lives of the team members, is: "Do you have a problem?" Let's say it's a female, and they are concerned with having a male and a female in the room together? You do need to be sensitive to the fact that there may be things in a person's past that they need to work through and having someone of the opposite sex there may be hard for them. You're listening to the Holy Spirit on that. You are not having someone dictate: "I will only let this person or this person pray for me." That's not what this is all about. You need to make sure that the Holy Spirit is the one directing. The reason I say that is because many times we have our own opinion of what this person needs. But, the fact is that the Holy Spirit knows what they need. Let's say that they may be a little bit apprehensive about having a man in the room, if it's a female, or a man may be apprehensive about having a female in the room. What that person may actually need is to have God heal them of a father or a mother wound and they may need that father or that mother's blessing spoken over them at the Sozo. That's why you are considering the person's feelings on whether or not they are comfortable, but you are also listening to the Holy Spirit. You will know the difference. You will know if this would harm them, they would not be open, or they would not be free to speak if a male or female was in the room. You're still following the guidelines that we always follow which is: if there is a female that's receiving prayer there has to be a female in the room. If there is a male receiving prayer there has to be a male in the room. We're just listening to the Holy Spirit.

Many times as we go through the training, as we talk about the scheduling and how things work, people think: oh, my gosh, what if I make a mistake? You know what-you'll make mistakes, but the Holy Spirit will correct them. It may be that you set up a Sozo and you feel like, yes, this is the next person, and yes they should receive prayer. And you know what, they call and cancel a few days ahead because it's not the right time and the Lord has said: "It's not the right time." There is a difference between that and people needing to know that this is a commitment. When you call them they need to understand that not only are they committing three hours, but we have two team members that are committing their off work hours to pray for this team member. They need to understand that it is a commitment of time. They shouldn't call at 4:00 the afternoon of the Sozo and say: "I can't be there at 5:30 because I want to go shopping." If it's a matter of an emergency that's one thing, but there needs to be that understanding that this is a commitment of time and the Holy Spirit wants these people to be free.

There may be apprehension about things, but just ask the Holy Spirit even how to pray ahead of time for the people so they will be ready. I don't know if I've ever done a Sozo where somebody hasn't been a little apprehensive. We don't know what's going to happen. We like to know exactly how everything is going to look and what's going to be said and done. But, you know what, we're listening to the Holy Spirit and He's the one directing and so it's always going to be different. Even though you try to tell the people that they may ask you: "What is this Sozo session like?" You can give them some guidelines of it: "Basically there will be two people praying for you and we're going to ask you six questions that you are going to answer. From then on we're going to ask the Holy Spirit questions and you're going to hear what the Holy Spirit has to say."

The Lie: "I do not hear God"

One of the lies that we run into quite often, whether it's a believer or a nonbeliever, is: "I do not hear God." That is a lie of the enemy. The Word declares to us that as we receive Jesus we have communion with the Father because we have the Spirit of Jesus in us. But, it also talks about the fact that we hear the voice of our Shepherd. We don't hear and follow the stranger's voice. We hear the voice of our Shepherd. Many times you need to remind people: "Yes, you do hear the voice of the Holy Spirit; yes, you do hear the voice of the Lord." That is a lie from the enemy that needs to be removed. And if that's evident in someone's life, especially when you begin a Sozo session and they say: "I just feel like I don't hear the Lord" – that needs to be dealt with right away. The truth is they do hear the Lord and everything about the Sozo session is hearing what the Holy Spirit has to say.

It may be that the lie has been there and you take care of it at the beginning, but you may also have to help the person to see how they hear. The word even talks about that—"seeing how I hear." The Lord is speaking to me by what I see. You may have to give the person examples of the fact that they may see a picture, they may actually hear words, and they may just have a sense, a feeling. You want to make sure that they understand that there are many different ways that the Lord speaks to us and we can respond to any of them. Just help the person. It's all about helping the person be free in their relationship with God and whatever needs to happen for them to understand that they really do hear from the Lord; that they are blessed of the Lord and that they can have right relationship with the Lord and with everyone else.

Confidentiality

As you begin to schedule the appointments and you're getting your teams together you want to make sure who is praying for whom. For instance, we have several teams here in Spokane, so we have several people prayed for each week. You want to keep track of that. Everything that we do in this ministry is absolutely confidential. We do not have anyone fill out any forms--these are team members and we are just facilitating prayer with our team members. They don't need to fill out forms; with the exception of someone

who is under the age of 18 which we talked about already. In that case you need a permission slip from their parent, but we don't fill out forms. We are just here to help those team members.

What we do, Rich and I, is head up the Sozo team here in Spokane. We keep a calendar of who is receiving prayer from whom because what happens is: we set the three hour appointment, but that does not mean it is the only appointment somebody is going to have. We are listening to the Holy Spirit in how long that session will last. You may be praying for someone and they have a father issue. Let's say the Holy Spirit leads you through forgiveness and so forth, but that issue may be so deep in the heart of someone that the Lord will say to you: "That's all that we are going to pray about today." You may be a half hour, 45 minutes, an hour and half and the Holy Spirit says: "That's all we're doing today." You'd better stop when He stops because, if you don't, you will cause damage. We're listening to the Holy Spirit; we set a three hour time frame, but it may be that you're going through the Sozo and the Holy Spirit is saying: "Yes, keep going." You may go three and a half hours because you're going to complete that Sozo with that person and the Holy Spirit is saying: "It's okay, go ahead and go three and a half hours.

If it's a situation where you've gone 45 minutes or an hour, and it's just the one issue and that's all that God wants to deal with in that session, then you're going to talk to the person about the fact that you're going to schedule another session. You want to keep record in a calendar of where people are at so that you know who prayed for them and when. It may be that the Holy Spirit says: "You're not going to pray for them again for three weeks." You need to know in three weeks that these two team members need to be released to pray for that person. You really want to make sure that you're listening to the Holy Spirit and you're keeping track of who is to pray. That calendar, for Rich and I, we keep it at home, but we have it in a place where somebody coming to visit us or popping in or coming over for dinner-they are not going to be able to see anything related to that Sozo or any person that has received Sozo prayer. You may have someone ask you: "Has so and so received prayer?" It's confidential. You're not going to acknowledge whether they have or they have not. It's not anyone's business but that person, the Lord and the people who prayed for them. We just want to make sure that everyone understands that this is complete confidentiality.

The only time that anyone is going to know anything about someone's Sozo is if the person who received prayer wants to testify. That's it! They're not going to hear it from the lips of the people who prayed for them. We want people to know that even as you're setting up the Sozo prayer that it's a three hour session, but we're listening to the Holy Spirit so it may be shorter, it may be a little bit longer; and it may be more than once. Again, indicating that the amount of time it takes means nothing. It's just being lead by the Holy Spirit. Your Sozo team members are going to be praying ahead of time saying: "Holy Spirit, how do we prepare for this Sozo? What do you have for the heart of this person?"

Now one of the things I want to say at this point is the fact that we have discernment from the Holy Spirit. We may actually see ahead of time some issues or some things that need to be dealt with. They may be very obvious to us, but we're not going to speak

those things or declare those things even before or during the Sozo. We're letting the Holy Spirit lead and direct and guide how we're going to pray. We went over that earlier, but that really is a key thing. We do have discernment. We may see, the moment someone comes in a room, issues that may need to be dealt with, but we're not going on our own agenda. We're going on the Holy Spirit and what He is saying because He knows the heart of the person.

How to Set Up the Room

I just wanted to show you how we set up a Healing Rooms Sozo session, the seating and how we set up the room and then I'll give you instructions on that. First of all, the two team members are going to come into the room and set up the chairs in this fashion--it's kind of like a circle. You're going to make sure that there is a trash can and Kleenex right next to the person that is receiving prayer. This is the chair of the person that would receive the prayer. Then you and your teammate are going to pray. For instance, with our team members we are doing it at 5:30 at night and they've worked all day—they have things that happened during the day that they want to get rid of. You're asking the Lord to just cleanse you, to prepare your hearts that your focus is now on the person receiving prayer and just state their name. Also state that you are coming into a unity of faith together to see everything that the Lord has for this person is going to be accomplished that night. You're just cleansing yourself of anything. If there is someone you need to forgive from the day you are taking care of that. Your entire focus is: "Lord we have come to join with you to see freedom come to this person we're praying for."

