

Familiar Spirits

[extract from “Familiar Spirits” podcast by Ian Clayton]¹

This is some introductory material on familiar spirits to encourage you to investigate what they are and to deal with them in your life so you can be freed to enjoy your Kingdom life without besetting sin and accusation.

Listen to the complete podcast.

“I began to identify these things that sat in my life and spoke to me, and sometimes they were in the first person. Things like, “No one will really see”. You get someone who over-pays you change, and you have a demon that will sit there and say, “You really need the money. It doesn’t matter, they would have given it back to you. Just take it. It doesn’t really matter. No one will really see. They don’t even know”. So they are familiar spirits, that sit and speak inside your life, to try and get you into a pattern of sinning. Then they get entrenched inside there, and then they become strong voice, and instead of hearing the tender voice of the Father moving you – as I said yesterday, “Father, kill me, fill me, use me, move me”.

You see, God wants to move us, and if you have other voices, He can’t move you because you’re unstable. These things sit inside there and make you unstable, and create an environment in you for being unstable inside your life. And what these familiar spirits do, is they sit there and they command your attention. And that’s what fantasies are made out of. Fantasies are made out of the behavioural pattern of a familiar spirit in your life, so the moment your fantasy is fulfilled, you’ve given it a sacrifice.

Can you understand? The reason I’m being really nasty with this stuff is that I want you to see how much power they have, and that when you give yourself to them and you yield to them, you come under their power. The only power I want to come under is the Kingdom...”

“...things like self-pity, fears of all kinds, bitterness, rejection. In most of us, there’s a craving need for the affirmation of people. That’s another familiar spirit. And so what it does is it makes you go looking for the affirmation of people.

Now listen, when you are involved in an activity of the Kingdom, and people come to you and say, “That was absolutely fantastic” and they shake your hand, “Ian, it’s just glorious. Thank you very much for doing that”. Hey listen, don’t say, “Yeah, that’s Jesus”. What a load of religious crapp! That’s a familiar spirit as well. “Oh, that’s just Jesus.” Rubbish! It’s just you being in Jesus. So you’ve got to receive the affirmation for yourself. “Father, I receive that”. But then, when I get home, in the secret place, I take Him back a bouquet of flowers, then, “Thank you, that without You I couldn’t do that. Lord, I give you that, I give it back and I trade on a sea of glass. Lord, I want Your Kingdom, I want more out of Your House and out of Your Kingdom, Daddy”.

You see? But God wants you to be affirmed. If you don’t get affirmed, you’ll have another familiar spirit that will sit there and it will be some religious demon that doesn’t want you to receive out of the Kingdom, so it will sit there and control your life. “Oh, it’s just Jesus”. I have war. When somebody says to me, “Oh, it was Jesus that was prophesying yesterday”. Garbage! “It was Jesus that was casting out devils the other day”. Garbage! That’s your familiar spirit speaking. It’s called rejection.

Abandonment, isolation, independence, is another one. If you can identify emotion, you can identify a familiar spirit, looking inside your life, because they generate feelings. And a demon is a spirit being without a body to express itself in, and it expresses itself by feelings, so it cultivates a desire in you for feelings. Lust is the same thing. All familiar spirits, all working inside your life to hold you down and destroy you. Women get addicted to romance magazines and romance books, they can’t get their nose

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out of them. Men get addicted to pornography stuff. It's just familiar spirits sitting inside your tabernacle that is supposed to the tent of the glory, of the presence of God, and they sit inside there, and they have their own glory sitting right next to the glory of God inside your life, and you give it right to be there by entertaining it..."

"Another way to identify a familiar spirit in a church is by gossip – anyone that has the need to have information. "Oh, did you know that Aunty Jane down the road....." "Oh, do you know that that guy down the road that came to church yesterday, well I saw him down there....." Well, just share a bit of common information, so this familiar spirit can share information with this familiar spirit, and then two familiar spirits coming to agreement, and then you release powers of the air around that person's life, to see your words mandated around them. You recognise a familiar spirit by the need for information. The moment you start to give it information, it has power."

As an example of where a familiar spirit can destroy a strongly spiritual person watch this video clip² on YouTube. At 2:25, Sid Roth asked Jonathan why the seer gift lifted so that he wasn't getting the visions any more. Jonathan explained that the Lord told him it was so that he could learn to develop the gift personally.

In this example, another person could have had a familiar spirit say to them, "See, it was all in your imagination." "It wasn't from God. If it was, it wouldn't have stopped." "See, this shows that you have major sin in your life." These and a myriad of other negative statements from a familiar spirit could easily deviate another seer so that they were 'neutralized' and no longer effective for the Kingdom.

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² – Sid Roth "Heavenly Revelations Seeing The Invisible World Angels Demons Jonathan Welton"
(www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJ08DC7Huqw)