

When HOME Hurts

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Sermon Synopsis

In this episode of World Impact, recorded at Oral Roberts University, Dr. Billy Wilson addresses the painful theme of brokenness within the home. Speaking from his own experience of abandonment and loss, he offers a message of hope rooted in the healing power of Jesus Christ. The sermon acknowledges the reality that the place meant to be a refuge often becomes a source of deep wounds, yet it points to God's ability to restore dignity, purpose, and belonging.

The message draws on biblical examples of family struggle, beginning with Adam and Eve and extending through the households of Saul and David. Dr. Wilson highlights the story of Mephibosheth, Saul's crippled grandson, who lived in shame until David invited him to sit at the king's table. This act becomes a picture of God's mercy, which lifts people from the damage of generational sin and welcomes them into fellowship and restoration. Dr. Wilson parallels this account with his own story, showing how God can transform even the most fractured past into a testimony of healing.

The sermon also includes the story of Rosie, a young woman who fled a broken home and found Christ at Oral Roberts University. Her journey from pain and self-hatred to forgiveness and freedom illustrates how God's grace continues to work in the lives of those burdened by family dysfunction. Dr. Wilson acknowledges the destructive effects of sin within families, as seen in David's household, but emphasizes that God offers forgiveness, renewal, and a new beginning for all who come to Him. Ezekiel 18 is cited to stress both personal responsibility and God's promise of life and hope.

Concluding, Dr. Wilson extends an invitation to all who carry family wounds to bring their pain to Jesus, the ultimate healer. He urges believers to embrace forgiveness, step into their identity as children of God, and allow their brokenness to become a witness of His redeeming power. The

sermon also calls the church to be a place of compassion and guidance for those suffering from family pain, reminding listeners that no wound is beyond the reach of God's transforming grace.

Sermon Highlights

- Sin within a family brings pain and curses, as seen in the lives of biblical families like Adam and Eve, Saul, and David, but God's grace offers restoration beyond our brokenness.
- Despite the wounds and shame caused by others, like Saul's grandson Mephibosheth, God invites us to His table to receive healing, restoration, and a royal inheritance as His children.
- Our destinies are not determined by the failures or sins of our parents or family; through Jesus Christ, we are given a new identity and future as sons and daughters of God.
- When home hurts due to brokenness, abuse, or family sin, the first response is to run to God for healing, trusting that He can turn pain into purpose and use our suffering for His glory.
- We are called to love and help others who are wounded by their families—bringing them to Jesus to find forgiveness, healing, and a place at His table, where shame is wiped away and they can live as royalty in God's family.

Scripture Verses

Proverbs 3:33

The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous.

2 Samuel 4:4

Jonathan, the son of Saul had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became disabled. His name was Mephibosheth.

2 Samuel 12:10

'Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despise me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.' This is what the Lord says: 'Out of your own household I'm going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I'll take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight.'

Ezekiel 18:2-4

"What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: 'The parents eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die."

Quotes

- "Home is the place where we hurt a lot because those closest to us have the capacity to hurt us the most." - Dr. Billy Wilson
- "God calls you to his table. Your DNA, your biology, or your past do not have to determine your future." - Dr. Billy Wilson
- "Jesus comes to us, and he invites us to his table to wipe away our shame." - Dr. Billy Wilson
- "I am not held captive by my parents' or my siblings' sin. I am a person before God. I will answer for my own failures but not for theirs." - Dr. Billy Wilson
- "If you'll get to Jesus, if you'll come to the master's table, he'll wipe away your shame, and you can eat like a king's son for the rest of your life." - Dr. Billy Wilson

Bible Study

Objectives

- To understand the reality of pain and brokenness in many homes and how it impacts individuals.
- To recognize the power of God's healing and restoration through Jesus Christ despite family failures and wounds.
- To learn from biblical examples how sin affects family generations but also how God's grace can bring renewal.
- To encourage believers to run to God for comfort and restoration when home hurts.
- To equip believers to bring friends and loved ones to Jesus for healing from familial wounds.

Reading and Reflections

- Proverbs 3:33 – “The Lord’s curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous.”
- 2 Samuel 4:4 – The story of Mephibosheth and his lameness as collateral damage from family sin.
- Ezekiel 18:2-4 – God declaring that individuals are accountable for their own sins, not their parents’ failures.
- 2 Samuel 12:10 – God’s judgment on David’s household due to his sin.
- Reflection on personal wounds: Recognizing that pain in the home can be deep but not determining one’s destiny.
- Reflection on the story of Rosie: God’s presence in painful family situations and His power to heal and restore.
- Reflection on the invitation to the King’s table, symbolizing acceptance, healing, and welcome by God.

