



The Inner Man

First Lesson.
Is there one?



The Inner Man Reveal

Second Lesson.

How does it work?



The Inner Man Revealing

**Chapter 1 Of
Release Of The
Spirit**

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The Inner Man Revealing Part 2

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What You Should Do

- Acts 17:10–11 (NASB 95)
- **10 The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for *they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.***



One Word Of Advice

- **Context is KING!**
- **Words do NOT stand alone. Neither in English or any other language.**
- **You cannot pull a word out of a verse and understand what the author meant without its surrounding context, even the time frame it was written.**
- **When doing a Word study, look at EVERY instance it occurs in scripture to get better context.**



Opening Remarks

- **This is not behavior modification.**
- **This is not to get you to change yourself.**
- **It is not self destruction.**
- **Or a form of self abasement.**
- **You are not being asked to Pray more, Give more, Work more.**
- **Many of you already do works out of guilt and obligation, anyway.**




Opening Remarks

- **This is to learn to discern what God is already (right now, right here, right where you are sitting) doing in your life and cooperate with it.**

Philippians 2:12–13 (NASB 95)

- **12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His good pleasure*.**



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Release of the Spirit Chapter 1

- **The Importance Of Brokenness.**
- **“ANYONE who serves God will discover sooner or later that the great hindrance he has in the Lord’s work is not others, but himself. He will discover that his outward man (soul) is not in harmony with his inward man (spirit). Both tend to go toward two opposite directions from each other. He will also sense the inability of his outward man to submit to the inner control of his regenerated spirit, received through the new birth. Thus, he is rendered incapable of obeying God’s highest commands. He will quickly detect that his greatest difficulty lies in his outward man, which hinders him from using his spirit.”**

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- **The Importance Of Brokenness.**
- **“We must know that he who can work for God is the one whose inward man can be released. The basic difficulty of a servant of God lies in the failure of his inward man to break through his outward man. Therefore, we must recognize before God that the first difficulty to our work is not in others, but in ourselves. Our spirit seems to be wrapped in a covering which cannot easily break forth. If we have never learned how to release our inward man by breaking through the outward man, we are not able to serve. Nothing can so hinder us as this outward man.”**



Release of the Spirit Chapter 1

- The Importance Of Brokenness.
- **“Expect To See Wounds.”**
- **Mike taught on this: “The Marks of the Cross.”**
- **Biblical Examples of God’s Dealings.**



Release of the Spirit Chapter 1

- **The Importance Of Brokenness.**
- **Jacob!**
- **One of the great Biblical examples of God's Dealings.**
- **Genesis 25-50.**

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- **The Importance Of Brokenness. Quick Summary.**
- **Genesis 25:19–34: Introduces Jacob and his twin brother Esau, including their birth and the rivalry that begins when Jacob buys Esau's birthright for a bowl of stew.**
- **Genesis 27: Jacob deceives his father, Isaac, to receive the blessing meant for Esau, with the help of his mother, Rebekah. This leads to Esau's anger and Jacob's need to flee.**
- **Genesis 28: Jacob flees to Haran, has his dream of the ladder to heaven (Jacob's Ladder) at Bethel, and receives God's promise of blessing.**
- **Genesis 29–31: Jacob arrives in Haran, marries Leah and Rachel, works for his uncle Laban, and fathers his children (the twelve tribes of Israel begin to form). These chapters detail his struggles with Laban and his eventual departure from Haran.**
- **Genesis 32–33: Jacob prepares to meet Esau, wrestles with God or an angel, and is renamed Israel. He reconciles with Esau.**

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- **Genesis 34: The story of Dinah, Jacob's daughter, and the conflict with the people of Shechem.**
- **Genesis 35: God reaffirms the covenant with Jacob, who builds an altar at Bethel. The death of Rachel and Isaac is also recorded here.**
- **Genesis 37: Focuses on Jacob's favoritism toward Joseph, his son, and the beginning of Joseph's story, with Jacob still playing a significant role.**
- **Genesis 42–47: Jacob's later life, including his interactions with Joseph during the famine, his journey to Egypt, and his reunion with Joseph.**
- **Genesis 48–49: Jacob blesses his sons and Joseph's sons (Manasseh and Ephraim), and he gives prophecies about the future of the twelve tribes before his death.**
- **Genesis 50: Jacob's death and burial, marking the end of his life story.**



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- The Importance Of Brokenness. Jacob.
- **“For example, consider Jacob in the Old Testament. We see how even in his mother’s womb he struggled with his brother. He was subtle, tricky, and manipulative. But his life was full of sorrows and grief.**

