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THE BREAKDOWN “REDACTED: THE MIRIAM & AARON FILES”

This month, we focus on the 8th step: **Identify the Wounded**. The premise is that by the end of this step, we will be able to identify those we have hurt - by creating a list. This seems easy enough but sometimes we may have classified these “files” or incidents in our lives. We may have **redacted** them or blacked them out. Today’s discussion is a continuation of Sunday’s Sermon - **Redacted: The Miriam and Aaron Files**.

1. Intense Pressure

Exodus 2

- Systemic racism being carried out by replacement theory
- Pharaoh would not let the people go
- Ethnic cleansing of the Hebrew baby boys

However, God will use your enemy to get you to your destiny.

2. Internal Pride

Exodus 2

- Miriam was used to save her baby brother from extinction.
- Imagine how proud Miriam was of herself for her part in saving her baby brother.

How does pride show up in your life?

3. Inconsistent Partnership

Numbers 12:1

- Families are going to have disagreements.
- Family will talk about one another (siblings, cousins, uncles & aunts).
- Every family has some level of dysfunctionality.

4. Interjection of Preference

Numbers 12:1

- Miriam and Aaron were mad at Moses because of who he married (Zipporah was a Cushite Women).
- Candle ceremony – Knowing our role in our family.

We cause wounds when we try to interject our preference.

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5. Interference With God's Plans

Number: 12:1-4

- Zipporah actually saved Moses
- Sibling rivalry & jealousy they may not be aware of
- Anger at Moses but really with God
- The siblings jockeying for position; telling everyone to stop listening to Moses
- And the Lord heard...

6. Infliction of Punishment

Number: 12:9-10

- Moses is meek but God is mad
- Stay in the purpose God called you to; let God handle it.
- Shekinah glory-cloud; God took the cloud and gave leprosy
- God is mad at them; why was the infliction only given to Miriam?

7. Intercession of a Perpetrator

Number: 12:11-12

- We tend to develop a mindset that says everyone in your life is replaceable.
- Sometimes we get too familiar with those closest to us.
- V.12 shut out the camp for 7 days
- I don't care how dirty they did you, don't change your heart.
- The moment you change to do it your way, you block your blessing.

Questions as we prepare our list and declassify our files:

- Sometimes our blessings are blocked because we have some Miriam or Aaron in us.
 - Who are you in this family dynamic: Miriam or Aaron?
 - When has your diligence or what you do well blocked you from seeing how you treat people?
- Have you ever used your intelligence to intellectualize away treating someone bad?
- What family dynamic are you in currently that has caused wounds? Have you been wounded?
- Jesus washed the sins away, but you need to fix the things you have broken.

There are sins of:

- Commission - intentionally hurt
 - Omissions - unintentionally hurt
- Whose emotions have you totaled in a "wreck"?
 - God can't heal what you conceal
 - You can't claim it until you name it.

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