The Sozo team is going to pray, set up the room and pray ahead of time before they even have that other team member come into the room. Now an important detail is this: we already talked about that you make sure that you have signs on the door that the alarm system isn't going to be set and so forth. But, an important detail is that the person receiving prayer needs to sit with full access to the exit door of the room. You want to make sure of this. You do not want to be praying for them and they are having a difficult situation or a traumatic situation that they need to deal with, and you find that they may want to leave the room and you have blocked their exit. You want them to understand, and we're going to go over the instructions in just a moment, that they have free access to leave anytime they want without even saying anything to you.

In the Healing Rooms here in Spokane we have a whole hallway of doors. We have nine rooms and so we may be in room number one and we're praying, but we're seating the person by the exit door to room number one. Part of our instruction is going to be to exit the building you need to go through the lobby door that is unlocked, but then you have to go out the outside door. In order to do that you have to push the bar on the bottom of the door because we have the door locked so that we will have privacy. You want to make sure that you establish the exit route for the person so that if in anyway they are uncomfortable and want to leave there is nothing blocking their way of doing that. As Rich talks later in deliverance, especially when you pray for people other than Healing Rooms team which we'll talk about in a few moments, you want to make sure their exit route is very plain and clear and free. We don't want anyone to feel trapped in any way. We're all about people getting freed from the places that they felt bound and we don't

want to cause any injury to them. It is extremely important that they sit where they can exit the door without having to go around you or over you.

THE SOZO BEGINS

Instructions to Person Being Sozo'ed

You have your two team members sitting here and when you begin you've already asked the Holy Spirit: "Who is going to be that Lead Person?" So you know who's going to start. Let's say that you have a male sitting here and there's a male that's going to start. That's not necessarily the way it is. The female in the room may be the one that's going to lead, but let's just give that example. Then the second person is sitting over here and they have a note pad and a pen. You're going to begin, before you even start to pray, to give instruction to the person receiving prayer. You're going to remind them that we've come together to receive everything that the Lord has for them. We're all three in agreement with the Holy Spirit, with the Father and with Jesus that we have come to get the full blessing for this person. You want to remind them that they need to rest at the end of the session. They may need to take a break, because we're talking about a three hour session and people need to take breaks. If they need to get a drink or go to the restroom all they need to do is tell the team members and vice versa. If the team members need to stop for a moment then they will let the person know. Of course it would be at an appropriate time and the Holy Spirit would lead that. You want the person to know again that the amount of time that it takes for the Sozo does not have any bearing on anything.

You also want to let them know that this is very interactive and that we are asking them questions. We are going to ask them the six questions that they answer on their own and from then on they are hearing the Holy Spirit. You need to make sure that they understand that they need to say everything out loud. As they hear the answer from the Holy Spirit in either a feeling, a thought, words, or a picture that they need to say it out loud to you because that's going to indicate where the Holy Spirit wants to go. These are just some instructions that you give ahead of time. The other thing you want them to know is that we are only listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit. We are going to pray a prayer that declares that the enemy has no hearing and no perception of what is going on in this room and that he has no say here. You're making all of that clear to the person ahead of time before you even begin to pray. Then you come together in a prayer of unity before you actually start asking the six questions. You are going to pray: "Holy Spirit, we invite You in this place. We declare that You are Lord here and that we are only listening to the voice of the Lord in this place and we are binding the enemy. The enemy has no perception, no understanding, and no voice here. We are only listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Our trust is in You, Lord. We have come together to receive the fullness of the blessing that You have for this person. We thank You, Lord, that there is no judgment here. This person is free to say whatever they need to say or do and there won't be any judgment here. We are going to be washed at the end of the session and not even remember what has taken place." You are going to pray things similar to that so that there is an establishment made. We are making a declaration of what is going to take place and the enemy is totally bound from that.

We do want the person to understand something ahead of time however, and that is that we literally do ask the Holy Spirit to totally release us from any remembrance of what we prayed for. He is faithful to do that. It's amazing. What we do is. We tell the person. "We will not remember anything unless you need to be accountable for something." That may be that we as prayer team people feel like they need to be accountable or they may feel like: I would like to be accountable to someone in this area. Then we are going to remember that information. If it is that someone needs to be accountable we're going to let them know what that accountability looks like as being lead by the Holy Spirit. We're going to ask the Holy Spirit at the end of the session and then we're going to state what that looks like. We are not counselors. We are listening to the Holy Spirit and what He is saying to do.

He may, at times, give us a scripture to back up what the person has heard. Maybe they even hear a message from the Lord regarding what the truth is, but they don't even know that it is a scripture. You're going to go ahead and write that scripture reference down. You're going to let the person that's receiving prayer know that the second person may write things on a piece of paper. You're going to tell the person that the second person may need to whisper into the ear of the first person who's leading and they're going to just instruct them. We are saying that the second person is the one who's going to write down any spirits that need to be broken at the end or write down a note of maybe something that they're sensing that needs to happen. You're giving all of these instructions ahead of time to the person. You're praying through these things before you ever even begin.

It is very vital to understand that people may have triggers or issues where your actions in the room can actually be a trigger for someone. You want people to know ahead of time. You may mention: "We talk quite a bit, so do you mind if we open a bottle of water to drink while we're praying for you? We need to have mints so our breath will be fresh--will that disturb you?" Let the person know different things like that so they can feel absolutely comfortable and have as little distractions as possible. It can be amazing the things that are just our natural way of sitting or whatever that can cause a distraction. That is the reason why we give this instruction.

We tell the people that for the most part it is easier to receive if the person receiving prayer keeps their eyes closed because then there are no distractions. They aren't seeing that you just crossed your legs or whatever. They are just hearing the Holy Spirit and not being distracted. Another thing is that the Holy Spirit may want to show them a picture and they're going to see that possibly more clearly with their eyes closed. You just want to give that instruction. Unless keeping their eyes closed actually distracts them we've found that it helps people to concentrate on what the Lord is doing and eliminates some of those distractions. Even in the place where you're praying in the room; the room that you're praying in may have many things to look at on the walls and that can be a distraction, so it's easier if the person keeps their eyes closed.

However, you as prayer team people never close your eyes--not even during the first prayer that you're praying that says the enemy won't have a voice here. You are keeping your eyes open. Both prayer team members are keeping their eyes open during

the entire Sozo session. You need to remember that. Many times we've come from backgrounds where we've prayed with our eyes closed--in this situation you do not--just as it is in the Healing Rooms. You keep your eyes open so that you can see what's happening with the person. Many times when there's a release, it can just be through an inhaling or exhaling. There can be times where you can see on their face that it may be more difficult for them and you can encourage them to go ahead and speak those things. It may be that they need to forgive you or another team member for something and they're seeing that, but they are afraid to say that and you can just give them reassurance. Whatever you need to say is fine. There won't be any judgment here. It won't color how we think about a person. In all of these things you can get clues from just watching the person as you're praying for them, of what the Holy Spirit wants to do and how He wants to do it.

The Six Questions of the Father Ladder

You've established what's going to happen in the room by giving instruction and talking about the distractions and how to keep those distractions down to a minimum. You have prayed that first prayer of we're all coming in unity and so forth. Now you're going to begin the actual Sozo. You're going to say to the person: "Now, I'm going to ask you six questions and I just want you to answer." You want them to know that there is no wrong answer. Even if they don't have an answer--that is not a wrong answer. You just want them to feel comfortable and that they are going to hear this answer coming from themselves. This isn't something that we're asking the Holy Spirit. We want the person to answer the question. Many times the tendency will be for someone to answer the question in what they know the Bible says rather than what their experience may be. You can tell when that happens; you can sense it if you get that kind of answer. If you get that answer you say: "You know what, that's good that you know what the Word says, but I just want to know what your answer is. What is it that you feel? What is your experience?" That way you're seeing where they are, not where they think they should be, not where performance says: "I need to give the right answer to these questions."

Many times you'll see a performance issue that may need to be dealt with even as you begin those six questions because people feel like: I have to give the right answer. You need to stress that there is no wrong answer. It's coming from whatever their experience has been. You're going to see where the issues are and you're going to take them where they need to go in the Holy Spirit, and when they come back their view of the Godhead is going to be different. So you're asking those six questions that we talked about before. You're asking the person: "How do you view God? Or what do you think about when you think of Father God?" You want to make sure that you say, "Father God" so that there is an establishment of who we are talking about. You listen for the answer then you're asking: "How does Father God see you? What does He say about you?" You're listening for the answer and remembering that at this time during these six questions you're getting a feel for how the person hears and how they speak.

