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Introduction

Good evening. If you don't know me my name is John-Michael and I serve at New Philadelphia Itaewon. I particularly enjoy these meetings because we are able to press in together and go deeper in prayer for Korea.

With that in mind, I'm going to share tonight a word that is meant for Korea. It's meant for all Koreans and for all who are called to pray for Korea. My hope is that you will take good notes and receive revelations of the specific strongholds the enemy has set over the Korean people and how we are able to overcome them.

The title of tonight's message is, "Prostitution, Witchcraft, and Korea's Parents."

Before we begin, let me say a prayer for us...

Pray

What is Witchcraft?

I want to begin this message by briefly teaching about witchcraft. What is witchcraft? Here is one definition of it, "**Exercising control through demonic means.**" For literal witches, this can be through charms or spells or other forms of sorcery. But for regular people, it is mostly found through, "**Intimidation, domination, and manipulation.**" Intimidation uses fear and punishment to scare people in doing their way. Dominations uses threats to control or simply seizes control. Manipulation often uses guilt and tricks to take control. Witchcraft is all about control, control, control. Pastor Christian preached a message on witchcraft back in 2009 during his Make War series that goes deep into this subject.

When we use illegitimate means to impose our will on others we are dabbling in witchcraft. Illegitimate rule will use illegitimate power to enforce control. Parents, policemen, teachers and other people of authority have to exercise control. And they use legitimate means through rules, disciplines, grades, and rewards. But where there is illegitimate rule, or rebellion, there is almost always witchcraft. And even for parents or other people with legitimate authority, when their means of control are demonic, such as intimidation, manipulation, and domination, then they too are dabbling in witchcraft.

In this message I'm going to take us in a semi-circle, or what you could call a dark rainbow, and reveal the stronghold of witchcraft over Korea. We will start at one end with the sex industry and the basic forms of witchcraft used in the industry, and then go up the dark rainbow to reveal the heavier forms of witchcraft both in the sex industry and over the forefathers of Korea, and then go down the other side of the dark rainbow to reveal how basic witchcraft is so prevalent among parents in Korea. And in the end you all will see how the consequences for the prostitutes subjected to witchcraft are the same for the children of Korea.

Before we begin, please read Ephesians 6:12 with me...

Ephesians 6:12 – For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

If that verse is true then we need to understand that there are both surface level demons and also spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. The witchcraft that I cover on the ends of the dark rainbow is surface level. The witchcraft that I cover at the top of the dark rainbow is from the heavier, more intense forces that are enslaving the nation as a whole.

Prostitution in Korea

Let's first begin with the stronghold of prostitution in Korea. I have led prayer on this topic numerous times in past joint prayer meetings. Many of you have also become very aware about human trafficking through the documentary Nefarious. Korea is **rampant** with prostitution and sex trafficking. Rampant. I think almost all of you are aware that whenever you see the double barbershop spinning poles you know the poles aren't advertising a haircut, but rather prostitution. Those poles are everywhere. And there are many other places full of prostitution that don't have poles out, such as hooker hill or most red light districts. And prostitution isn't just a South Korea thing. North Korea is becoming more and more overrun by sex workers.

But let's focus on South Korea here. Surveys have shown that at least 1 in 25 South Korean women aged 20 – 34 years old are in the sex industry. That alone is the same number of women of that age group who work in factory jobs. But those numbers are from mere surveys of bars and clubs, with likely many not admitting the truth and call girls not being included. Other groups and associations estimate the number being between 1 in 13 and 1 in 6 for women in the industry. As many as 1 in 6 women could be working in the sex industry!!! That seems ridiculous, but even 1 in 13 is a lot.

There is a spirit over all Koreans from both the north and the south that is encouraging women to enter the sex industry. It is a spirit that is enslaving this nation. **And that spirit is the spirit of witchcraft.**

Please open your Bibles to 2Kings 9:22. In this chapter Jehu has been anointed to be king over Israel and has been commissioned to kill the current king and along with his queen mother Jezebel, who had led the nation into idolatry and prostitution.

Let's read 2Kings 9:22...

2Kings 9:22 – And when Joram saw Jehu, he said, “Is it peace, Jehu?” He answered, “What peace can there be so long as the whorings and the sorceries of your mother Jezebel are so many?”

I want you to focus on the two words that describe the works of Jezebel **that had enslaved Israel**: whorings and sorceries.

