

Wisdom From A Mother I

Abandonment Issues I 5.3.26 I

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Key Outcomes

Mama D delivered a powerful teaching on abandonment issues, emphasizing that healing requires **willful forgiveness**, releasing fear, and understanding that God was present through all past trauma. 1 2 The core message: believers can receive **beauty for ashes** when they forgive according to God's will, not partially, and recognize all experiences work together for good according to His purpose. 3 4 5

Main Teaching Points

Definitions and Foundations

- **Forgiveness:** Willfully putting down resentment, anger, or vengeance toward someone who committed wrong; done for one's own mental state, not because the offender deserves it 6
- **Fear:** An intense, unpleasant emotion triggered by perception of imminent danger, whether real or imagined 7
- **Abandonment:** When a person withdraws presence and support, renegades on duty/responsibility, and betrays covenant—causing great emotional pain, financial hardship, spiritual misalignment, and organizational chaos 8

Forms of Abandonment Identified

- Divorce, parental death, or parents who never raised the child 9
- Parents physically present but mentally/emotionally absent—child forced to raise themselves 9
- Foster care or adoption situations 9
- Dedicated relationships ending abruptly 10

- Parents present but unavailable, leading to attraction to same sex to fill parental love void ¹⁰
- Sexual promiscuity as attempt to fill abandonment void, resulting in soul ties and transferred spiritual issues ¹¹

Biblical Framework

- **Hebrews 13:5** - God promises "I will never leave you nor forsake you" ²
- **Romans 8:28** - All things work together for good for those called according to His purpose; experiences prepare believers to minister to others facing similar struggles ^{2 3 4}
- **Isaiah 61:3 (NLT)** - God gives "a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of moaning, festive praise instead of despair"—believers become like strong oak trees planted for His glory ¹²
- **Genesis 1:27** - Believers created in God's image; holding unforgiveness contradicts this identity since God doesn't hold grudges or hate ^{13 14}

When Transformation Occurs

The teaching identified four specific conditions for God to turn situations for good: ⁵

- When you give it to God
- When you forgive
- When you love according to Him
- When you are obedient

Practical Spiritual Warfare Tools

- **Peace declaration:** "Peace be still in the name of Jesus" when thoughts are racing and causing anxiety ¹⁵
- **Thought capture:** "I capture every thought into the obedience of Christ" ¹⁵
- **Casting cares:** "I cast all my cares upon you, because you care for me, Father" ¹⁵
- Declare "Jesus is Lord" over every thought and decision before acting ¹⁵

Pastor's Teaching Addition

Distinguishing Love Motivation

Pastor challenged the congregation to examine whether they love those who hurt them **because they have to** (obligation) or **because they want to** (genuine desire). ¹⁶ He shared personal testimony of transitioning from loving his father out of obligation to genuinely wanting relationship with him after dealing with abandonment issues. ¹⁶ ¹⁷

Abandonment's Impact on Leadership

Pastor revealed he addresses feelings of abandonment **weekly** because God would not allow him to lead while still suffering from abandonment. ¹⁷ He emphasized that emotional abandonment occurs even when parents are physically present, leading people to seek fulfillment in wrong relationships. ¹⁷ ¹⁸

Call to Ascend

- **Isaiah 40:28-31** - God gives strength to the faint and powerless; those who trust Him will soar on wings like eagles, running without weariness ¹⁹
- To fly high, believers must **fly lightly**—letting go of bondage and shackles to ascend to the mountain of the Lord ²⁰
- Challenge issued: "Get your fight back. Don't you leave like a wounded soldier. The healer is here." ²⁰

Decisions Made

- **Complete forgiveness required:** Partial forgiveness is insufficient—believers must "let it go" entirely to experience freedom, happiness, and ability to love again ¹³
- **Immediate surrender practice:** Every time abandonment thoughts arise, give them to God immediately without holding on or dwelling ²¹

Ministry Opportunities

- **Witness tool:** Personal experiences of abandonment and healing serve as powerful testimony to help others facing similar struggles 22
- **Restoration calling:** The church body is called to restore others using their own testimonies 22
- **Discipleship available:** Ministry offers discipleship support for those needing to walk through healing, whether in Texas or remotely 23

Action Items

- **All attendees:** Review Romans 8:28 and reflect on how past painful experiences prepare you to minister to specific individuals 2 3
- **Those struggling with abandonment:** Practice immediate surrender—give thoughts to God the moment they arise rather than dwelling on them 21
- **Online viewers interested in membership:** Contact church through app or website for details on joining, baptism, or rededication 21 23

Worship & Closing

- Song sung: "I Know It Was the Blood" - acknowledging Christ's sacrifice on the cross for personal redemption 24
- Prayer of deliverance declared over online viewers bound by abandonment, unforgiveness, or fear—speaking freedom and restoration in Jesus' name 25 26
- Congregation encouraged: "You got this. Heal, whole, and well." 23