Like I said before, you're getting an understanding of the person. You have a person here who rarely speaks out loud so you need to prompt them to go ahead and say it out loud. Or, you have a person that sees it and says it as soon as they are seeing it

or hearing it. Or, you have a person that likes to see the whole picture or likes to hear the whole thing first and then say it. You're getting a rhythm here with the person so you have an understanding of how the rest of the Sozo needs to go. Then you're asking them: "How do you see Jesus? What do you think about Jesus?" Then you're asking them: "How does Jesus see you, or what does He say about you." You're doing the same with the Holy Spirit. "How do you see the Holy Spirit? What do you think about when you think of Him? How does the Holy Spirit see you, or what does He say about you?" Knowing that within those six questions you may have more than one time when people say: "I've never thought about how He thinks about me. I don't know." That's ok. Sometimes you get an "I don't know." But you give a few moments for the person to listen right then and hear their own heart. Sometimes it's "I don't know" and there's nothing that's going to come at that point.

Listening to Holy Spirit

You know that you're going to deal with issues possibly regarding the mother not expressing to the child how they felt about them, or what they see their future to be, or whatever. You're just listening and getting an idea of what the issues may be in someone's life. As you're going through the Sozo at this point you're asking the Holy Spirit: "Where do you want to go from here, Holy Spirit?" You're saying this out loud. Everything that you are doing is out loud. The only exception to that is if you're asking the Holy Spirit what question to ask next. You're just doing that privately with Him. But, everything else is out loud between the team members so that the person receiving prayer can hear what the question is and hear the answer. Even when you're saying out loud: "Holy Spirit, what would you like to do?" That is for you as the one praying to hear. But many times the person will, right then, see something or hear something and they'll say that and then you'll know where the Holy Spirit wants to start.

Many times people have prepared, like you've asked them to, and they'll come in and they'll say: "You know, the Lord's been showing me that this and this and this is a habit or a problem between us and I need to take care of that." People may even come into the Sozo session knowing some of the things that the Lord wants to speak to them about. That's great. Sometimes they do and sometimes they don't. There is no judgment there on that either. We're just listening to the Holy Spirit on what needs to happen. Then you're going through as we talked about before, and saying: "Holy Spirit, how do you want this dealt with?" It may be that He's going to show you one of the tools, the Wall or whatever, or it may be that He may not use any tools during that session. It may be that this person, through the whole session, God's going to deal with every issue by them seeing the walls that they've built. It's not up to you to make a determination of how the Spirit's going to do it. You're listening to Him; you're doing what He's doing. It can be any kind of configuration of anything during that time.

You're just listening to how the Holy Spirit wants to do it. You're using the tools. If He tells you: "I want you to ask Jesus where He is in this situation." If He's saying: "I want you to ask them if they have any triggers." You want to always be listening to the Holy Spirit on how He wants to deal with that particular issue. You don't want to assume that He wants to do it the same way throughout the whole Sozo. The other thing is that

you don't want to assume that He's going to use tools at all. Sometimes He may say: "I want you to go immediately to the four doors and I want you to start there." He knows the personality of the person and what is going to work for them. If He tells you at the very beginning of the Sozo: "I want you to start with the door of hatred." Then that's what you're going to do. That's where you're going to start and you're going to ask the Holy Spirit: "Is there anyone that this person needs to forgive?" And that's where you're going to begin. No matter what the door is. No matter how He wants to do it. You're not thinking: Well, in the training, and in the manual it said: "hatred, then it said soul-ties, then it said occult, then it said fear." No, those are just the doors but that's not how you have to go. This is not a form or formula and I can't stress that enough.

We are a people who like control but we want the Holy Spirit to be in control and not us. We want to do it the way He says to do it. I know I'm saying that several times, but it's extremely important because we want to flow with the Holy Spirit for this person to receive freedom. That is a great testimony of Jesus that we are privileged to pray with someone and see them set free. We know that in the Healing Rooms, everyday, that it is such an extreme privilege to be able to pray for another team member and see them set free in an area where the enemy has tried to hinder them. We want to know and we want to remember what I said before--that this is a child of God. We do not injure them while they are receiving healing, because we are not doing our own agenda, we're doing what the Holy Spirit says to do.

We're going to remember that He may want us to ask the question: "Where are you, Lord, in this situation?" We want to say to the person: "It may be Father, Son, or Holy Spirit that's going to speak to you, or you're going to see, or any combination," because you may be dealing with people that you're praying for that have never had the training and so they don't know anything. You want to just give them the guidelines so that they aren't stuck in trying to see Jesus when it's not Jesus who wants to show them that He was there, but it's the Father. So you're doing everything you can to keep that person flowing with the Holy Spirit. You're giving them tools so that when they leave they can go ahead and continue to use those tools of keeping a short account of forgiving as soon as something happens.

There was an example that I didn't give earlier and I want to give it now because we are a people that make assumptions about what is good and what is not good. I gave you an example of the fact that there may be difficulty between a parent and a child because, let's say, the mother has self-hatred and the daughter looks exactly like the mother and so she takes out that self-hatred and unforgiveness for herself upon that child. Or, the example that maybe there's a family where there's been divorce and one of the children looks like the husband or the wife and so there's hatred and unforgiveness and that's being expressed to the child. Here's another example of how things can happen. Let's say that you're praying for someone and they are obviously on the Sozo ministry team, and let's say that they're a pastor and that they are not happy. One of the things that we do is that we make assumptions. Just like we talked about with generational curses and so forth, there can be things that appear to be a blessing, but for that particular person it is not. Let's say that this pastor comes from a whole line of pastors. There are five, six, ten generations of pastors ahead of this person. Therefore, there's been an expectancy that everyone in that family will become a pastor. But, let's say that this

person is called by God into the marketplace and not to be a pastor. That's their call, but the actual thing that they are doing is because of the inheritance that they see, rather than doing what God has called them to do. We don't always want to think of just the negative things that generational things can be. It's a blessing to have that godly inheritance of people being pastors through the generations, but it is not the blessing of the Lord if someone in that family has another calling upon their life.

We don't want to make assumptions because of the things that we think are good or bad, we want to only be hearing what the Holy Spirit has to say. That can apply to anything. That can be that everyone in the family is a musician so everyone has that musical gifting and that's great. A person may even have a gifting that is great, but it's not their call. They are frustrated in looking at what people expect of them, rather than doing what God expects. As we're praying for people, we're not making any assumptions based on our own feelings, we are only listening to the Holy Spirit and we're letting Him get to the heart of the person so that every single thing that hinders them from their destiny in God, their call and their victory in God, is removed. Everything that the enemy has used. He doesn't care what he has to use to trap a person or trip them up so we want to be aware of those things. Even the things that appear to be good may not be for this person, so that's something that we need to remember when we're praying for someone.

Cell Phones

There was one thing that I forgot to say that we need to give an instruction for at the beginning. It is that people need to have their cell phones off. You may be praying for someone and it is not good if you're right in the middle of something, kind of like that alarm going off, and a cell phone goes off. Depending on what a trigger may be or if the person has felt rejection or whatever, it can say to them: "That other person is more important than me." You want every distraction taken away. The only exception to that would be that possibly the person you are praying for may have children at home that are supervising themselves and they need to be able to receive a call if it's needed. Then they can just put their cell phone on vibrate and wear that cell phone so they will be aware of when they need to receive a call but that's really the only exception that you need to have. Otherwise it's about them receiving everything that God has for them and you don't want any distraction.

Checking the Doors

We've given several examples previously. As you're going through the prayer time in this setting the Holy Spirit's going to show you each step of the way--where to go, what to do, how to do it. You've gone through the issues with the people by starting first with the Father ladder and going to the issues that He's showing you within that. You are remembering that even within the Father ladder, you're going to deal with these different doors of unforgiveness, of hatred, of occult, sexual sin and fear but, you're not going to stop there. You're going to go, as we said earlier, and after you've dealt with every issue that's come out of that Father ladder you're going to go ahead and you're going to check each door. First you're going to go through, as we said previously, here's the door of hatred: "Holy Spirit, is there anyone else this person needs to forgive?" You're going to continue to ask that. They're going to speak the forgiveness that they see. They're going

to go ahead and be done with that person. Then you're going to ask the Holy Spirit again: "Is there anyone else they need to forgive?" You're going to go through and do that completely through the whole time, until they see no one else.