The root word for whoring in Hebrew is, “**zanuwn**,” which throughout the Bible means, “prostitution.” It is the same word used for Hosea's wife and for when Judah's daughter Tamar became a prostitute.

The root word for charms in Hebrew is, “**kesheph**,” which throughout the Bible means, “witchcraft.”

Prostitution and witchcraft. These are closely connected. Now turn your Bible to Nahum 3:4. In this chapter God is declaring judgment upon the city of Nineveh, which at the time was the

capital of the Assyrian Empire that enslaved Israel. And God states the reason for judgment on Nineveh in Nahum 3:4...

Nahum 3:4 – And all for the countless whorings of the prostitute, graceful and of deadly charms, who betrays nations with her whorings, and peoples with her charms.

Nahum 3:4 (NIV) – All because of the wanton lust of a prostitute, alluring, the mistress of sorceries, who enslaved nations by her prostitution and peoples by her witchcraft.

In both 2Kings 9:22 the Hebrew is identical. In 2Kings 9:22 Jezebel is connected to both prostitution and to witchcraft. And Nahum 3:4 clearly states that prostitution enslaves nations and witchcraft enslaves peoples. The connection is strong.

This was something God was revealing to me a few days before I attended the Not For Sale Conference that was held in Seoul over the summer. It was a conference about human trafficking, and I went there curious to see the connections between prostitution and witchcraft.

Not For Sale Conference

Right away at the conference as social workers taught about sex trafficking illustrations of witchcraft kept coming up. Keep in mind that witchcraft is exercising control through demonic means. Let me share with you some of the ways pimps exercise their authority and control their prostitutes. I haven't been able to see Nefarious yet, but I imagine those who watched it are familiar with some of these tactics...

Pimps will tell the girls to call them daddy. This is where we get the saying, "Who's Your Daddy?" from. They will tell the girls that they are family and that they will protect them. In this way the girls who are starving for affection will be **manipulated** into believing that the pimps are truly fathers and family to them.

The pimps will repeatedly gang rape the women to break their spirit and fully enslave their mind. They will explain the gang rape to the women by saying that their fellow pimps are their friends and that if the women really love them then they will cater to their friends need as well. They will continue to force the women to call them daddy. This is both **domination** and **manipulation**.

The pimps will then use verbal abuse to further break the girls' spirits. They will speak to them in ways to make the girls think that they have nowhere to turn and that they are indebted to the pimps for even being able to serve them. The pimps will be nice and empathetic at times so **manipulating** the girls into believing they are really good men, but then will lash out with abuse and rape again to demand respect. This sets so much fear in the girls that they will comply in any way to win their indulgence. **The pimps will also isolate the girls from all other perspectives so that the girls will be brainwashed into believing everything the pimps say.**

Soon the girls are controlled by these three things... **fear, survival, and shame**. The fear from the pimps' threats causes them to have no hope. The manipulation of seeing them as a twisted father figure causes them to be emotionally dependant on the pimps and even see them in a positive way. And the shame causes the girls to blame themselves and feel guilty for any of their poor decisions or mistakes.

While it seems that fear, survival, and shame are what are controlling the girls, the clear spirit over them all is witchcraft. The pimps have been using demonic means to control the girls. How demonic is it that pimps force them to call them daddy. The pimps create such a twisted family environment that for the girls there is no hope for anything better. Their vision is so clouded that they soon accept their twisted family as a real family.

Many reports have shown that these women who have been enslaved through these tactics will never run away. And when law enforcement has uncovered prostitution rings many of the women enslaved have actually defended their pimps. They choose to defend the men they have been calling daddy and can't see the chains that have enslaved them for so long. **Their vision is too clouded from the witchcraft.**

For most rescue centers for sex workers it has become clear that **rescue without restoration is incomplete**. If these women are not delivered from all the lies and healed of so much of the abuse inflicted on them, then they are very likely to return. This shocks many rescue centers, but the more they serve the more they realize just how enslaved these women are. The chains that bind the girls aren't natural, they are spiritual. Please write this down... **rescue without restoration is incomplete. Most return.**

I have just explained to you the basics of witchcraft in the prostitution industry. There are far more tactics used. Those were just the basics. Now I'm going to reveal the deeper root of witchcraft in the industry, and then show you the connection to the nation of Korea of just how heavy a spirit of witchcraft hangs over us. Then we will come back down the dark rainbow to see how this connects with parenting in Korea.

