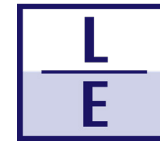


## Battling Generational Sin

1. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you about yourself. Do not listen to this message for someone else.
2. 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.
3. Ask other people!
4. Reject these generational sins over you and your family.
5. Repent of any unforgiveness or judgment you are harboring against others in your family.
6. Ask God to forgive you for participating in these sins.
7. Ask God to break the power of these generational sins or proclivities by the power of the Jesus.
8. Ask God to give you the grace, power and freedom to resist.
9. 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 trust in Jesus.
10. Stay in a community to help you and pray for you. You did not get into this alone. You will not get out of this alone.



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Part 3: Dealing With Past Generations

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### John the Baptist

John 7:20 NLT

20 John's two disciples found Jesus and said to him, "John the Baptist sent us to ask, 'Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?'"

John 7:22-23 NLT

"Go back to John and tell him what you have seen and heard—the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor." 23 And he added, "God blesses those who do not fall away because of me.

### Elijah

I Kings 18:21 NLT

21 Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, "How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!" But the people were completely silent.

1 Kings 19:1-5 NLT

When Ahab got home, he told Jezebel everything Elijah had done, including the way he had killed all the prophets of Baal. So Jezebel sent this message to Elijah: "May the gods strike me and even kill me if by this time tomorrow I have not killed you just as you killed them." Elijah was afraid and fled for his life. He went to Beersheba, a town in Judah, and he left his servant there. Then he went on alone into the wilderness, traveling all day. He sat down under a solitary broom tree and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors who have already died."

1 Kings 19:5-18 NLT

5 Then he lay down and slept under the broom tree. But as he was sleeping, an angel touched him and told him, "Get up and eat!" 6 He looked around and there beside his head was some bread baked on hot stones and a jar of water! So he ate and drank and lay down again.

7 Then the angel of the Lord came again and touched him and said, "Get up and eat some more, or the journey ahead will be too much for you."

8 So he got up and ate and drank, and the food gave him enough strength to travel forty days and forty nights to Mount Sinai, the mountain of God. 9 There he came to a cave, where he spent the night.

But the Lord said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

10 Elijah replied, "I have zealously served the Lord God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too."

11 "Go out and stand before me on the mountain," the Lord told him. And as Elijah stood there, the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12 And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

And a voice said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14 He replied again, "I have zealously served the Lord God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too."

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

## Dealing with Your Past

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.

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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].