Now I want to give an instruction here because this is where a word of knowledge may come in. Like I said previously, you have been listening to the Holy Spirit this whole time and you may have come into the room for the Sozo session and already know some issues that need to be dealt with. But, you're letting the Holy Spirit lead and guide and you're going through. Because we're a people who do listen to the Holy Spirit we may have a word of knowledge for someone or something that's happened that has not yet been covered. Let's say, for instance, you're on this door of hatred and you've gone through and you've asked: "Is there anyone else they need to forgive?" And you continually do that. Then let's say that I've been sitting here and I've been hearing the name 'John Smith' the whole time we've been praying, but no John Smith has come up in the forgiveness. What I'm going to do at this point when nothing else has happened is that I'm going to say: "Does the name John Smith mean anything to you?" I may see the whole scenario of what they need to forgive John Smith for, but I'm not going to say it. In everything we want the person to hear from the Holy Spirit. We don't want our take on it. So, I'm going to say: "Does the name John Smith mean anything to you?" And we're going to let the person consider that. We're going to say: "Holy Spirit, would you show this person—does John Smith mean anything to them?" And they may say: "Well, you know, there was a coach I had by the name of John Smith, when I was in Junior High and he never let me play basketball. I was always on the bench." "Holy Spirit show them everything they need to forgive John Smith for." They go ahead and they speak that forgiveness.

You may have more than one of those words of knowledge. The way that you need to see that it all comes about, is by just throwing out the name and letting the Holy Spirit show them what it's about. Let's say that you say: "Holy Spirit, would you show them what the name John Smith means?" and there's nothing. You just move on with the assurance that the Lord is going to take care of it. It may be that there's a situation where the Lord is saying that they are just not ready, but if that's the case you don't say the name "John Smith" at all. If you've heard something and you're asking the Holy Spirit about it, you're going ahead and doing what He's saying to do--which may be: "I'm not dealing with that today." But, if he says: "Go ahead and ask that question." Even within that don't be concerned that you heard a name and nothing is responding. We're still going to go through other doors and we're still going to do a check later on.

Now you're done with the door of hatred. You're going to go on to the door of sexual sin. "Holy Spirit, is there anything in the area of sexual sin that has not been dealt with?" and you're going to go through and break soul-ties or whatever needs to happen in that area. You're going to go to the next door: "Is there anything in the area of occult or witchcraft that has not been dealt with already?" You want to stress that because many times people have been in such a place of unforgiveness with someone, that when you say that, their name comes up again, even though it has been dealt with, you're just referring to anything that's not under the blood already or anything that hasn't been dealt with. You're going to go ahead and go to the fear door. "Holy Spirit, is there anything

that this person is afraid of?” You’re going to check that whole door until everything is taken care of.

Now, many times when you’re dealing especially in the area of hatred and unforgiveness, what you may encounter is this. You may say: “Holy Spirit, is there anyone they need to forgive?” And they may say: “You know what, I see this person, but I’ve forgiven them—I know I have. I’ve forgiven them over and over and over again.” Then it’s like: “But, I’ll forgive them again.” No, we’re going to ask the Holy Spirit what that’s about because many times it’s that the person has made the choice to forgive the other person that’s injured them, but they haven’t had their emotions washed. They haven’t had that pain associated with that person washed and that’s why that name or that face keeps coming up. You’re going to ask the Lord to completely wash over their emotions; to bring a cleansing to their emotions regarding that person and then you’ll see that it will be eliminated. You’re going to go ahead though, and say: “Holy Spirit, is there anything else that they need to forgive that person for?” And as they do that, or if there’s nothing, then you’re praying that cleansing prayer over their emotions.

Many times people get hung up there because they get stuck. I know I’ve forgiven and it’s actually frustrating to them. “Every time their name comes up I forgive again. I just don’t know why it keeps coming up.” Many times that’s the reason--the emotions have not been dealt with. You go through each door--this is after you’ve done the Father ladder and dealt with all the issues that way. You’re going through each door, but you’re still not finished yet. Each door, if there is a name or a word of knowledge that needs to come from you, go through and do that. Most of the time that’s very limited. There may be one person or something or none at all. We really don’t have it that much because the Lord is just showing the people as they go along and, it’s kind of funny, because people get in the routine of it. As you begin to lead someone in that prayer of forgiveness for one person and as they see how the Lord is doing it, they just go ahead and go with the flow of it. We’re talking about people who are praying for people all of the time and know the flow and now they are receiving that for themselves.

Final Check

You’re just going ahead and checking all of those doors but now you’re going to do a final check. You’re going to kind of explain it this way, but it can look however the person needs it to look for their personality and the way God created them and wants to speak to them. What you’re going to do is you’re going to say: “Now we’re going to look at it like there is a door of hatred--a literal door and it may look different to you. It may not look exactly like a door, but we’re going to ask the Holy Spirit to show you what is happening with that door now because you have just forgiven all these people. You’ve just gone through all of this and we’re just doing a last check to make sure that everything has been covered, and there’s absolutely no room for the enemy to come in and bring any torment. You’re praying and asking the Holy Spirit to show the person "what does that door of hatred look like? What does it sound like?" They may not be a person who sees pictures; they may be a person that hears words so you’re giving them that liberty. “Holy Spirit, what does that door of hatred look like now, or what does it sound like?” It

can be a gamut of things. I will tell you, depending on what has been in someone's life, it may be that they say: "Well, that door is shut, and it has a padlock on it and the blood of Jesus is covering it and there's no problem there anymore." It may be that they say: "Well, you know what, the door is closed almost all the way, but it's open an inch and I'm not sure why." "Holy Spirit why is that door open that inch?" And you're going to continue to pray and have Him show the person that there may be a last person to forgive. That may be where they click into John Smith--the word of knowledge that you had that they didn't click into previously. It may be that there's just someone else and maybe a last place where they need to forgive themselves. You're going to go through until that door is completely closed because that's the way the person saw it. That's when it is finished--when the door is closed.

For different people it's going to be different things. There may not be any door left at all. It may be that they are a person that sees the door wide open and light filling the room, because it's the light of Jesus that's come into that area of their life, and it's completely filled the room and it's done. They may be that type of person that sees the light filling the room and they say, "But, in the corner, in the left-hand corner, there's a little speck of darkness." "Holy Spirit what is that speck of darkness about?" And you're going to continue. You want to be very, very sensitive to the fact that people are going to see or hear things differently. You may have a person that says: "I hear that door slam shut and a key in a lock that just locked it." Ok, great it's done. However the person relates that the Lord wants to talk to them, and that's what you're allowing to happen and you're making sure that the door of hatred is closed. Then you're going to the next door and the next door and the next door until you have completely made sure that however the person sees it, whether it's closed, sealed, gone, wide open with light in it—it doesn't matter--but, you're assured that everything has been dealt with.

One of the questions we get is: "What if the person goes away and they see that there are other things?" What we have come for is the fullness of what God has for that person right then. We are always going from glory to glory. We are always learning from the Lord and growing so there's going to be other things that may come up, but now the people have the tools to go ahead and deal with that. You can listen to this DVD or go to Sozo training and on the way home in the car you can use the tools and say: "Holy Spirit, is there anyone I need to forgive?" And deal with it. That is the beauty of how the Lord has shown us through this ministry that these are tools that anyone can use in any situation for themselves, or someone else. We are mainly talking about ministry to Healing Rooms team members within the context of the Healing Rooms Ministry, but these tools can be used in any area of your life or in the lives of others that you relate to.

Breaking Generational Curses and Spirits

So you've gone and you've checked through every single door--that final check—you're making sure. You're asking the Holy Spirit: "Will you show us if there's any other generational curse that needs to be broken; any other inheritance that needs to be embraced?" You're going to go ahead and do that. You're also going to deal with, at this point, breaking those spirits that we talked about--the list that the second person has been keeping. We gave some examples of rejection or abandonment or fear. You're going to

go ahead and have the person now take authority over those spirits and declare that those spirits will no longer have influence in their life. They are renouncing the spirit and they are taking back the authority that they gave to that spirit of rejection or abandonment or fear, and they are cutting that off from their life. Part of that is that they need to say: "And you do not have permission to return." You're not only cutting off what has been, but you're saying: "And you will no longer have any influence. You cannot come back 'fear' with a new fear or anything else to try to influence my life." You're taking care of all those things. You're listening to the Holy Spirit and you're breaking those things.

Reticular Formation/Touching

Now everything has been done, regarding the works of the enemy and regarding the lies that have been believed, and the truth coming in. This is where you're going to go ahead and pray for that reticular formation, for that Divine Editing that we talked about earlier. You want to go ahead and ask permission to put your hand on the back of the person's head to pray and to come behind them to be able to pray. Then you are going to ask the Lord to take out anything that the person has thought was normal that was not normal to God and to replace it with Godly principles--with the truth. You're going to do that at this point. Throughout the entire Sozo, the reason that we even set up the chairs this way is because we want to be close enough to each other representing a unity, but also so that if you need to touch the person at any point you are close enough to do that. Now, you have to listen to the Holy Spirit on that and you have to be aware that we have male/female people in the room and the appropriate place to touch. But, there are some times when you are praying for people and it's difficult for them and just you reaching over and being able to touch them is going to help them to get through what they need to get through.

