

## Prayer Ministry 4

# SOUL TIES AND GENERATIONAL INIQUITY

## INTRODUCTION

### PREFACE

The subject of this week's talk is about Soul Ties and Generational Iniquity. These are two ways in which 'inherited' sin or oppression can affect us and two routes that Satan uses to hold us in bondage. Soul Ties and Generational Iniquity are similar but distinct and are dealt with very differently.

## SOUL TIES

### WHAT IS A SOUL TIE?

A soul tie is an unseen spiritual bond that exists between two people in a relationship. The relationship can be long-term, as between parent and child, or fleeting, as between doctor and patient. It can be on-going or historic – and the soul tie can still remain after the other person has died.

A soul tie is a 'channel' which can be used for a spiritual interchange, and it can be godly, according to God's plan and purpose for mankind or ungodly and contrary to God's plan and purposes. A godly soul tie, such as between husband and wife, can be a source of encouragement, nurture, love and support. An ungodly soul tie, as might exist in a friendship if one party is over-bearing or controlling, can be a drain and a burden, and can be used by ungodly spirits to transfer from one person to another.

### BIBLICAL BASIS

Soul ties are mentioned in a number of scriptures, but some key verses that give a good biblical basis for soul ties are:

Genesis 44:30-31 *"So now, if the boy is not with us when I go back to your servant my father, and if my father, whose life is closely bound up with the boy's life, sees that the boy isn't there, he will die".*

If you look at a literal translation, the phrase *"whose life is closely bound up with the boy's life"* is translated as *"and his soul is bound up in his soul"* (Young's Literal Translation - YLT)

1 Samuel 18:1 *"After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself".*

Looking again at the literal translation, the verse reads: *“And it cometh to pass, when he finisheth to speak unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan hath been bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loveth him as his own soul”* (YLT)

1 Corinthians 6:16 *“Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, ‘The two will become one flesh.’”*

#### WITH WHOM MIGHT I HAVE A SOUL TIE?

Soul Ties might exist between you and anyone else with whom you have had a relationship. Some obvious candidates:

- Family
  - Parents, grand-parents, siblings, aunts/uncles, cousins – anyone who you knew.
  - (If your grandfather, for example, died before you were born, there was no relationship and therefore there will be no soul tie).
  - Spouse (and former spouses), children, grandchildren, nephews/nieces, sons/daughters in law, etc.
- Sexual partners, Girl/boyfriends
- Friends – especially close friends and confidants
- Prayer partners and anyone in authority over you in a church or ministry situation
- Work colleagues and managers – anyone in authority over you in a work situation

Other less obvious possibilities:

- Hospital/Medical Staff
  - Doctors, nurses, paramedics, ambulance crew – anyone who attended you in sickness, accident, childbirth, etc, especially if related to an incident of shock or trauma
- Anyone who has attended you in a personal capacity:
  - Hairdresser, personal trainer, dentist, chiropractor, osteopath, chiropodist
- Blood / Organ Donor
  - If you’ve received a donation of blood, bone marrow or a human organ, there may be a soul tie to the donor, even if they died to release the donation.

## SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR BREAKING SOUL TIES

Proverbs 5:22 *"The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare them; the cords of their sins hold them fast."*

Psalms 129:4 *"But the Lord is righteous; He has cut me free from the cords of the wicked."*

Isaiah 58:6 *"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?"*

## MINISTRY FOR SOUL TIES

If an ungodly soul tie exists because of sin – e.g. a sinful relationship – involving the subject, they must repent of the sin before soul tie ministry.

If the sin involves another person, there should also be forgiveness towards the other person.

The steps to dealing with a soul tie:

- Ask God to cut the soul tie so it can no longer be used. We can't cut it; we have to ask God to do this
- Command everything that has been taken from the subject through this soul tie to be returned
- Command everything that has been transferred to the subject through this soul tie to be removed
- Once the soul tie has been cut, deliverance can be undertaken for any specific oppressions revealed by the Holy Spirit. Following this, inner healing or cleansing as led.

Notes:

- Ministry for soul ties does not remove memories. Any cherished memories will remain. Any painful memories of the relationship will also remain but can be dealt with later.
- Any soul tie relating to an ongoing relationship will be recreated if cut. No harm or damage will arise from cutting soul ties relating to ongoing relationships
- There is no problem asking God to cut a soul tie if one doesn't exist – the safest approach if in doubt is to ask God to cut it.

