

## **SKELETONS IN THE FAMILY**

### **2 Samuel 11:1-7**

Dear friends, gathered here today, are individuals and families who are going to find freedom from past experiences and memories that hamper progress in your life.

**CHRIST WILL SET YOU FREE FROM YOUR PAST THAT HAS HELD YOU BOUND.**

It is true that everyone here today, without exception has something in your past that you wish you could get rid of or perhaps get better at. Certainly no one is perfect, yet God calls every one of us to be holy for He is holy! (**1Peter 1:16**)

### **Skeletons closet:**

*A tale is told a well-respected man in a community passed away and after his funeral while his house was being cleared, a skeleton of a murder victim was found in a closet. It is believed that he murdered the victim and hid him in the closet, to keep his neighbors from being suspicious.*

*Parable of a man and Satan's nail...*

There several people who have skeletons in their family closet, nails on which Satan has his rottinghands.

Are you tired and would like to get rid of the rot in your life? Do you want to be totally free?

**1. From things that you did that affects the way you view your self**

**2. From things that someone did that affects the way you view them**

- a. Something in your past that keeps awake at night
- b. Something you said or did that would terribly embarrass you if made public
- c. Something that would cost you
  - i. Your job, your position, your home, even your family, everything you worked hard for...
- d. Something others did that keeps you from a decision you should make
  - i. It keeps you from helping those that you can
- e. Something that makes it impossible to go certain places, meet some people
  - i. It alienates you from people

**It is for freedom that Christ has set us free...**

**Lay aside the sin that so easily besets you...**

**We have a high priest who is able to empathize with us...**

The first reading is the very popular story of David, who committed adultery with Bathsheba, then murdered her husband to try and cover-up his skeleton. When he thought he had gotten over it, the Lord through the prophet confronted him and he dealt with his skeletons.

***Psalms 51 was David's way of dealing with his skeletons.***

***Freeing himself from chains in his past that held him bound***

Ask God for mercy and He will set you free

David pleaded for mercy from the Lord (v.1-2)

1. According to your loving-kindness

***a. God demonstrated His love towards us in this.. Romans 5:8***

2. According to the multitude of your tender mercies

***a. His mercies are new evy morning...Lamentation 3:22-23***

***b. The Lord told Peter to forgive 70 X 7***

Acknowledge your sin to God and He will set you free

David acknowledged his sin (v.3-6)

1. He sinned against man but ultimately against the Lord

***a. Joseph said how can I sin against God...Genesis 39:9***

***b. Everything you do against another person is against God!!!***

2. He acknowledged his absolute sinful nature and did not try to excuse it

***a. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God Romans 3:23***

***b. Don't make excuses for your self or others( wrong is wrong)***

Alter you life in God and He will set you free

David desired to be cleansed (7-12)

1. Hyssop a leafy plant used to sprinkle water to cleans ceremonially unclean

***a. Come let us reason together Isiah 1:18***

2. The Holy Spirits effectual empowerment for continual ]

***a. Do not quench the Holy Spirit 1Thess 5:19***

3. Restore the joy of salvation

***a. Come into His presence with thanks giving Psm 95:2***