You're going to ask permission and you may want to go ahead and do that at the very beginning of the Sozo. "If I need to touch you, would it be ok to touch you on the leg?" Or for a man praying for a woman: "Would it be all right to touch you on the shoulder, if I feel like I need to?" If it's anything other than what you've established at the beginning, for instance in this reticular formation you want to touch them on the head--you want to ask that permission right then. Everything is about them feeling safe, secure and knowing that there's nothing that's going to hinder them. You've prayed for the reticular formation for those Godly principles to come in, and then you are going to want to go ahead and pray the blessing. I want to kind of remind you that throughout the entire Sozo, as we are having people renounce the lie they have believed and receive the truth, you want them to understand that that lie has been ripped out by the roots.

Replacing What's Been Removed

If the person has constantly lived in fear and it has been a very deep stronghold--you know when we think of roots going down into the ground, going into our heart they can have many little tap roots, you know all kinds of veins of roots that are going down--we want the person to understand that God does a complete work and we are having that whole lie ripped out, no matter how firm that tap root is or how widespread it's been in every area of their life. The Lord is taking that lie out and replacing it with His truth. We

want the person to understand that in every place—when you rip something out there's a hole there--it has to be filled up with God, with the truth and with the power of the Holy Spirit. Filled with the presence of God--that's what we want. I explain to people with this example many times because it means something to me and it seems to get a point across to people. We lived in Texas for a time and when that dirt dries out—it dries out. It's clay dirt and it is dry so when the first rain comes, a drop of water will literally bounce off that dry earth because there has to be a lot of rain before it starts soaking into the surface and going down deep. That's how we want the truth to be. We want the truth to be so hard-packed in where the lie has been, that when the enemy tries to throw a fiery dart at that area that has previously been our weakness, there is now a stronghold of God there and that lie just bounces off. There is no place for it to go.

Blessing the Person

That's why we say that after the Sozo is over, we want to make sure that the person has a time to rest because the person has received truth from the Lord during the Sozo session, but we want to make sure that it continues--the Lord continues to build on that. We are going to give some instruction at the end on what they need to do to allow the Lord to just keep building on that truth. At this point you've broken off all of the spirits and you've dealt with every issue. You've dealt with the abnormal thinking. Now you're going to begin to bless the person. Like I said previously, it may be that they had a difficulty and never felt the blessing of the Father. You're going to go ahead and the man in the room is going to impart the Father's blessing. It may be that they need the blessing of a sister or a mother. You're going to go ahead and do that.

One of things that you have to keep in mind is that we, in the Body of Christ, have in the past not been too kind to those who are wounded and we've caused injury. It may be that you need to represent the Body of Christ in blessing their call and their giftings. You need to just listen to the Holy Spirit on what blessing needs to come. It may be specific things that need to be spoken, but you always want to pray a covering blessing over the person. You want to thank the Lord, not only at this point, but throughout the entire Sozo, for it is God who has done the work and we want to thank and praise Him throughout the entire time. You'll see that people will just automatically do that or it may be that there has been something that has been traumatic in someone's life and God has just set them free. I've had it where we have all gotten up and danced around the room and thanked the Lord at that time--taking that time to just really give Him glory and honor for what He just did. We want to constantly do that throughout the Sozo, but definitely at the end we want to glorify the Lord for what He's done. He's the one that did the work; He's the one that empowered the person to be able to forgive and to be released from sin and sickness.

Praying for Physical Manifestations

Part of what you want to do at this point is make sure that you've prayed for the physical things that may be a manifestation of these root issues that have just been dealt with. If someone has had self-hatred and they have difficulty with diabetes, you want to go ahead and pray and thank the Lord for that healing manifesting in their life. Whatever

it may be. You want to go ahead and pray for any physical things that the person needs prayer for and go ahead and make sure that all of that is covered with blessing. Then you want to ask the Holy Spirit to seal up the good work that's been done and bring the increase. The Holy Spirit's going to bring an increase to what has already happened. You want to just cover that person's family and their relationships. If the Lord has shown you a specific thing, like we said before, maybe someone's going to call them next week or something like that, you don't necessarily have to say a particular person or whatever. You just need to say, "You know someone that you have forgiven may call you because they felt a change in the spirit and your name is attached to it, and so just be led by the Holy Spirit on what you need to say or do." You need to have the person understand that because they have dealt with the Lord, and depending on what their issues may have been--they may have been co-dependent, they may have had some wrong relationships or whatever. Let them know that their relationships are going to change because of what God has done in them.

Changes in Relationships

Sometimes people choose, because we are allowing the Lord to purify us and we're having that deeper understanding between us and the Lord and the Godhead in general, that they don't like the way that we've changed. They may not like the new habits that we're establishing. They may not like the fact that we have always lived in fear and so we have had certain ways that we do things and now we're not going to be doing it that way anymore because we don't live in fear. We live in trust in the Lord. It changes your relationships and it is good. But, you may have friends or loved ones that may not want to have relationship with you in the same way because you are not being sympathetic to their ailments or whatever, it may be if you've been co-dependent with them and now you are developing new habits. You need to let people know that, that there is a change but, God is in the midst of it and they need to continue to develop the new habits that God wants them to develop throughout as they walk this thing out. They need to understand that if it's been a life-long habit to do certain things--to live in fear--it could be that someone is so controlled by fear that they will only go outside if someone is with them, or they will only do this or only do that or I will never go to this event because I'm afraid someone might hurt me there. Whatever it is they need to know that it's going to change and God's going to show them day by day how to now live a life free of fear so that they don't invite the enemy back in. You need to help them with that.

Sozo Aftercare Manual

We do have in our manual a little Sozo after care that talks about people reading the Word or being in ministry, and you know that the people we are praying for are already in ministry. But, read the Word and let the Holy Spirit show you on a daily basis the very scriptures that you need to meditate on that are going to build you up in that place of faith. If you have been a person that has had a very low self-image or has not understood the authority you walk in, the Holy Spirit is going to show you the scriptures that say who you are in God and the authority that you have in God. Even as you are instructed to pray and you ask the Holy Spirit to direct you in the Word in what is going to build you up in

the truth that the Lord has now established in your life, He will continue to do that so that you have that truth down deep.

You also want to tell the person--like I say, it's in the manual--just about the fact that the Lord may want them to go through periods of fasting. The Lord may want to change their relationships, as we said. Those things are going to be different because now there is a different posture that you've taken. You've literally said to the enemy: "No more will I allow you to have any influence in my life—it's only God." And things are going to look differently. You can just give a few instructions like that. All of this is being led by the Holy Spirit. Don't be overwhelmed with all of this information that you are getting because it's the Holy Spirit that's going to show you how to do it. Your heart is to see people healed and every work of the enemy be destroyed in their life--these are just the guidelines. This is what you do, it sounds complicated, but I can assure you that it isn't. You just listen and obey. And that's all you need to do.

So now you've prayed the blessing over the person. You've now instructed them. You may have even given them written material to take home to look at. You've given them any of the notes that you may have that are scriptures so that they can go ahead and meditate on those specific scriptures that the Lord gave. They may actually hear a scripture: The Lord's telling me John 10:10. You're going to write that down for them so that they can take that home and remember that they want to meditate on that some more and really get an insight on that. That scripture being that: "the thief comes to kill, steal and destroy. But Jesus comes to give life and life more abundant." That's the exchange that just has taken place in their life. They need to meditate on that and what that really means to them and the power of God that is going to work in their life.

Many times people are afraid that they aren't going to be able to do it. They aren't going to be able to change. But, we need to reassure them that it is the Holy Spirit working in us that empowers us to create those new habits that are Godly where there have been ungodly habits. We just want to reassure that person--reassure them of the fact that you are going to pray and not remember anything that has been prayed. Literally we have had people who have said: "That was so good last night" or "I'm so thankful that God did this." And we have to say: "I'm sorry, I don't remember that" because once it's under the blood it doesn't have to be remembered again. It's a testimony of Jesus for that person and it's great if they want to share it because it helps other people get free, but we don't have to know the particulars of what they needed to do to get free. You're taking care of those things. The other thing is that you are telling them again that if they have any questions or if something comes up that they are not sure about that they can call you at your Healing Rooms and talk to you or just visit with you at lunch time because they are team members or whatever. They can have contact with you.