## GENERATIONAL INIQUITY

### DEFINITIONS

Some helpful definitions:

- Iniquity

Iniquity is the condition of being out of line with God because of sin. It is defined as crookedness, gross injustice, lawlessness and perverseness. The significant point to take from this definition is that iniquity is not actual sin – it is a propensity to sin or a weakness.

- Generational Line

For the generational line to apply, the subject must be a direct blood descendant from the ancestor – e.g. grand-child, great-grandchild, etc. It does not apply where there is no blood relationship, e.g. foster parent, uncle/aunt, etc.

It is not necessary for any relationship to have existed – the ancestor may have died many years before the subject was born, but the generational line remains

- Generational iniquity

Generational iniquity means a propensity to sin that is passed down the generational line resulting from the actual sin of an ancestor.

### BIBLICAL BASIS

Exodus 20:5-6 *“You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments”*

Exodus 34:6-7 *“And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, ‘The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.’”*

Deuteronomy 28:45-46 *“ALL these curses will come on you. They will pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the Lord your God and observe the commands and decrees he gave you. They will be a sign and a wonder to you and your descendants for ever.”*

Lamentations 5:7 *"Our ancestors sinned and are no more, and we bear their punishment."*

1 Peter 1:18 *"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors"*

#### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Our ancestors were responsible for their sins, and Generational Iniquity does not mean that that direct responsibility devolves upon us. Nor does Generational Iniquity relieve us of our responsibility for our own sins or repeating the pattern of the sins of our ancestors

Ezekiel 18:17(2)-20 *"He will not die for his father's sin; he will surely live. But his father will die for his own sin, because he practised extortion, robbed his brother and did what was wrong among his people. 'Yet you ask, "Why does the son not share the guilt of his father?" Since the son has done what is just and right and has been careful to keep all my decrees, he will surely live. The one who sins is the one who will die. The child will not share the guilt of the parent, nor will the parent share the guilt of the child. The righteousness of the righteous will be credited to them, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against them."*

#### EFFECTS OF GENERATIONAL INIQUITY

The effects of Generational Iniquity can include:

- A weakness or predisposition to sin in similar ways to our ancestors
- Hereditary illnesses of spirit, soul or body
- Hereditary curses which can range through accident, miscarriage, childlessness, poverty, addictions, early death

#### MINISTRY INTO GENERATIONAL INIQUITY

- Regardless of their failings, God commands us to honour our parents:

Exodus 20:12 *"Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."*

Give thanks for your parents and ancestors, for the positives and blessings that have come from them.

- Confess, or agree with God, about the sins of your ancestors:

Nehemiah 1:6 *"I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you."*

Nehemiah 9:2 *“Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from all foreigners. They stood in their places and confessed their sins and the sins of their ancestors.”*

- Forgive your ancestors for the effect their sin has had on your life
- Repent of your own sin and of repeating the pattern set by your ancestors
- Once forgiveness and repentance are complete, follow the Holy Spirit’s guidance in deliverance.
- Receive freedom from the bondage of Generational Iniquity