Ilsan story

While there were a lot of illustrations and information at the Not For Sale Conference demonstrating basic witchcraft, I sensed there was something deeper in the industry. Friends and people who I met at the conference mentioned to me that there are almost always fortune tellers and tarot card reader booths around prostitution areas, but I still felt there was more. And then for the last meeting at the conference they had a guest speaker share.

The guest speaker was a Korean woman who directs a rescue center for prostitutes in Ilsan. At this rescue center prostitutes who are trying to escape the industry will come to receive counseling and help. The speaker shared plainly that the pimps in the area would come by the center often and severely threaten her and the workers. Rocks would be thrown through the window and such, but she never closed the center. Then one day she found a dead bird at the doorsteps of the center. Her co-workers and her thought it was just coincidence and cleaned up the area and continued to work. But then some of them began to get weird physical symptoms and illnesses. Some of them began to have nosebleeds, bleeding out of their ears, and other areas. It was disturbing.

Shortly after that they found a dead cat on their doorstep and they began to think the pimps were cursing them by using witchcraft. They went to the local Shaman and sure enough he told them that he had been hired to curse them. He offered to them to curse the pimps back if they paid him money. Thankfully she is Christian so she declined the offer.

She and her workers returned to the center and their physical symptoms got worse, with severe sicknesses and bleeding hitting the workers so much that some of them had to be hospitalized. So in response she began organizing morning prayer meetings for the workers. Every morning they would pray and soon the symptoms began to fade. But she knows the

pimps are continuing to curse the place. She plainly told us at the conference, “**We at the center know we have to pray in order to live.**” These workers aren’t just dealing with emotional trauma with the girls and threats from the pimps, they are dealing with heavy spirits of witchcraft.

Lessons Learned from Prostitution Industry

So what have we learned from the prostitution industry? That the women have been intimidated, dominated, and manipulated into **believing that they live in the only family that will accept them.** They have been brainwashed into **believing that their pimps know what is best for them.** And unless these women are healed and delivered of the witchcraft that has been induced upon them, they are **most likely to return into the work.**

And we have also learned that there is a greater spirit of witchcraft at work over the whole industry. Satan has set up practices of the occult all around the industry to keep everyone involved enslaved and to severely attack anyone who tries to fight the industry. Korea is so enslaved to prostitution that US officials have been astounded to find that the most enslaved sex workers in America are Korean women. How one of the most developed countries in the world can have the most illegal prostitution rings in America makes no sense to them. But looking at the spiritual strongholds of Korea, it makes complete sense.

Turn to Korea’s Forefathers

Now we are at the top of the dark rainbow. Now let’s look at Korea’s forefathers and reveal the spirit of witchcraft that is over the nation and over the families within the nation. I must admit that I was unable to research beyond the leaders of this century, but if you study the history of Korea it has been overrun and dominated by other nations who forced their religions on Korea, raped and enslaved the women, and tried to control the people. Other nations have already used so much illegitimate means of control over Korea that the spirit of witchcraft has been over the people. But let’s look closely at the leaders since World War 2.

North Korea

North Korea is easy. Kim Il Sung became the leader of the nation after World War 2 and made a twisted religion where he is the father of the nation. He forced the people to essentially call him daddy. He set up teaching in the schools of made-up stories used to brainwash the people into believing that he was a deity. For those that showed any rebellion they were severely punished and even put into prison camps or executed.

Can you see the connections between the pimps and the prostitutes and Kim Il Sung and the nation of North Korea? “Call me father. Read these stories of how great and amazing and loving I am. But if you cross me in any way I will severely punish not just you but your entire family.”

This spirit of witchcraft has enslaved North Koreans so much to the point that they are like the prostitutes who can’t escape. Many of them are recognizing the lies and their dismal conditions, but when asked to sing a song they will smile and sing songs praising Kim Il Sung, their beloved father. While they have no fear or respect for soon to be leader Kim Jong Eun and perhaps less reverence for current leader Kim Jong Il, their worship of Kim Il Sung who died nearly twenty years ago remains strong.

Like the workers who rescue prostitutes and know if the women aren’t healed and delivered they will return, so we must also be aware that when North Korea opens up the people must be delivered of this spirit of witchcraft or they will never be able to taste full freedom.