Scheduling Another Sozo Session- Don't Leave the Person Feeling Raw

Now, let me go over this. If a person needs to have another Sozo session, this is what you need to do. Let's say in the example I gave before, that they had a real issue with their father or father figures and the Sozo has gone for 45 minutes or an hour and

the Holy Spirit says: "That's all that we are doing tonight." Or maybe there have been a few issues that have been dealt with and He says: "That's all we're doing." You're going to stop at that point, but you want to make sure that the person is covered. What you are going to do is you're going to ask the person if there's any place in them that feels kind of "raw" or uncovered. You want to make sure—let's say they've been dealing with that father issue and they might say: "You know, I know that this has been really good, but there's someplace that just doesn't feel quite secure or covered. I don't feel quite right." Then we're going to ask the Holy Spirit: "What else needs to happen regarding this father that will bring that covering in this area?" It may be that there's one last thing that needs to be done--one last word of forgiveness spoken, or whatever. You do not want someone to leave feeling what we call "raw" or uncovered because then the enemy will hound them and they will become discouraged or something will happen in that area that they just received freedom in.

We're making sure the place where the wound was has the hand of God on it, the oil of God on it and it's covered before we release them. We're still going to bless them--speak a general blessing. We're going to thank the Lord. We're going to do all the same things, but then we're going to tell them, "We're going to pray and ask the Holy Spirit when it is that we need to pray for you again." If it's an area in their life where there's been a stronghold the Lord is going to want to take and establish a new pattern before they receive prayer for something else. They are going to need to take and have their energy focused on that area. The Holy Spirit is giving them scripture. As they're meditating before the Lord, as they are just in the presence of the Lord, He is going to speak to them about that particular issue and get that firm foundation in that area. We want to make sure that they have the time to do that. That's lead by the Holy Spirit. He may say that you're not scheduling them for three weeks, or He may say schedule them for next week. You're going to listen to the Holy Spirit and then you're going to call them at the appropriate time. But you want them to know that: "It may be three weeks before He says to call you again. Don't be concerned. Just bask in what He has done for you. Give Him thanks. Let Him build you up in that area." Because we don't want people who have maybe felt rejection or something to think that: "Oh, they prayed for me once and now they are leaving me mid-way." No, it's going to be completed, but we are listening to the time schedule of the Holy Spirit on what needs to happen.

That's what we want to do regarding the Sozo. You're reaffirming, you're closing off, you're sealing off the good work that's been done and you're leaving them in a very good place, that when they walk out the door they can rest in the Lord and they can receive from the Lord. You're finished with your Sozo. You're going to make sure that you escort the person out and they are safely in their car before you come back in and then the two team members are now going to pray together. You're going to pray and ask the Lord to cleanse you, cleanse the building of anything that is not of the Lord. You're going to ask Him to cleanse your minds of everything that you have just prayed about so that you have no remembrance of it, other than if the person needs to be accountable to you for something. You're going to pray over your families—protection over you and your families and just let the Lord refresh you before you leave, before you end the entire session.

Accountability

This is reminding me that we need to make sure that the person, if they need to be accountable for something, that you establish that before they leave. Let's say that there is a person who has credit card debt because they have gone shopping rather than to the Holy Spirit for comfort. That's been a habit in their life and they've incurred debt. You're going to want to go ahead and make sure that they are accountable for getting out of debt and stopping that behavior. It may be that the Holy Spirit says you need to cut up your credit cards or it may not. But, the whole point is that you want to say in that area: "Holy Spirit, how does this person need to be accountable?" If the Holy Spirit says that they need to cut up their credit cards and that every time they are feeling that way—they just want to go shopping—the habit is now going to be: "Holy Spirit, would you bring my comfort. Would you talk to me about why I'm feeling this way?" Now they can develop new habits if there is credit card debt. Let's say there's \$10,000 in debt--there needs to be a plan set into their life to get out of that debt. That is part of the bondage of the sin and you want them completely out of bondage. You're asking the Holy Spirit what needs to happen because you want them to be accountable. You do not, however, want everyone to be accountable to you. You may pray for hundreds of people and you do not want everyone that needs to be accountable to be accountable to you. You want to check on them. But, let's say that there's a person that's \$10,000 in debt and you say: "Ok, in this area, who are you going to be accountable to for help in setting up a plan to get out of debt and maintain that plan?" They may tell you: "There's a person at our church that does the financial freedom seminar." "Ok, then I want you, within the next three days, to call them up and ask if you can be accountable and meet with them to develop a plan and continue until all of that \$10,000 worth of debt is taken care of." Then you're going to say: "I want you to call me within three days telling me that this person has agreed to do that. I don't need to know the exact plan, but I also want that person to know that I want to have the freedom to call them and check and see how you're doing." There's an absolute accountability where first of all within three days they need to call you and say: "Yes, I have set up an appointment with this person for such and such a date and they are willing to help me get out of this debt." Then you also want them to know that you periodically may call that person to check to make sure that they are following through. It's not about control; it's about making sure that all of the bondage from that sin is completely eliminated out of that person's life.

There may be different areas that you need them to be accountable. It may be a short-term accountability. The Lord has told them to get rid of those objects that were idolatry or had to do with, or connected with, some person in some relationship. You're saying: "I need you to call me and tell me what you did with those things." It's just making sure that they are accountable where they need to be accountable and that you, as the person praying for them, are following up to make sure that the bondage is completely eliminated from their life. There is a consequence for our sin, for our disobedience in the order that the Lord has. Many times we have to walk through things. It's not that the Lord is going to give them a check for \$10,000 to pay off that debt, necessarily, although he may have people help them with that. It's that He wants them to now establish new habits that line up with the fact that they trust God. Now they're going to God for everything that they need.

Team Refreshing After Sozo Session

You have instructed them and they have left. The team, the two of you, is praying, cleansing, refreshing so that you can go home and be totally free of any distraction of the enemy on your life because of the Sozo you have just prayed with the person. Now you are refreshed—you are ready to go and you go on your way. What you need to do and you need to understand is that many times people want to use these tools in other relationships other than with Healing Rooms Teams.

ETIQUETTE

I want to go over that with you, but first I want to talk to you for just a few minutes about the etiquette that's within that Sozo session. We want to remember the golden rule. You want to treat people the way that you would want to be treated. I know that these things are very common sense, but we need to be reminded of them. We want to be gentle; we don't need to yell or scream at someone no matter what the issue is that we are talking to them about. There may be someone who has a stronghold of rebellion in their life. You may speak more firmly when you are speaking to them about that, but there is absolutely never a need to yell or scream at someone. We're going to get into that, Richard is, as he talks to you about deliverance. If you're not connecting with the person--let's say you're praying for them and you're trying to go through what the Holy Spirit is showing you and there is just not a connection--you need to back off. What I mean by that is, let's say that I'm in a room praying with Richard for a man. And we feel like I was supposed to lead and I've been leading and we've been talking, but at some point there's an issue that comes up and there's just a resistance there. Then what I'm going to do is I'm first going to say: "You know, regarding this area, we're going to have Richard pray for you." It may be that in this issue I remind that person of their mother and the issue is with their mother. I'm not the one that needs to pray for them about that issue. It may be throughout that whole Sozo that Richard is the one that needs to pray for that person and I'm just backing him up because I'm going to intercede and I'm going to write down the things that need to be covered. If you're not connecting with the person, you'll see by the Holy Spirit what the alternative is. For this particular issue, I'm not supposed to pray, so Richard is or vice versa.

It may be that in a particular issue a person just cannot connect with Richard and so he's going to have me pray. You just want to be sensitive to that. You can be totally flowing through two and a half hours of praying for someone as the lead person, but you reach a place and you may not know why. It doesn't matter--it's not about you, it's about that person getting free and whatever it takes to get them free. Just a reminder about that. You need to let the people know that the Lord loves them and that you love them. A lot of times people just don't have an understanding of the fact that they really are loved. You just want to love on them. You just want to bless them. You just want to nurture them and help them to get where they need to go. Just a reminder that you are only doing what the Father is doing. You're listening to the Holy Spirit and that's all you're doing. Nothing else. Anything else can cause injury. You're relying totally on the Holy Spirit. Just like in the Healing Rooms, we do not counsel. This may be somebody that you work

with in the Healing Rooms all the time, but you're in a Sozo session and you do not counsel them.

You need to make sure that you are not shocked by anything that you hear. Many times, depending on what our life has been, prior to Jesus or when we first get saved or whatever, there may be many things that people have done or said that were in the enemy's camp. We cannot be shocked by that. We cannot look or act or sound shocked in any way regarding anything that the person has done or that someone has done to them. Shocked is not just an expression on your face; shocked is breathing in deeply or any kind of noise that you may make. If you have led a life where you have not heard a lot of things--you may be new to the Healing Rooms team and have not been exposed to a lot of the things that the enemy has done in people's lives--you need to pray before you have that Sozo session and ask the Lord to help you. If you feel like something is over your head--you need to stop. What I mean by that is you may encounter something that you are unfamiliar with--that you may not feel like you have authority in—although we have authority over everything. If you just feel like there is just something here that is over your head then you need to stop because you don't want to do any damage to anyone. This really applies more to when you are outside of the Healing Rooms setting which we are going to talk about in just a minute.

