## Breaking the chains of past relationships

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Our current relationship is not a single life event. There are invisible forces that impact our existing relationships. One of the biggest hindrances in today's relationships is a negative emotional soul-tie. Like the unseen negative influences that a past divorce can have on a present relationship, unseen forces like a soul-tie can and will impact our current one. What is a soul-tie? A soul-tie is a spiritual and emotional connection that is created when a woman gives herself sexually to a man for the first time. An extreme emotional bond is created. This was God's way of bonding a wife in a supernatural covenant spiritually and emotionally to her husband.

A soul-tie under the coverage of marriage is a beautiful thing. The husband and wife, who have both kept themselves until their wedding day, are now joined as one, and they are free to give themselves physically and emotionally to one another. A soul-tie or covenant is created between them, and an invisible spiritual connection binds them together for the rest of their life. This is God's way of giving the marriage the best opportunity to survive the vicissitudes of life. The husband and wife are now one spiritually, physically, and emotionally. This is the power of the marriage covenant.

Outside of marriage the soul-tie takes a different course. When a woman is intimate with more than one man, two soul-ties are created, and her emotions are divided between the two. Since the first intimate relationship resulted in the loss of her virginity, it will silently and negatively impact all of her other relationships. Each additional intimate relationship diminishes the previous ones in some way. She may also become spiritually and emotionally confused about what love feels like, and she may never be able to give herself completely to her current husband until the previous emotional soul-ties are broken.

Although a soul-tie is powerful, it can be broken. Because it was created by a spiritual covenant, it must be broken by one. God is the one that is able to cleanse our conscience of the guilt of the past. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new (2 Corinthians 5:17). The man and the woman are now free from the soul-tie that once secretly ruled their lives. When hearts are restored by God, relationships are healed. This hope of healing is the bases of our faith and the promise of better relationships.

The strongholds of past relationships can be broken. The strength of our faith has always been the greatest weapon against the mistakes of our past. It is with this faith that the soul-tie is broken. Out of this newness of life, the wife is free to love her husband as she should, and the husband is free to do the same. This renewed covenant is where two truly become one, and what God as joined together, no man, woman, previous relationship, or mistakes of the past, can put asunder.

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