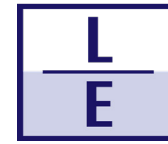


What Should We Do?

1. Ask God to show you patterns or the dysfunction. Take the time to write out your impressions or known sin in your family. You may be surprised by the patterns you see emerging.
2. Reject these generational sins over you and your family.
3. Repent of any unforgiveness or judgment you are harboring against others in your family.
4. Ask God to forgive you for participating in these sins.
5. Ask God to break the power of these generational sins or proclivities by the power of the Jesus.
6. Ask God to give you the grace, power and freedom to resist.
7. Be aware that the enemy is sneaky and that the temptation may not be completely gone. You will need to remain watchful and guard against it. But you will gain more and more victory and strength as you continue to resist.



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Go Back

1 Kings 19:15-18

Then the Lord told him, "Go back the same way you came, and travel to the wilderness of Damascus.

Genesis 50:20 NLT

You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

Generational Sins

Pete Scazzero calls generational sins – the brokenness in our family tree that produces patterns of dysfunction and unhealthy behavior such as addictions, abuse, anger and fighting, unforgiveness and bitterness, infidelity and divorce, legalism and control, deception and manipulation, and many more.

The legacy of deception and manipulation of Abraham's lineage.

- Genesis 12:10-16 – Abraham lies to a pharaoh about his wife, Sarah, being his sister.
- Genesis 20:1-3 – And later (again) to Abimelech.
- Genesis 26:7-9 – Like father, like son – Isaac lies that his wife Rebekah is his sister.
- Genesis 27:6-13, 17-24 – Isaac's son, Jacob, schemes to deceive him to win the birthright due Esau.
- Genesis 37:31-34 – Jacob's sons lie about Joseph being killed by an animal.

Sins of Our Father

Exodus 34:6-7a

The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

Genesis 34:7b

[God] does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth [generation].

Exodus 32:1-4

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

2 Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." 3 So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."

Radical Teaching From Jesus

Matthew 15:19-20 NLT

19 For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander. 20 These are what defile you. Eating with unwashed hands will never defile you."