And again, you don't want to leave the person feeling raw. We talked about how to cover that and you want to give God all the glory. Now because we know that people who work at the Healing Rooms have a heart to see everyone made whole and Sozo is saved, healed and delivered, we know that as you take this training, as you begin to apply it in your own life, you are going to want to use these tools to help other people other than Healing Rooms team. We've had the question of: "Can I do that?" You can pray for anyone you want to pray for--but, in the context, in the covering of the Healing Rooms Ministry, you are only praying for the Healing Rooms team or possibly their family member or their spouse, with permission. Anyone else that you pray for is outside of the Healing Rooms and you are not to use the Healing Rooms facility and you're not to give any impression that this is under the covering of the Healing Rooms Ministry. Ok?

SOZO TEAMS OUTSIDE OF HEALING ROOMS

Let's say that you have had this training. You are a Healing Rooms team member, you're watching the DVD or you've been to a training and you see that these are good tools for your church to use. This is the part that I want to distinguish between Healing Rooms and otherwise. I'll just give you a few tips on that. What you need to do within the context of your church, or if you are ministering out on the street to the lost, (and by out on the street I don't just mean homeless—I mean out in the marketplace to the lost) you want to establish what is the covering, number one. You need to be under a covering so that people know what you are doing and are covering you in prayer. Intercession is extremely important even within the prayer time. There are many times when we are doing a training or otherwise where the Lord says: "I want one of your team members, or two of your team members, to just come and intercede and not pray." Just to intercede for the Sozo's that are going on. It's great if you can have some team members that are doing that while prayer is happening in the Sozo room.

Apart from that, let's say for example, that you're going to do this at your church. Your pastor's interested and you want to go ahead and establish this at your church. What you need to be aware of is, number one, your church has a legal obligation and it may be different than what you are dealing with regarding Healing Rooms. You need to establish with your leadership what are the legal things here regarding if someone is an abuser, or they have been abused—if you are dealing with children. All of that. I'm not going to go into particulars on that. But what I'm saying is that you need to establish that with the leadership of your church of what the legal guidelines are before you begin. We've had before, even in trainings, where perhaps the person's profession, like a policeman, requires them to report things and there is a concern there. If you have a policeman that is on your Sozo team at your church or whatever they have some guidelines that they have to follow, then that needs to be made known to the person when they are going to receive prayer. I'm not going to go into a lot of detail on that. I'm just saying that you may want to use these tools in other situations and so you need to go ahead and find out what that covering is and what those legal obligations are.

Let's say that you are leading someone to the Lord whether within your church or outside of the church and they are coming to salvation. In the past, just like what we said at the very beginning with the quote from Carlos Anacondia—we have gotten people saved, but haven't gotten them set free. It is my belief, as an intercessor, that we are coming to a place where we simply name the name of Jesus and we will see a life completely transformed—saved, healed and delivered. Everything—every work of the enemy being destroyed and everything coming into order. We, in the body of Christ, are not at that place at this moment and that's the whole reason why we even offer the Sozo prayer and I'm going to have Rich speak about deliverance in just a moment. We are dealing with people, and we want to make sure that with the tools that we have, and the place of faith and understanding that we are in the Body of Christ at this moment, that we are delivering to them the Jesus that is all power, all authority. The Jesus who has come to save, heal and deliver. That's what we want people to get when they are receiving Christ. We have a responsibility to not only lead them in the sinner's prayer, but to pray for them.

For example, this Sozo type of prayer: It may be on a specific issue that the Lord just says you pray for them right there at the altar. It doesn't matter how He says to do it but, we have a responsibility because we know now what we didn't know, when we got saved, of the fullness of what Christ has to offer us. That is what we are to deliver to other people when we lead them to Christ. They should not have to struggle for years and years and years in old habits and mindsets when we have the ability in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to get them saved, healed, and delivered. That's what we want to give to people. I want to distinguish that from what we are doing in the Healing Rooms to dealing with the Lost. It's outside of the Healing Rooms covering and it's strictly under whatever covering you have as an individual person not representing the Healing Rooms Ministry. That's very important. There are going to be different guidelines and ways that you need to do things.

You're going to do the same type of Sozo prayer for that person that you have just lead to the Lord or that church member. You're going to do the same type of things.

You're going to make sure that they feel safe and secure and all of that. You're going to make sure that within the context of what you are doing is that you are following the leadership in that area. You're coming under that authority and operating under that authority. Now we want to have Rich come and talk to you about deliverance and then we will go ahead and pray at the end.

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DELIVERANCE

Now as we enter into the ministry of deliverance this will be the final segment of the Sozo training. 10 steps for praying for deliverance from February based on Pablo Batarri's notes:

This is a prayer model for bringing freedom to people who are struggling with strongholds. This model was developed in the Argentine revival. This model is based on the fact that a person has opened up rights of access to allow the enemy, demons, to afflict them. These rights of access can be opened by them or by someone who is in spiritual authority over them, like parents and so on. With this model you can find these rights of access and then close them. These rights of access are based on some element of truth, either a lie, a generational curse, or a weakness that the demonic uses to harass a person. This model is not a formula, but a tool to be used with listening to the Holy Spirit. There is no ten-step prayer model in scripture. But the principles that are used in the model are scriptural. The rights of access are also labeled doors that have been opened. The four doors, as Marie has already shared with you, sexual sin is a door, hatred is a door, fear is a door and occultism is a door.

Step 1: Make sure the person has manifested. Manifestation just means a sign that something is happening. Manifesting is not only a sign of the presence of the demonic - it could mean the presence of the Lord, or the person is in intercession. Talk to the person with love and kindness. Don't cause more fear. They may not understand what is happening to them. I just want to add that so many times in the past the questions you may have: "How can you tell if a person is manifesting the Lord or the enemy?" That's when you rely on your discernment. Many times in the past, over the years, I've seen people that were actually birthing something of the Lord with men and women of God standing around them trying to cast out a demon that wasn't there. Now God did not rebuke the person, but He is trying to raise and train a person. He did not allow the person to get hurt. But many times that person will go through life thinking that they are possessed when they are not. So this is where we pray for much wisdom.

Step 2: Make the spirit submit in the name of Jesus. You have the authority and believe that the spirit is under Jesus' authority, but don't abuse your authority by yelling or screaming. The spiritual world can hear you with your normal tone, or even whispering. I just want to add to this, in my own life the times that I have dealt with deliverance, I tested the spirits and I would see and have seen a person manifesting across the room which was demonic. And I whispered—I command that demon to go

down in the name of Jesus. And that demon went down. They can hear you. They have excellent ears.

Step 3: Make the person regain control over themselves. People have free will and they have control over their own mind and body. The person needs to make decisions for themselves. That again, is where you can command the enemy to be silent and command that person (you can give their name) to speak and the enemy to be silent, in Jesus' Name and they will speak. Don't talk to demons. They lie and mislead. You don't need to know their name or their function. They still have to submit to you no matter what. And that is a trick that they will try to use. If you are just starting fairly new in the area of deliverance and you've taken authority over the demons they may say: "You have to know my name." No, you don't. The only name you have to know is the name of Jesus. And they know that. As long as you know that you know that you have the authority in Jesus' Name—you have the authority.

Step 4: Ask the person if they want to be free. This is important. The person has to want to be free. They need to understand what is happening to them and to make decisions for themselves. If the person does not want to be free—accept their decision. This is their life, not yours. You can't force freedom on them. Jesus did not even do that. You also don't want to make their situation even worse by inviting seven more back. And you all know the biblical story where—let's say—if you cast demons out of someone and they don't know the Lord and you don't replace that with the Lord's love and with the Lord's Spirit, the enemy goes out and brings seven worse than himself and the last part of that man or woman is much worse than the first part. I have run into this. I have cast demons out of a person, I've led them to the Lord and they've gotten saved, healed and delivered. And it hasn't happened too often, but it does happen. But, if the Lord leads someone to you, remember God attracts the demonic. That is just the way it is. So if you don't want to have the demonic attracted to you, you probably need to just walk away from God. But since you're probably not going to do that remember the demonic comes to you. God attracts the demonic because they want set free. That's why the attraction is there. That's why the demoniac ran to Jesus and fell at His feet and said: "I know you are the Son of God," and on and on and on because he knew. He knew Jesus and he knew who he was dealing with. The demons in him knew and he did get set free.