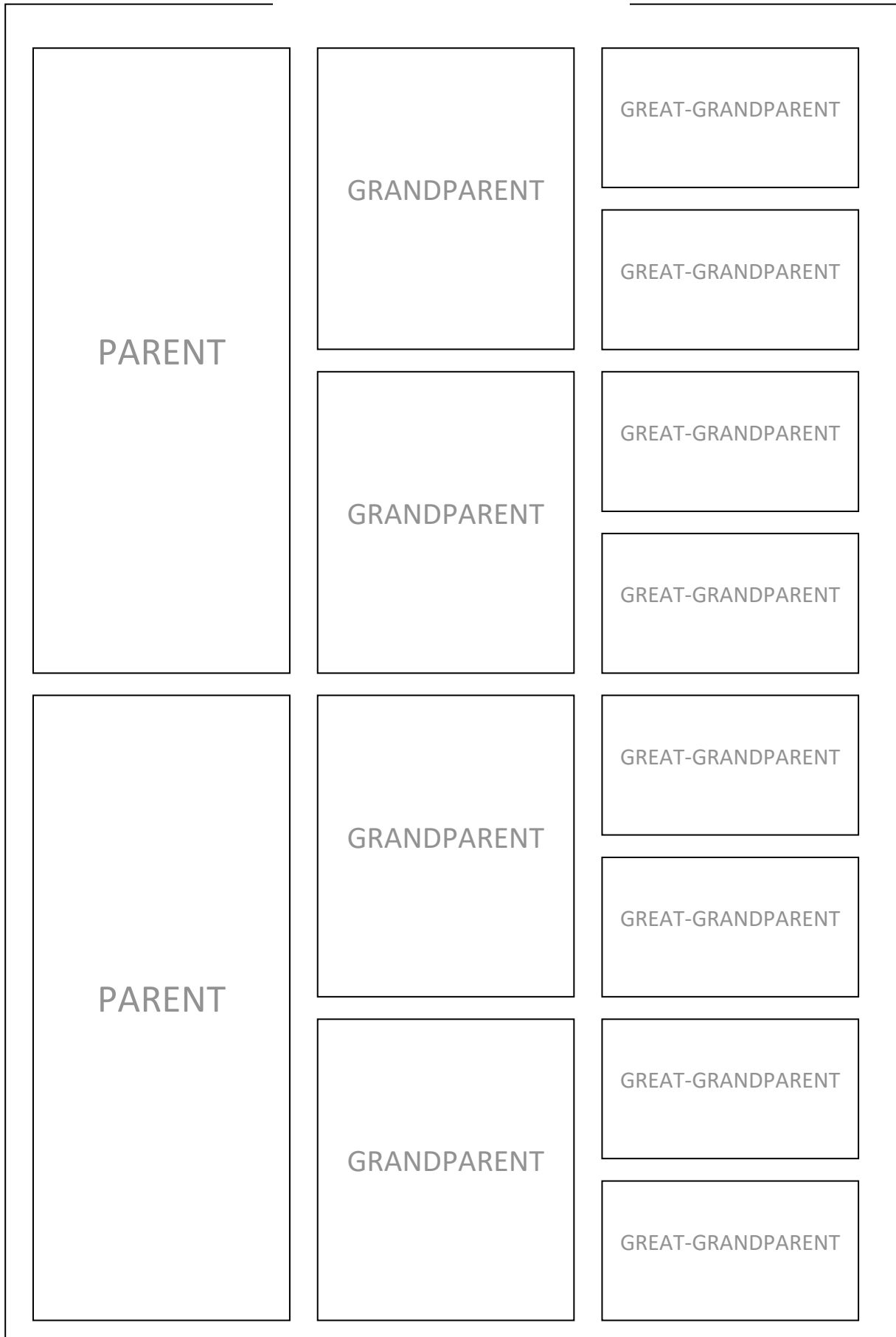
Galatians 3:13-14 *“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.’ He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.”*

#### FAMILY TREE

To help identify possible generational iniquity or curses on the generational line, it’s helpful to draw a family tree. When doing this, make a note of any common themes – e.g. the males of that side of the family all died young from a similar cause, or perhaps the women all struggled with similar issues. Look for obvious issues such as Freemasonry or occult involvement or involvement with false religions.

