

Who needs Deep-Level Healing

^ Ps 32:1 -5, 1 John 1:5-10

Julie's story

What is sin in the bible

Rom 14:23: Anything that is not done in faith is sin

Or "any disobedience to God"

"You commit sin when you willfully allow yourself to act independent of God as the old self did as a matter of course. When you function in this manner you are violating your new nature and your new identity" - Neil Anderson

So it is not only crimes, like theft, or hurt, but it is not living a lives according to God's will

Julie's actions are quite understandable

We would not blame her for lying to help her mother and protect her father and family

and family

And God does not either - and wants to forgive her

But: One of God's rules of the universe is that unconfessed, unrepented sin puts people in captivity.

Julie knew what she did was wrong, and it was against God's will

Even though she was not in a position to do it right

And the influence of Mother and the evil spirit that made it worse

She needed forgiveness as she knew that she had done wrong

Is that not unfair?

We may say that this is unfair

But life is not fair

And it is this reason that Jesus died for us, so that we can be forgiven freely

He wants us to be free of the things we have done wrong

Are we not already forgiven by Jesus death on the cross?

Yes, once we come to Christ as Saviour the sin problem is dealt with for eternity.

The problem facing many of the

redeemed, however, is the need for freedom from the present effects of sin.

Jesus came to release prisoners as much from present captivity as from future damnation

And it is the release of present captivity that we are addressing today

Confession and Repentance

When there is a sin issue, we need to confess the sin and repent of it

One of God's rules of the universe is that unconfessed, unrepented sin puts people in captivity.

King David also experienced this

Ps 32:3-5

³ When I kept quiet about my sin, my bones wasted away from crying all day long.⁴ For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me. My strength was dried up as in the hot summer.⁵ I told my sin to You. I did not hide my wrong-doing. I said, "I will tell my sins to the Lord." And You forgave the guilt of my sin.

In King David's case he felt physically ill.

But it may affect us in different ways

It does not mean either that all physical

illnesses or infirmities are the result of not having repented

But it could be an aspect

Confession to oneself

Denying that we have sinned makes not only God a liar

¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make God a liar. And His Word is not in our hearts.

^ 1 John 1:10

It is also self-deception and self-deceit

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we lie to ourselves and the truth is not in us.

^ 1 John 1:8

If we are to be free of the effects of sin, we need to recognise our sin

Take it to God in confession and repentance

But the first step is to acknowledge ourselves where we have failed God

Confession to God

Because of Christ's death and resurrection, God is able to release us from our captivity to our sin

And the enemy that lurks behind it

Confession to God needs to be specific so that specific forgiveness and healing can replace the sin in our lives

If we receive God's mercy and forgiveness, the area that was

wounded is well on its way toward healing

Confession to others

Most of our sins are between us and God

but sins that involve others may need to be confessed to them and reconciliation sought

Asking for forgiveness from those who have offended, though difficult, is very healing and freedom producing

If possible we need to confess and repent before the ones we have hurt to free both them and us

The Authority to forgive

We as Christians have received the authority to forgive people of their sins

If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven

△ John 20:23

In our prayer ministry if you bring something that want to ask forgiveness for

The prayer team may well verbally say that Jesus has forgiven your sins

For some it is helpful to have forgiveness spoken to them by another person

another person

As some are not able to receive mercy and forgiveness directly from God

As they may feel distant and unable to relate personally to God

Because the guilt and shame we feel is in the way of hearing from God

The team may ask you

Have you confessed all known sin

If yes they may then say

"In the name of Jesus, and on his authority I proclaim that you are forgiven"

Ministry time

Notepads and pens

Put them in the bowl at the front

Then declare forgiveness over the congregation

Then lead into communion

Prayer ministry as necessary