Step 5: Ask them if they are, or want to be a Christian? People need the Lord and the Holy Spirit to be in control instead of what opened the doors. And we kind of just covered that. We have been hearing about unsaved people who were ministered to and obtained freedom and then were introduced to the person of Jesus who set them free. I already shared with you how that has happened.

Step 6: Interview the person. Ask questions about the person's life. You are looking for the reason why the rights of access were opened. You are looking for consequence of sin or unforgiveness in a person's life. Ask the Holy Spirit for discernment and revelation. Marie covered a lot of that earlier as when you're praying for someone, you're not counseling, you're asking the Holy Spirit to reveal to that person if there is an area of unforgiveness, is there an area someplace in their life. And Holy Spirit, giving them time, the Holy Spirit will reveal to them. Forgiveness is a powerful tool. It is not an option for a Christian. It is a commandment. Forgiveness is releasing the person you are

praying for. Not releasing the person who is being forgiven. There is reference to this in Mark 11:25-26, 2 Corinthians 2:10-11. But, especially Matthew 18:21-35. You can look this up later in your Bibles. I agree with this and in some areas I don't disagree, but I do believe if you forgive the person that's a 1000 miles away, that you also are opening the door for the Holy Spirit to deal with that person. I really believe that.

Step 7: Ask the person to give up or renounce each binding and break the power of the spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to the person any specific details that need to be dealt with. They must say in their own audible voice, not just yours. You then lead them, or have them on their own, if they know how and are comfortable with the process, to renounce any authority or binding to have occurred because of rights of access. You may have to go through all four doors and renounce and bind the spirits that have access through those doors. And Marie had covered some of that earlier. If you, man or woman, have been involved in some form of witchcraft even though you're saved now, and have not renounced it, it needs to be renounced. That will close the door. You simply say: "I renounce and take the power and authority away from the association I had with witchcraft or the occult. And now I ask the Lord to cleanse me with the blood and close all those doors." It's just that simple and you can use your own words. The Lord will honor that.

Step 8: Cast out the unclean spirits. Take authority over each area and cast out each spirit in the Name of Jesus. You can send the spirits to the feet of Jesus for Jesus to decide where the spirits need to go. When a spirit is gone there may be a sign of his leaving. A sigh, a cough, a jerk or a feeling of lightness or joy. If the person starts to manifest again keep them safe and go back to step 3 and regain control. You may have to go to step six and interview to start the process again. Remember not all manifestations are demonic. The person could be just releasing pent-up emotions or feeling the presence of the Lord.

I want to go back just a little bit about the first part of Step 8 where it says you can send the spirits to the feet of Jesus. I think it is important to look at this very closely. When Jesus cast out demons—because people are going to ask and you may be asking right now. Can I send them to the pit or down to the Farmer's Market because I don't like that guy? No, Jesus only said: "Go." There is only one time when the demons spoke to Jesus when He said: "Who are you?" "We are Legion. Would you allow us to be cast into the pigs because we don't want to go out into dry places?" And all Jesus said was "go". Every time there's been demons cast out, unholy spirits cast out of a person they have never – there's no place in the Bible that says you cast them or send them to the pit. I do believe that's the authority that only God has and Jesus Christ Himself has. So when I cast a demon out I now just simply send them to the feet of Jesus and He can do with them what He will.

Step 9: Lead the person in a prayer of thanksgiving. Give God all the glory. He is the one who did all the work. Of course we know that. I love the Lord because when you just take authority and you cast demons out and you see people healed, delivered and set free, the Lord pats you on the back and says: "Well done, you powerful man or woman of God." I love that. He gives us credit for what He does. Thank you, Lord.

Step 10: Pray for the person to be freshly filled with the Holy Spirit. Bless the person. Love on the person. They have just dealt with the issues in their life and their old identity is now probably gone and they are not totally sure who they are. They may be a bit disoriented. They have left behind some or all of what they believed and held on to as their life. But God is in control. So connecting them with the Holy Spirit is needed. That is very important and I want to share too, just to go back a little and talk about the reticular formation that Marie was talking about. We pray for those things to leave that part of the brain that you thought were normal and weren't and to replace them with godly principles. Or that which is normal – be sure to tell the person – now when you go home you may even feel different. You may look in the mirror and not recognize completely who you are. But you'll like what you see. So don't let that trouble you. Because your identity is coming into fulfillment. God is literally bringing your identity into completion that has not been completed before.

Another thing before we end I want to share with you. Before you ask—Can a Christian be demon possessed? I don't know. But, I will tell you from my own experience. I have cast demons out of Christians who spoke in tongues. Were they Christians? I don't know. They professed to be, they spoke in tongues. Were they demon-possessed? I don't really know. But I just want to share something with you. It doesn't really matter. Because it's not about you. It's about that man or woman or child that you are praying for. If they think they are demon possessed you cast that demon out. You cast that demon out – you cast that demon off – you cast that demon away. And I've done that and they've been set free. I don't think anybody can answer your question and I don't think it matters if a Christian can be demon-possessed. I won't tell you what I personally believe, but I've seen them set free and that's what matters. Them, not you. So you don't get into an argument about theology--because it's not important.

This model of prayer is very effective. You can use it on the prayer line or in extended times of prayer. If you use it on the prayer line you do not need to use every step or in the order that they are given. Follow the lead of the Holy Spirit.

I simply, personally, want to thank you all for sitting through the training and having patience with us. I'm going to invite Marie back now to close the Sozo Ministry in prayer. Thank you very much.

Closing Comments and Prayer

Well, thank you for your interest in Sozo prayer and learning about this and learning about the tools that can help you in your personal life and in other people's lives. If you want to receive prayer or want to be on a Sozo Ministry team, you need to speak to the director of your local Healing Rooms. They are the ones that make the decision about who will be on the team and when people will receive prayer. So you just need to speak to your director.

We've had a time of just teaching and learning about how to be free by listening to the Holy Spirit. As we've gone through this training you may have had places where your

heart was touched. Where you felt like maybe I have an issue in this area or I need prayer in this area. Just know that the peace of God just covers you right now and He has known from the very beginning that you would need prayer in this area. You can literally as you even are on your own at home, you can just speak to the Lord through the Holy Spirit and say: "What is it that I need to forgive. What is it that is bothering me here? Why do I have this habit or this problem in relationship?" And just let the Lord minister to you one-on-one. Everything about the Sozo prayer is that we as people who are praying are helping to just facilitate relationship between Father, Son, Holy Spirit and you. So you are able to use these tools on your own and you're also able to sign up to receive prayer for those places where you just need someone else to be in agreement with you for the freedom. But, know that right now you can have peace. We're going to pray a prayer of peace over you.

If you have sat through this training and you felt like there are areas that have been touched, you need to understand that the Lord is faithful to completely heal you in that area. You can be whole in spirit, mind and body. That's the whole purpose of Sozo and what Jesus came to do. To save, heal and deliver. And that is for you and the people in your church body, the people out on the street, the Lost. In every arena of your life God wants to save, heal, deliver and set people free. So just know that as we pray right now we are going to pray a covering over you. But, know that the Lord is faithful to do what His Word says that He will do.

Lord, right now we ask that You would cover the people who have heard this training, Father. We thank You for raising people up into this ministry, Lord, that You have called, that You have chosen. We thank You for leading the directors in knowing who is to be the leadership of Sozo in their Healing Rooms--who is to be on the team. And, Lord, we thank You for those that just want to receive prayer to just say: "Lord, I want all that You have for me. I want to make sure that I have received all that Jesus has purchased for me." Lord, we just thank You for Your Spirit that goes forth. Lord for Your Word that has gone forth today and accomplishes everything that You sent it out to do. Father, we thank You that You are the one who is faithful. That You are the one who is true. Father we thank You that even as these examples have been given that lies have been exposed and truth has been administered by Your Spirit. Lord, we give all of this to You. The hope for the future. All that You have wanted each and every person to receive from this ministry time, from this training, Father, we thank You that it is set in the hearts of Your people. And we thank You, Lord, that when they need these tools that they will hear the Holy Spirit and they will do what He has instructed and people will be saved, healed and delivered. And Father, just like in a Sozo, but in this training we give you all the glory and the honor and the praise because it's what Jesus did for us that enables us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to even teach and understand what has been taught today. So we glorify You and we ask, Holy Spirit, that You would seal up that which You have done today and that You would bring an increase in our lives and the lives of everyone around us. In Jesus' Name, we ask it. And we know that You hear us and that You do what we have asked in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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