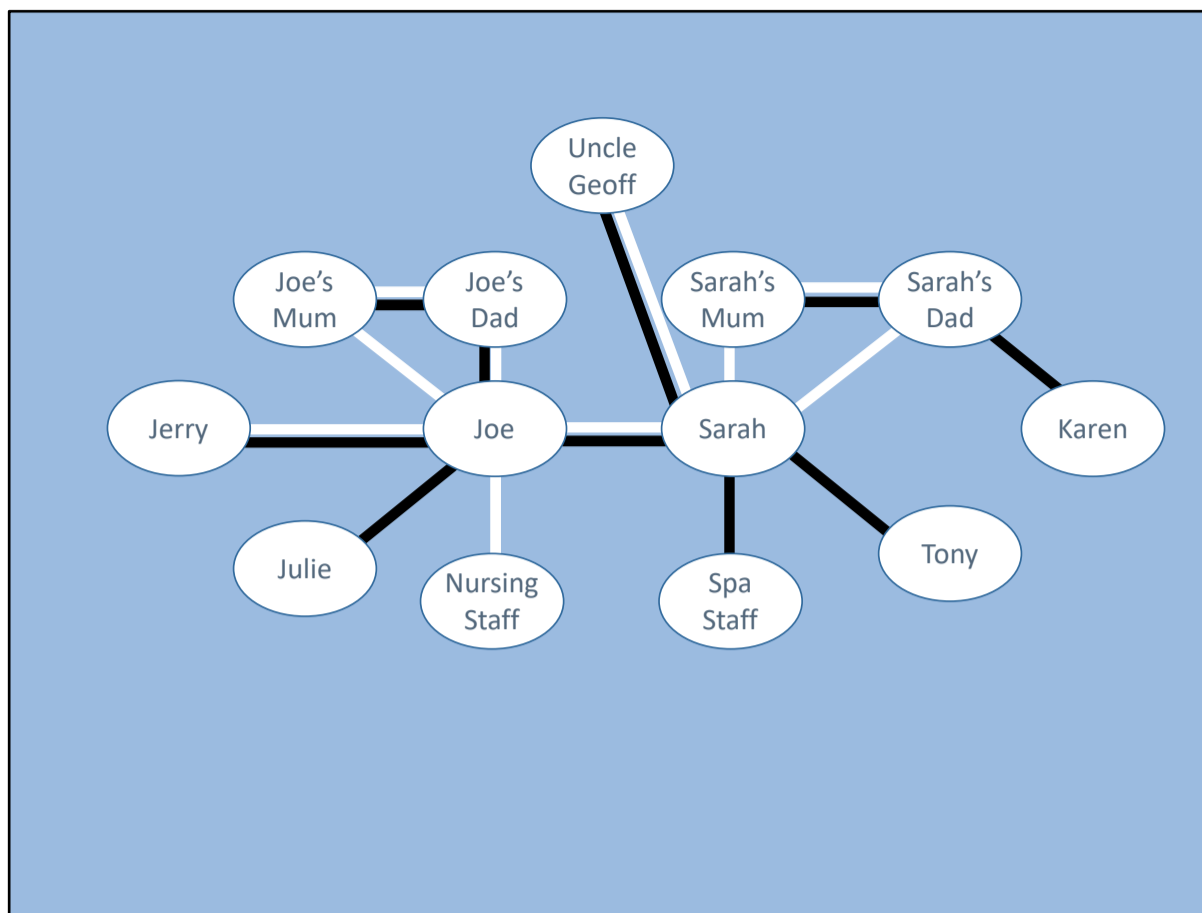
This family tree only goes back three generations – generational iniquity can affect people many generations down the line so continue to think about generations earlier than the form allows and make notes where appropriate.

FAMILY TREE



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I'd like to introduce you to Joe and Sarah,

Joe and Sarah are a good Christian couple, They met at church, and through their courting years they never strayed. Eventually they were married. Joe and Sarah share a **godly** soul-tie.

Joe and Sarah have parents. Their parents also were well-behaved in their youth and therefore **godly** soul ties were formed between them.

Unfortunately, Joe's dad had a bit of a short fuse and was sometimes less than pleasant with Joe's mum and occasionally actually left her in fear. This caused an **ungodly** soul tie to form between Joe's parents.

After Sarah left home to marry Joe, Sarah's dad met Karen, and they fell into an adulterous relationship. A soul tie developed between them, but as their relationship was wholly sinful, the soul tie was **ungodly**. This adulterous relationship impacted the relationship between Sarah's mum and dad and caused an **ungodly** soul tie to form.

Joe and Sarah's parents were very supportive as the children grew up. They nurtured and trained them well, and Joe and Sarah shared **godly** soul ties with their parents.

Because of Joe's dad's behaviour, an **ungodly** element was introduced into the soul tie between Joe and his dad.

Because Sarah had left home and married when her dad became involved with Karen, she was no longer under the covering of her parents so the **godly** soul tie between Sarah's and her dad was not impacted.

In his younger days, Joe had a best mate called Jerry. They shared their childhood and early teen years, getting into the usual sort of things – they weren't bad lads, really. As a result of their friendship, a **godly** soul tie developed.

However, Jerry's parents were not Christian and his dad had a stock of reading material that you wouldn't find in a Christian bookshop. Jerry shared some of this with Joe, and it led them into exploring things they shouldn't have done. This caused an **ungodly** soul tie to develop between them.

Sarah's uncle Geoff was always around. He was kind and supportive towards Sarah as she grew up. There was a **godly** soul tie between Sarah and Geoff. However, as Sarah developed, Geoff became a little too friendly and this sinful behaviour towards his niece caused an **ungodly** element to develop in the soul tie between them.