Key Observations

- Home is often where the deepest wounds come because those closest to us can hurt us the most.
- Sin and disobedience in one generation can bring pain to following generations, as seen in Saul’s and David’s families.
- Mephibosheth’s story illustrates God’s grace restoring those crushed by familial shame and pain.
- David’s own sin brought calamity in his household, showing consequences of sin within the family.
- God does not hold children responsible for their parents’ sins; each person answers for their own choices.

- Jesus invites us to His table, promising healing, restoration, and a new identity as sons and daughters of the King.
- Believers are called to support one another, like those who lowered the paralytic before Jesus to receive healing.

Personal Reflections

- Reflect on wounds or pains you've experienced in your own home or family and acknowledge them honestly before God.
- Consider how God has been present even in difficult family circumstances and how He desires to heal.
- Reflect on Mephibosheth's journey from shame and disability to restoration at the king's table—your restoration story is possible too.
- Meditate on the truth that your identity in Christ is not determined by your family's successes or failures.
- Contemplate the importance of forgiving those who have hurt you and finding peace in God's love.
- Think about friends or family members still struggling with wounds from their homes and how you might help them find Jesus.

Lessons for Daily Life

- Home hurt is real but does not have to define your life or future.
- Sin damages, but God's grace restores and renews.
- Forgiveness is a powerful tool to break cycles of hurt and bitterness in families.
- God invites all who are wounded to come to His table for acceptance and healing.
- We must take personal responsibility for our own spiritual walk, not carrying the guilt of others' sins.
- Community and support help bring healing—no one should suffer alone.
- Share your testimony and God's healing power with others hurting at home.

Practical Applications

- When feeling hurt by home, pray daily and invite Jesus to heal your heart.
- Memorize and meditate on Scriptures such as Proverbs 3:33, Ezekiel 18:2-4, and 2 Samuel 12:10.
- Identify a trusted Christian friend, mentor, or leader to share your pain and receive encouragement.
- Forgive family members who have caused pain; ask God to help you release resentment.
- Invite those who have been hurt in families to church, Bible study, or prayer groups for healing.
- If you know someone trapped in home pain, take active steps to connect them with God's love and community, like the friends of the paralytic in Luke 5.

- Write down your testimony of God's healing and restoration and share it to encourage others.

Challenges for the Week

- Spend time each day in prayer asking God to reveal areas of unforgiveness and healing you need.
- Reach out to someone you know who is struggling with family pain and offer to pray for them.
- Commit to memorizing Ezekiel 18:4 and meditate on God's justice and mercy for you.
- Journal your personal story of God's grace in the midst of family hurt and thank Him for His presence.
- Practice forgiving a family member or friend who has caused hurt—make a step toward reconciliation where safe.
- Reflect on how you can support others who carry wounds from their homes and be a source of God's healing.

Further Study

- Study the life of Mephibosheth in 2 Samuel 4 and 9 to see God's restorative grace in action.
- Examine the story of David's household in 2 Samuel 11-18 focusing on the consequences of sin and the need for forgiveness.
- Read and meditate on Ezekiel 18 to understand individual responsibility before God.
- Explore Jesus' ministry to the marginalized and hurting, especially stories like the paralytic in Luke 5.
- Read Psalms of lament and healing to find prayers that reflect pain and restoration.
- Investigate biblical teachings on forgiveness, restoration, and identity in Christ.
- Consider reading books or biographies of people who overcame painful family histories through Christ.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You with hearts full of both pain and hope. Thank You for Your loving presence in the midst of our hurts at home. Lord, we lay down every wound, every scar, every shame that family pain has caused in our lives. We receive Your healing touch and embrace Your invitation to sit at Your table as Your beloved sons and daughters. Help us forgive those who have hurt us and release bitterness that steals our joy. Restore what has been broken and renew our spirits with Your peace. Empower us to walk forward in freedom, knowing that our identity is found only in You, not in the failures of our past or family. May we be instruments of Your healing to others who suffer quietly, bringing them gently to You. We pray this in the powerful and healing name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and King. Amen.

Daily Devotionals

Day 1

Scripture Verse

Proverbs 3:33 - "The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous."

