Breakthrough to Freedom

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Trauma is....

- not what happens to you, it's what happens inside you as a result of what happened to you.
- that scarring that makes you less flexible, more rigid, less feeling and more defended.

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- Generational, situational, developmental trauma

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We all need the 5 As

- Attention
- Affection
- Affirmation
- Acknowledgement
- Allowing ...

David Richo: When the Past is Present 2009

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The wounds of our heart

- Fear-based trauma
- Physical trauma
- Emotional trauma
 - · Abandonment, rejection
 - Betrayal
 - Verbal abuse
- Neglect trauma
- Loss trauma
- Generational trauma
- · Secondary trauma

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Loss of a sense of the future memories Mistrust Generalized anxiety Panic attacks Emotional overwhelm Insomnia Decreased concentration Numbing Loss of interest Irritability Depression Trauma survivors have symptoms instead of memories" [Harvey, 1990]

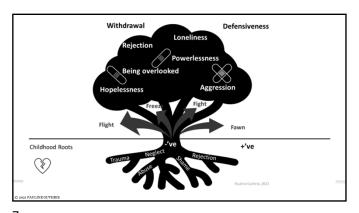
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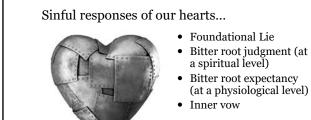
- We deny our heart
- We harden our heart
- We protect our heart
- · We medicate our heart
- · We disguise our heart

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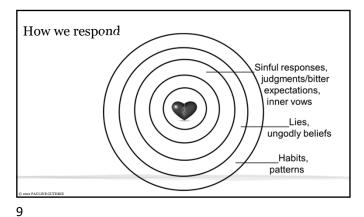
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Bitter Root Expectancy

• A bitter expectancy is a negative perception about the way we will be treated and/or the way that life will go.

We become like the very thing we judge OR we draw people to us who will continually wound us in this way because we defiled them with our expectancy.



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Foundational Lies

We believe shame's lies...

- · I am unworthy
- · I am unlovable
- · I am a failure
- · I am stupid
- · I am an object to be used
- · I am a disappointment



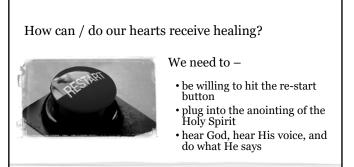
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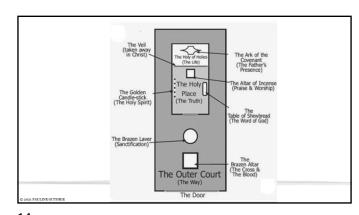
Inner Vows

- Inner vows are determinations or promises to ourselves that do not really protect us
- · They imprison us
- These are more powerful than bitter root judgements
- Inner vows made during formative years are often forgotten and have more power due to their unconscious and hidden nature
- Examples of inner vows -
- Î will meet my own needs I will never be vulnerable
- I won't need anything

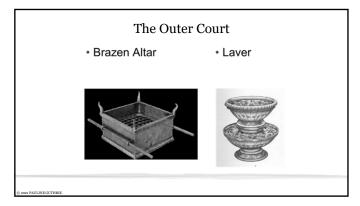


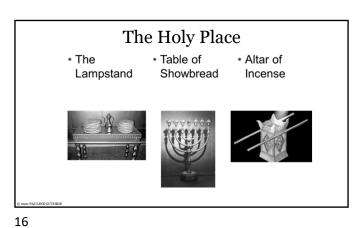
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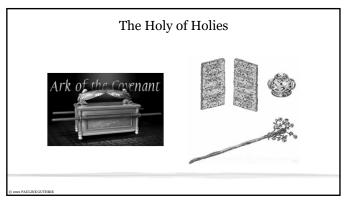


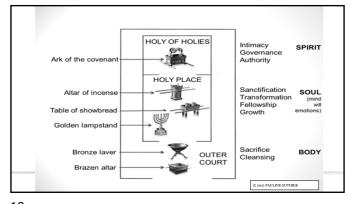
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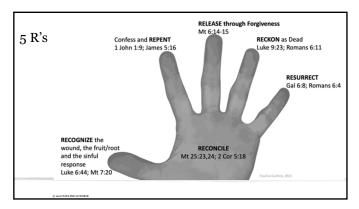


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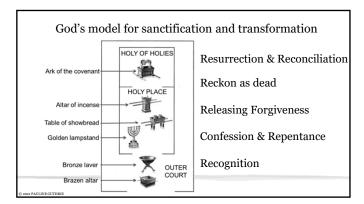


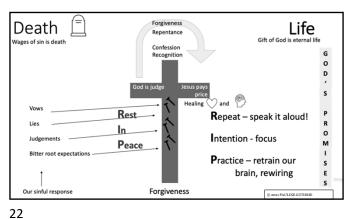
A change of heart

- We REPENT of a JUDGEMENT
- · We RENOUNCE a VOW
- We COME OUT OF AGREEMENT WITH a LIE
- We ASK GOD TO FORGIVE US for these responses

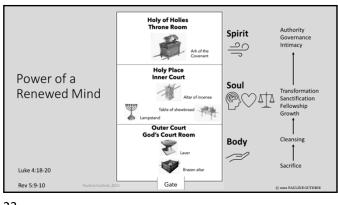
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