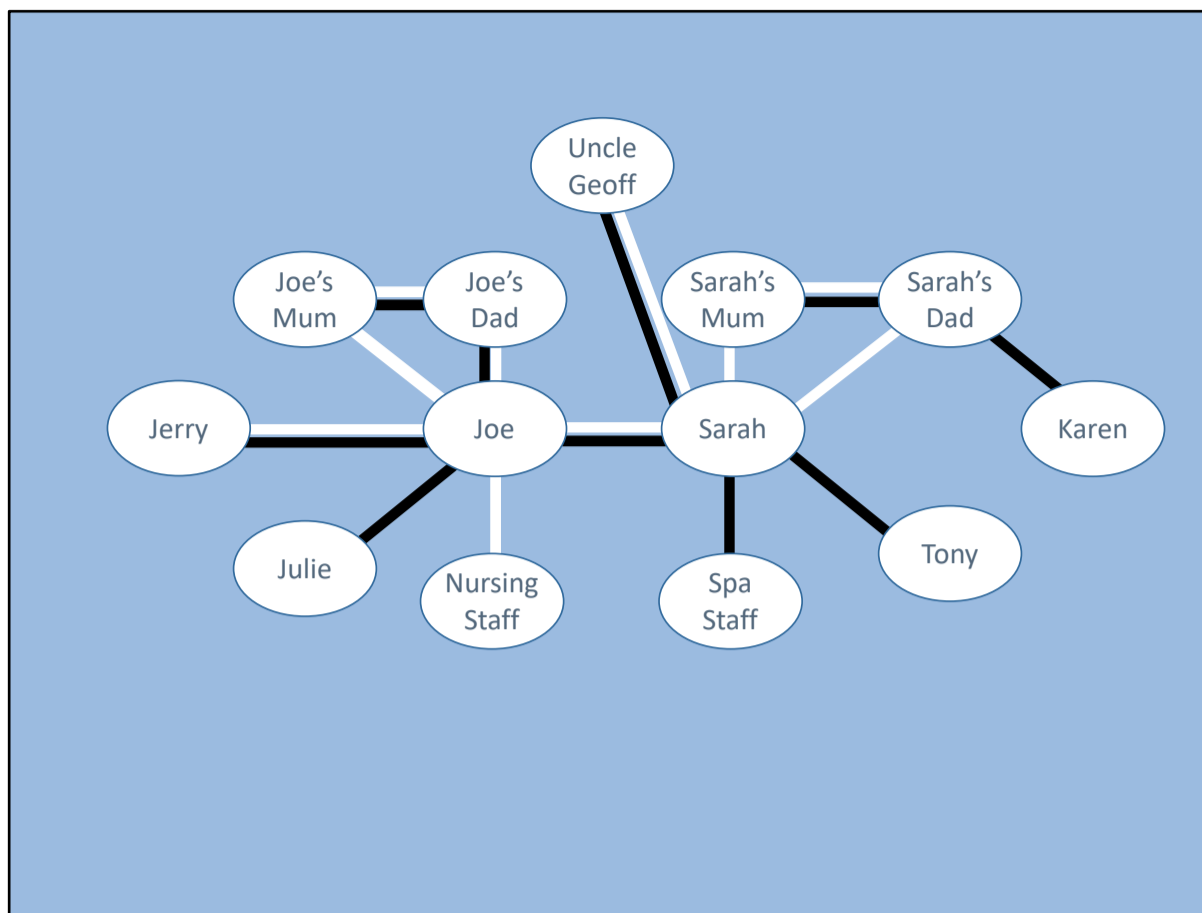
In his mid-teens, Joe met Julie. They had a close relationship for a couple of years and this developed into a sexual relationship. This sinful relationship caused an **ungodly** soul tie to form. Sarah also had a sexual relationship with Tony, and an **ungodly** soul tie was formed between them.

Joe had a brush with motorcycles which left him in hospital for several months. During that period, he received nursing care – some quite intimate but always proper – from a number of nurses. During this time, some **godly** soul ties came into being

Sara went with her mum for a pamper day at a spa. She enjoyed a head massage from one of the attendants. Sarah had no way of knowing that this lady was of Indian origin and a practising Hindu. Although Sarah heard the woman muttering as the massage progressed she thought nothing of it. In fact, the attendant was repeating a Hindu spiritual chant. Due to the intimate nature of the treatment and the use of the Hindu chant, an **ungodly** soul tie was formed between Sarah and this person

All the soul ties, godly and ungodly, between Joe and Sarah and the people they encountered in their lives have an impact on their relationship, how they see, treat and value each other. As a result, an **ungodly** element has come into the soul tie between them.

