INIQUITIES and INNER VOWS

I. Life

A. The ______ of hurts: Sin; parental failure; death of a loved one; <u>disappointments;</u> rejection; spiritual forces against us in a corrupt world.

B. Hurt is ______. All will experience many hurts in life.

C. Two unfortunate realities

1. _____ know how to deal with pain as we grow up

2._____!

'Time heals all wounds' is not true.

D. Accumulated pain and unresolved problems compromise our mental, emotional, spiritual and relational health.

E. All deal with pain in some way - _____ or resolve.

- 1. We cope through medication, motivation, or meditation.
- 2. We resolve it by turning it to God.

II. Impacts of ______

Deuteronomy 5:9-10 For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. ¹⁰ But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands. See Exodus 34:6-7 (NRSV) & Jeremiah 2:22 (NLT).

A. Iniquity defined: _____

Hebrew: Avon - to bend, twist, pervert.	(Examples of Family Iniquities)

B. _____ the influence of family iniquities.

1. We often ______ the behavior we witnessed

in our parents because of constant exposure to that behavior.

2. It is our		It is powerfully entrenched.
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3. It is the cause of ______ behaviors.

III. The Reaction to Generational Influences: ______

A. What are inner vows?

A self-directed promise resulting from an unpleasant experience or hurt from a life situation by parent or someone else.

B. Examples of inner vows

C. Five problems with inner vows

1. They are ______.

Matthew 5:34a, 37 But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, 'By heaven!' because heaven is God's throne. ³⁷Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't.' Anything beyond this is from the evil one. See (James 4:14-15)

2. When inner vows *control* us, Jesus _______.

- 3. Inner vows prevent obedience and maturity in Christ.
- 4. Inner vows are a ______ threat to the Lordship of Christ.
- 5. Inner vows make us overreact and become ______.

IV. Breaking the Power of Family Iniquities and Inner Vows

A. The primary purpose of Jesus' ministry was to redeem and heal and humanity. Isaiah 61:1-3 . . . the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor . . . to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released ² . . . to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord's favor has come . . . ³ and to give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair.

Life Changers

These discoveries changed my life*

*And might change yours!

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The Perfect Will of God	You can know and walk in the perfect will of God. Romans 12:1-2	
Relational Integrity	Integrity: the key to successful relationships	
The Four Laws of Healthy Relationships	Priority, pursuit, possession, and purity are keys to successful relationships	
Identifying Idols	Exodus 20:4-5 You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the	
False Gods		
Making God First	earth or in the sea. ⁵ You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods.	
Iniquities and Inner Vows	Life hurts! And time heals nothing! Unresolved problems compromise our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health.	
Put God First	Priority, not percent is what it's about.	
Sowing and Reaping	Learn to respect the law of the harvest and more! See 2 Corinthians 9:10-13	



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