Reflection

Home is meant to be a refuge, a sacred place where safety, love, and peace abound. Yet often, it becomes the very place where we experience our deepest wounds because those closest to us hold the power to hurt us the most profoundly. Dr. Billy Wilson opens our eyes to the painful truth many face: when home hurts, it challenges our faith and shakes our spirit. Look at the earliest family in the Bible—Adam and Eve. Their disobedience introduced sin and pain not only into the world but into their family. A pattern repeated through history is that the consequences of sin ripple into the lives of those we love. Consider Mephibosheth, the grandson of King Saul. Due to his grandfather's failures, he lived crippled in both feet and in shame in a place called Lo-debar — literally meaning 'nothing' or 'emptiness.' Yet, King David, moved by covenant love, invites him to dine at the king's table, restoring his dignity and position despite the wounds inflicted by his family's past. Isn't that a powerful picture of grace? Our own failures, or those of our family, may seem insurmountable and stigmatize us with shame, but God offers a restoration beyond human understanding. He invites us to His table, where shame is wiped away and we are accepted as sons and daughters, worthy of honor and love. Reflect on your own life. Maybe your home is filled with brokenness, addiction, dysfunction, or pain. Know that your value and identity do not rest on the failures of your family or your past. God's blessing can transform your story, just as He did Mephibosheth's. Our Lord is faithful to restore, uplift, and heal our wounded hearts if we will come to Him. The invitation to sit at His table is open to you today. Take a moment to list the hurts you carry from home. Imagine them being placed before God's healing presence. Picture Jesus inviting you to His table, removing the bondage of shame, and declaring you beloved and restored. As a believer, you are called to walk in the freedom and blessing that comes from righteousness—not defined by earthly family but by your Heavenly Father's love.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, I come to You with my wounded heart from the hurts of my home. I receive Your invitation to sit at Your table, where shame is erased, and healing begins. Restore my soul and bless my life anew. Amen.

Day 2

Scripture Verse

2 Samuel 4:4 - "Jonathan, the son of Saul had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became disabled. His name was Mephibosheth."

Reflection

The story of Mephibosheth is one of both tragedy and hope—a vivid testimony of how sin and brokenness in a home can leave scars that seem impossible to overcome. Mephibosheth was just a child when the violence of his grandfather's fall left him physically crippled and socially shamed. He was labeled "out of shame," carrying the burden of his family's failures, kept in a place called Lo-debar—a place that felt like 'nothing.' Can you relate? Sometimes the consequences of other people's sins, especially our parents or family members, land heavily on us. You might feel helpless, overlooked, or forgotten, living in a personal 'nothing place,' bearing injuries not of your own making. Yet, the God we serve specializes in rewriting stories like Mephibosheth's. King David honored the covenant made with Jonathan and went after Mephibosheth—not to condemn or discount him, but to restore him to the royal family. He called Mephibosheth out of emptiness and shame, placed him at his own table, and gave him all that belonged to his family. Story after story in Scripture reveals God's heart: He restores the broken and crowns them with honor. Think about your own brokenness from family wounds. While the pain is real and deep, your story is far from over. God desires to lift you out of your 'Lo-debar.' Like Mephibosheth, you can take your rightful place as a child of the King, seated at His table of grace and acceptance. Every day, you can feast on His love and provision despite the scars you carry. And remember, David saw the pain of disobedience and still chose mercy—offering you a reminder to show forgiveness, even when wounded. Take a small step today: name the areas of your home pain and bring them to God for healing. Trust that He is not just a distant observer but one who lovingly invites you into a new identity and a restored family in Him.

Prayer

Father God, thank You for seeking me out of my place of emptiness. Help me to receive Your restoration and to find joy in Your presence. Teach me to forgive as You have forgiven, and to live as a child of Your kingdom. Amen.

Day 3

Scripture Verse

Ezekiel 18:2-4 - "What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: 'The parents eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die."

Reflection

One of the most freeing truths from Scripture is that your destiny is not chained to the sins or failures of previous generations. In Ezekiel 18, God declares unequivocally that children will no longer suffer for the sins of their parents. Each person is responsible to God for his or her own life. This truth shatters the chains of generational shame, guilt, and pain. When home hurts, when family breaks apart or disobedience brings chaos, it can feel like you carry the burden of others. Perhaps addiction, abuse, neglect, or rejection burden your spirit. These can weigh heavily, leading you to believe you are defined or trapped by your family's dysfunction. But God's Word calls you to a new identity—as His child, you have a new inheritance in Christ rooted in grace, forgiveness, and hope. Dr. Billy Wilson's testimony reminds us that even children of broken homes can be healed, raised up, and used by God to impact the world. Like Mephibosheth found place at the king's table, you are invited to feast on the grace of God, to be restored, and to walk in the goodness of His plan. Consider the story of Rosie, who despite her painful family circumstances, found Jesus and experienced the peace and healing only He can provide. Your story matters. No matter how fractured your home may be, God's love can bring the healing you crave. Today, choose to reject the lie that your family's failings define you. Stand firm in the promise that you belong to God, who sees your pain and offers a new beginning. Get to the King's table. Cry out to Him, receive His healing, and let His love transform your heart and home. Ask yourself, what step can I take to bring someone I know, or even myself, closer to Jesus who is the ultimate Healer? Let your faith move in action today.

Prayer

Lord, I thank You that my past does not define me. I claim Your healing and restoration in my life. Help me to walk boldly in my identity as Your child and to extend Your love and grace to others. Amen.

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