The godly soul ties between Joe and Sarah and their parents are no longer required for their support and nurture. The godly soul ties formed when Joe was in hospital are no longer beneficial. Sarah's Uncle Geoff has since died, but the soul ties with him remain.



So, what's the ministry plan for Joe and Sarah?

Look at each soul tie in turn. Consider whether there's a need for forgiveness or repentance, then ask the Lord to cut the soul tie and – very importantly – ask God to remove anything from the person that was put upon them through this soul tie and return to the person anything that was taken from them. There may be a need for deliverance and healing afterwards.

Look at the soul tie between Sarah and the Spa Staff. Sarah may need to repent of allowing the ministry even though she wasn't fully aware of what was going on. Sarah must forgive the Spa Staff for involving her in this. Then we can ask the Lord to cut the soul tie. Finally, let the Holy Spirit show whether there's a need for deliverance and healing.

Look at the soul tie between Sarah and Tony. There's definitely a need for repentance and there may be a need for forgiveness if Sarah feels she was pushed into a sexual relationship which she didn't really want or wasn't ready for. Ask the Lord to cut the soul tie and let the Holy Spirit guide on deliverance and inner healing.

With the soul tie between Sarah and Geoff, there's definitely a need for forgiveness. We'll assume that Sarah did nothing to invite or encourage her uncle's unwanted attention, so there's no need for repentance. We ask the Lord to cut the soul tie. As Geoff has died, we will ask the Lord to cut both godly and ungodly soul ties. Talking this through with Sarah, we might find that the fear of abuse is greater than the actual abuse. Sarah started to become fearful about family gatherings because of this. It came to a head when a favourite aunt of Joe's celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> with a big party. Joe really wanted to go but Sarah could not make herself – and she couldn't explain to Joe why not. Sarah will need ministry for the abuse and for the fear that it brought into her life.

We don't sense there is any ungodly element to the soul tie between Joe and the Nursing Staff but there's no ongoing relationship there so it's of no benefit to Joe anyway. There's no need for forgiveness or repentance as Joe hasn't done anything wrong and the nursing staff did nothing wrong towards Joe. Ask the Lord to cut the soul tie. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide on deliverance and inner healing, but it's likely there will need to be some deliverance arising from Joe's accident and time in hospital: shock and trauma, spirits of death and infirmity, possibly abandonment from the hours he spent on his own.

Look at the connection between Joe and Julie. There's definitely a need for repentance and there may be a need for forgiveness. Ask the Lord to cut the soul tie and let the Holy Spirit guide on deliverance and inner healing.

Before cutting the soul tie between Joe and Jerry, Joe must repent of willingly getting involved in the stuff Jerry was sharing. He also has to forgive Jerry for introducing him to this material. After asking the Lord to cut the soul tie, seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in deliverance and inner healing – and there will be a need: spirits of lust, fornication and others will have come in on this. Inner healing will include lifting off from Joe's eyes and his emotions the shock and trauma of the first time he saw these disgusting images.

The soul tie between Joe and his dad has an ungodly element so that has to be cut. To start, Joe has to forgive his father for the way he saw his mother being treated and the bad example that was set for him. As Joe didn't do anything wrong towards his father, there's no need for repentance in this situation. Ask God to cut the soul tie – godly and ungodly - and ask the Holy Spirit to guide on deliverance and inner healing.

Now we're dealing with the remaining soul ties between Joe and his mum and Sarah and her parents. The godly soul ties are not required in the same way they were when Joe and Sarah were growing up and under the covering of their parents. However, there is some benefit from them as they continue to have good relationships with both sets of parents. We could ask the Lord to cut the godly soul ties – as there are ongoing relationships, the godly soul ties will be recreated but as appropriate to the relationships between the adult Joe and Sarah and their parents - or we could ask the Lord to bless the godly soul ties.

We will ask the Lord to bless the godly soul ties between Joe and his mum and Sarah and her mum and dad.

The soul tie between Joe and Sarah has an ungodly element which has grown out of their own spiritual and emotional baggage, much of which will have come to them through the soul ties that they accumulated through life. They each must repent of any wrongdoing towards the other, and forgive any wrongdoing that they have suffered from the other. We will ask the Lord to cut the ungodly soul tie and to bless and strengthen the godly soul tie. Finally, let the Holy Spirit guide on deliverance and healing.

