

SOUL DETOX SERIES Part Three: "The Tortured Soul" Pastor David Cannistraci | February 16, 2014

We are NOT a body with a soul. We ARE a

_____ with a ______.

"Dear friends...keep away from worldly desires that <u>wage war against</u> <u>your very souls</u>." 1 Peter 2:11 (NLT)

WHAT TORTURES OUR SOULS?

Tortured by the things we've ______.

"...My health is broken <u>because of my sins</u>. My <u>guilt</u> overwhelms me it is a burden too heavy to bear." Psalm 38:3-4 (NET)

Sin opens a door in our _____, granting ______ to shame.

"Delilah put Samson to sleep on her lap. She called for a man to shave off his seven braids. <u>Then she began to torture him</u> because his strength had left him." Judges 16:19 (GWT)

• Tortured by the ______ we've believed.

"...T<u>here is no truth in [</u>the devil]. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for <u>he is a liar</u> and <u>the father of lies</u>." John 8:44-45 (NIV)

Don't contaminate your soul by

_____to _____.

Tortured by the ______ we've ______.

"And his master was angry, and <u>delivered him to the torturers</u> until he should pay all that was due to him. <u>So My heavenly Father also will do to you</u> if each of you, <u>from his heart, does not forgive his brother</u> his trespasses." Matthew 18:34-35 (NKJV) Tortured (Cont'd)

FREEDOM FOR THE TORTURED SOUL

and ______ the door to the Enemy.

"People who conceal their sins will not <u>prosper</u>, but if they <u>confess and</u> <u>turn</u> from them, they receive <u>mercy</u>." Proverbs 28:13 (NLT)

1. We confess to ______ for ______ of sins.

"If we <u>confess our sins</u>, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to <u>cleanse us</u> from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 (NKJV)

2. We confess to ______ for _____ from sins.

"<u>Confess your sins to each other</u> and pray for each other so that you may be <u>healed</u>." James 5:16 (NLT)

"<u>Christ carried our sins in his body on the cross</u> so we would stop living for sin and start living for what is right. And <u>you are healed because of his</u> <u>wounds</u>. You were like sheep that wandered away, but now you have come back to <u>the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls</u>." 1 Peter 2:24-25 (NCV)

FATHER GOD, Thank you for loving me and offering me true life. Lately I've been feeling so tortured inside. But today I confess all of my sins to you. I confess that Jesus is my Lord and Savior. Thank God - my soul is clean and the door is closed to the Enemy! In Christ's Name, AMEN

THIS WEEK IN SMALL GROUPS

Icebreaker: Talk briefly about your best and worst friends as a child.

Scripture: Let different members share a verse from this teaching that impacted them personally. What does it mean for them?

 Talk It Over: How can we safely practice confession with one another?

Prayer: Pray for each one to be free from shame through Christ.

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