



SINS OF THE

FATHERS 3

“OPENING DOORS”

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- * Many of our fathers' decisions have traumatized us. Whether he was in the home but not of the home or if he abandoned the home altogether, we can be bound by his bad decisions. *Col. 3:21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.*
- * When we are traumatized, we set up barriers in our minds and hearts that can last a lifetime. These barriers can only be broken by God renewing our minds. Renewal is a painful process. *2 Cor. 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*
- * When God performs supernatural surgery on us, He is chastening us to make us better. His love purges us and painfully reconstructs our thoughts and behaviors. *Heb. 12:7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?*



- * The Bible says that Christ knocks at the door of hearts. He doesn't just knock, but he also rebukes us and shows us our faults. *Heb. 3:15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.*
- * Many people only want to open the door and let Him in, without hearing what He really has to say. We must hear Him out before He will enter into our hearts. *Rev. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*
- * His rebuke hurts because it goes against our comfortable sins and decisions. What He says goes against the fiber of our society and what the world has to offer. When we have not dealt with past traumatic experiences, we will try to have Christ and our way, simultaneously. *James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.*



- * Christ will not allow us to let Him in without first listening to Him. The Bible is clear that He knocks and if we “HEAR” His voice, He will come and live inside of us. Knocking is not talking. We must hear what He says. *Rev. 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.*
- * When we try to live without allowing Christ to show us our wrong, then we live believing a lie. Trauma must be dealt with head on. Unresolved issues will drive us further and further away from truth to the point that we no longer desire to change. *Jude 10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.*
- * In order to truly open the door of our hearts to Christ, we must allow His Word to rebuke us and make us hate our wrongdoing as much as He does. His words must convict us, so we can open the door to Him and forsake our own way. *Eph. 4:17-18 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:*



SUMMARY

Growing up with trauma can reconstruct a person. Divorce, neglect, abandonment, molestation, jezebel mothers, abusive or passive fathers, etc. can cause us to have severe issues in the way we view people. These issues can cause us to be cynical, hate certain people, unforgiving and even cut our own lives short, all because we were traumatized by what we experienced or saw growing up. Christ knows our situations and He loves us enough to knock on the door that we have shut because of these past traumas.

The door that we trust no man to open, is the door that Christ knocks on. The door that we slam shut and hide in, is the door that Christ is knocking on. The door that we created as a child to escape the sins of our fathers, is the very door that Christ is knocking on. He wants to come in. He wants to sort through it all and fix everything that is out of place. He wants to heal, deliver and set us free. But He will not come in unless we first HEAR HIM! We must listen and obey His commands. We must hear what He has said to the church. We must hear His challenge for us to live right. We must heed His call to repentance and love our brothers and sisters. We must forgive those that wronged us. We must agree with Him! When we agree with what He is saying, then He will come in and fix our broken hearts.

Rev. 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Rev. 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Rev. 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Rev. 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Rev. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Rev. 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Rev. 3:22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.