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- The Importance Of Brokenness. Jacob.
- **“Repeatedly, he was dealt with by God, meeting misfortune after misfortune. He was stricken by God once, twice, and thrice. Indeed, his whole history is said to be a history of being stricken by God. Finally, after many recurring dealings, the man Jacob was transformed. In his last few years, he was quite transparent. How dignified was his answer to Pharaoh! How beautiful was his end when he worshiped God leaning on his staff!”**

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- **The Importance Of Brokenness. Jacob. Genesis 32:24–28 (NASB 95)**
- **Jacob Wrestles**
- **24 Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.**
- **25 When he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him. 26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But he said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." 27 So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28 He said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed."**

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- **Augustine, 4th-5th century, interprets the wrestling as a symbol of the Christian's spiritual struggle. Jacob's persistence reflects faith in God, and the limp signifies humility – a reminder that divine encounters leave one changed, often with a cost.**
- **He sees the angel as a pre-incarnation appearance of Christ (a "Christophany"), emphasizing the *divine nature of the opponent* and the grace of the blessing.**



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- **The Importance Of Brokenness. Jacob.**
- **Jacob did not trust God.**
- **He wrestled with God through his whole life.**
- **Can you see how Fear, Anxiety, Pride, etc., is wrestling with God?**



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- The Importance Of Brokenness. Jacob.
- **Let me repeat:**
- **Jacob's entire life was spent by God working on him.**

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- The Importance Of Brokenness. Jacob.
- **At the end he no longer walked in his own strength.**
- **He was a *Marked* and *Broken* man whose very nature was changed.**
- **AFTER THE DEALINGS.**

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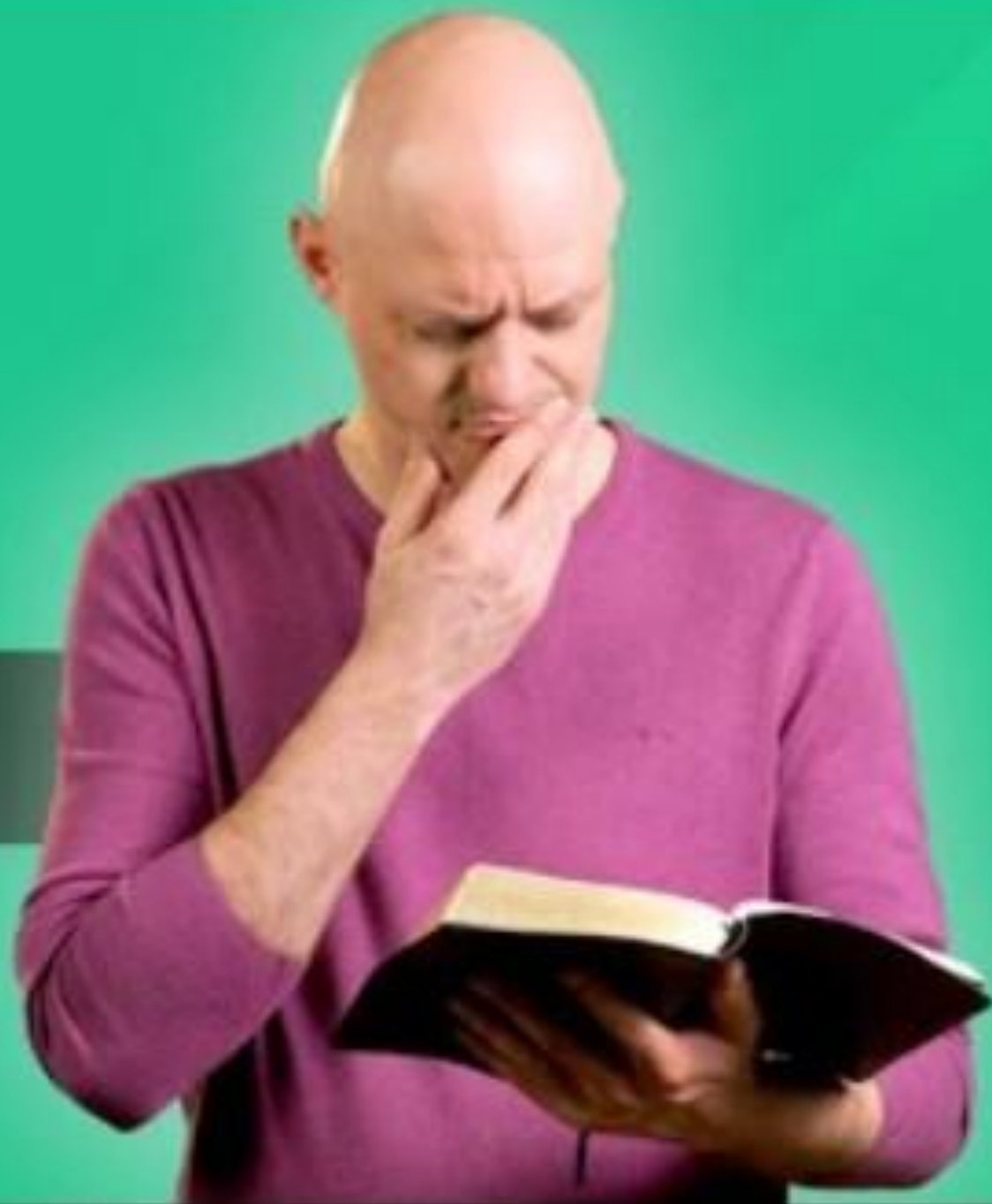
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- **Let me repeat:**

