

Sunday Service: Bitterness to Blessing

18.5.14

Notes for
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meeting:

The Word:

- The ultimate aim of rejection is to take away the blessing from our lives
- The key is for us to expose the enemy's devices. Even Paul said to 'not be ignorant of the enemy's devices'
- The attack, or the assignment, against Joseph's life was a spiritual thing. It was an **assignment of bitterness**-it is demonic, a spirit
- The arrows that the bible talks about, that were shot at him, were poisonous. The poison gets into the blood and over time the venom gets in and works destruction from the inside out
- There is nothing good that comes out of bitterness, there is never any blessing alongside bitterness
- One of the primary objectives of the enemy is to take people out through rejection
- With many indigenous people around the world, there is a danger for bitterness to open a door open to rejection, and often pride and self-righteousness
- It can come through racial prejudice, feeling excluded, unjust actions toward us, ill treatment-the doors are many
- When bitterness takes hold in our lives, and begins to fester, we have nothing good to say. There is a negativity that is brought on by the enemy
- There seems to be 2 types of people in the world, *hurt people, and more hurt people*. Rejected people reject people
- Parents very rarely go out to sabotage their children's lives, but what they give is imperfect love. The enemy will still find a way to get in
- Our own declarations, from our mouths, become the curses over our lives. There is a **blindness** and a **deception** that comes with bitterness
- It removes from us the blessing of God, relationships with others, it removes us from the house of God, and ultimately the presence of God
- When you pursue the things of God, it will expose the enemy, and He is able to bring the blessing back around our lives

Key Scriptures:

- Gen 49v22-: "...with bitterness archers attacked him, they shot at him with hostility...but his bow remained steady"
- Gen 37v1-"...they hated him and could not speak a kind word of him"

Notices:

- **Prayer service:** Every Sunday morning from 9-10am for an awesome hour of power
- **Couples Encounter:** Coming up on the 21st and 22nd of June-don't miss it!
- **Men's Encounter:** This will run on the 30th and 31st May. Register now at the information desk or contact the church office
- **Factory Leadership Internship:** The first Impact weekend is coming up on the 3rd and 4th July, with the new intake for 2014. Take the next step!