

Hope Chapel Series – “Our Season to Bless” part 4

Message Summary: Have you sensed blessings and opportunities of the goodness of God somehow sabotaged or lost? There are powers and influences that make our life difficult if we don't understand what's behind it. Family patterns of alcoholism, sexual addictions, mental or physical sickness, deep racial prejudices, rage, gambling, addictive behaviors, suicidal tendencies, eating disorders, cutting oneself, etc. can be passed down to the next generation. Can we stop these negative influences? Our series continues with part 2 of reclaiming family blessings.

Reclaiming Family Blessings - Part 2

- **Influenced by family patterns**
- **Influenced by environment**
- **Influenced by demonization**

STEPS TO RECLAIMING BLESSINGS: Leviticus 26:40-45

1. Confess your own iniquities. v. 40

1 John 1:8-10

A. Unfaithfulness – Comes out of unbelief and distrust.

B. Rebellion – We choose our own way.

2. Confess the iniquities of your forefathers. v. 40

Daniel 9:3-19; Romans 1:18-24

3. Claim and receive the blessings that are in Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:20-21; Matthew 21:22; James 1:6-8

4. Change old behavioral patterns. Ephesians 4:20-24

5. Humble yourself and receive forgiveness and forgive others. Ephesians 4:30-32; James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6

3 WAYS TO DO THIS:

1) We ask for forgiveness.

2) Release people from our judgments.

3) Keep a humble heart. (servant of God)

6. Begin to pray for others, even our enemies.

Job 42:7-10; Matthew 5:44

7. Begin to bless our families and those around us.

Matthew 6:3-4; Matthew 10:40-42; Galatians 6:9-10

Group QUESTIONS: *All LifeGroups on Summer Break*

OPEN IT- (10 min) What blessings have you received recently?

EXPLORE IT- (60 min) Review Sunday's sermon outline. Share additional comments or notes from people in the group.

1. How does this sermon inspire or motivate you?

Keeping the Victory

Freedom must be maintained. Freedom is yours as long as you keep choosing truth and standing firm in the strength of the Lord. If new memories should surface or if you become aware of lies that you have believed or other non-Christian experiences you have had, renounce them and choose the truth. Some people have found it helpful to go through the 7 steps again. You might want to read *The Bondage Breaker, Victory Over the Darkness, Released from Bondage, and Living Free in Christ* by Neil T. Anderson. If you are a parent, read *The Seduction of Our Children*.