**AFTER THE
DEALINGS.**



WHY DID THEY

WRESTLE?



The Release Of The Spirit

- **“No life manifests more beauty than the one who is broken! Stubbornness and self-love have given way to beauty in the one who has been broken by God.”**
- **— Watchman Nee**



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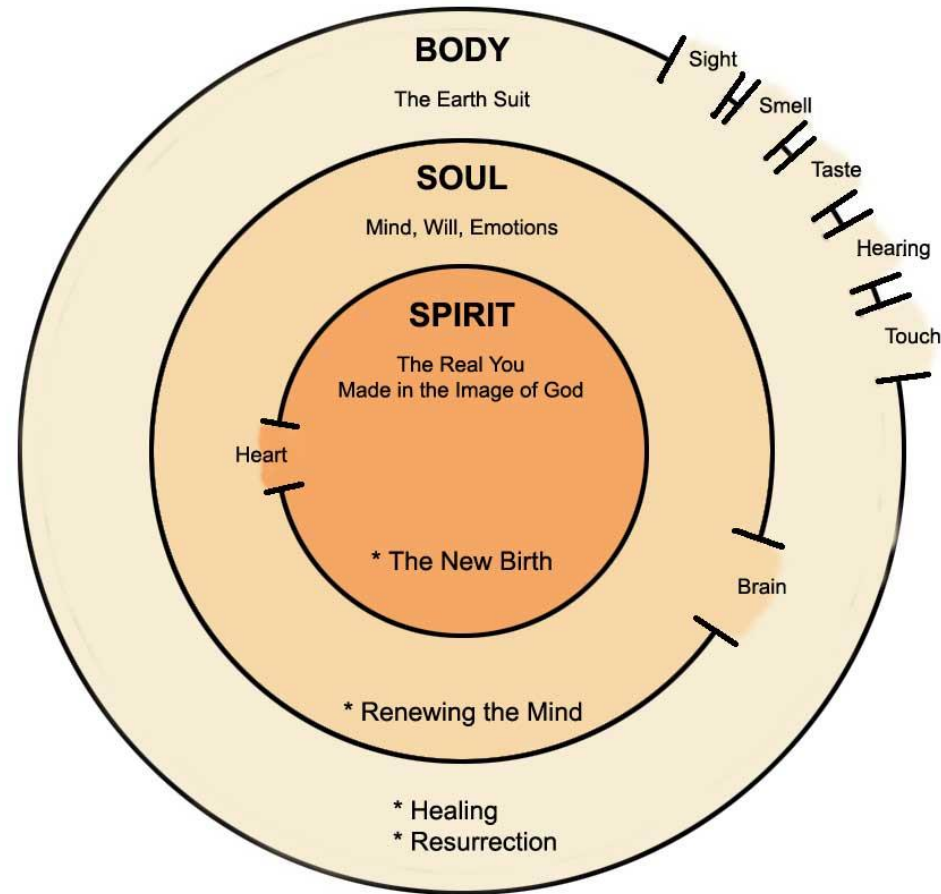
- **“Each one of us has as much of the same ‘Jacob-nature’ in us. Our only hope is that the Lord may blaze a way out of us, breaking our outward man – breaking it to such a degree that the inward man may come out and be seen.”**
- **— Watchman Nee**



Body Equals Outermost Man

Soul Equals Outer Man

Spirit Equals Inner (Inward) Man





The Inner Man Revealing

Ephesians 1:18-19a (NASB 95)

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.