South Korea

Now let's look at the forefathers of South Korea...

이승만... President Rhee was the first president of Korea and led the nation from 1948 to 1960. His government tightly controlled Korea and disallowed any dissent. His government oversaw many massacres with between 100,000 and 200,000 citizens killed. Opposing leaders who tried to run against him in elections were mysteriously murdered, arrested, or exiled. President Rhee was a clear example of using illegitimate control and he was eventually exiled for his actions.

After President Rhee was exiled a couple leaders took control for brief periods before being overthrown by 박정희's coup against the government in 1962. President Park was a military general who seized control and led the nation for nearly eighteen years as a dictator. While he led the nation into economic reform, he restricted freedom of speech and freedom of press and has many records of abusing human rights. He was assassinated in 1979.

최규하 became the next president but within a year he was overthrown by 전두환's coup against the government. President Chun used martial law to crush all dissent and became yet another military dictator. After his presidency he was accused of many different offenses including murder of superior officers and murder of subordinate troops and also being involved in the Kwangju massacre where his soldiers killed citizens who were protesting his government. The military stated 144 citizens were killed, but foreign press estimated it was between 1000 and 2000 citizens. President Chun was later imprisoned and sentenced to the death penalty for his crimes, but a future president eventually pardoned him from the death penalty.

노태우, who followed President Chun, was later accused of mutiny and treason with connections to the Kwangju massacre. He was sentenced to 17 years in prison, and but was also later pardoned by a future president.

I just shared about Korea's leaders from 1948 – 1993. Of all these leaders they were all either overthrown, exiled, assassinated, imprisoned, or sentenced to death. Wow.

For the greater majority of the first 45 years of South Korea the nation was led by men who used illegitimate means to control the people. While the men didn't do all bad for the nation compared to Kim Il Sung, there was still a spirit of control induced upon the land of Korea. A spirit of control that I believe these leaders had inherited from their ancestors and past leaders of Korea, both national and foreign. This spirit of witchcraft cannot be denied. What the leaders of the nation stand for and the actions they permit are then stamped upon their nation.

Because of the corruption and practices of the past leaders of Korea, there are strong spirits of rebellion and fear among the Korean people of current leaders repeating those same sins. The people of Korea lost respect for policemen after they were used by first President Rhee to brutally dominate the people. Many people of Korea have little trust for current leaders and are quick to jump upon any conspiracy or accusation set against the leaders. As I mentioned at the beginning of the message, rebellion is connected to witchcraft. The prophet Samuel himself told King Saul in 1Samuel 15:23 (NKJV), "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft." The same spirit exercised by the forefathers is now heavily at work among the nation.

Confucius

Now let's slide down the other side of the dark rainbow to see how this connects with parents and their family. Korean culture, almost everyone would agree, leans heavily upon Confucian values and filial piety, or respect for one's parents and ancestors.

And while Confucius was a wise man, we have to understand that he did not have the Holy Spirit within him. And so while he may have taught some proverbs that are true and good, not everything that came from his mouth was of the Spirit of God. In fact, Satan used some of his teachings to establish witchcraft in Asia.

Let me share some stories and quotes of Confucius from the ancient books...

Meng I Tzu asked about the treatment of parents. The Master said, Never disobey! When Fan Ch'ih was driving his carriage for him, the Master said, Meng asked me about the treatment of parents and I said, Never disobey! Fan Ch'ih said, In what sense did you mean it? The Master said, While they are alive, serve them according to ritual. When they die, bury them according to ritual and sacrifice to them according to ritual [ritual implies obedience and dutiful practices].¹

Behave in such a way that your father and mother have no anxiety about you, except concerning your health.¹

The Master said, In serving his father and mother a man may gently remonstrate [disagree] with them. But if he sees that he has failed to change their opinion, he should resume an attitude of deference [give in] and not thwart [stop] them: may feel discouraged, but not resentful.¹

Of all the species in the world, humans are the most precious. Of all human conduct, nothing is greater than *xiao* (or filial piety). In *xiao* nothing is greater than revering the father. In revering the father nothing is greater than associating him with Heaven.²

Sources state, "Confucius' teachings on *xiao* were more than just blind loyalty to parents, but extended to elders, ancestors and governmental leaders."³

Basically, Confucius elevated parents and ancestors to the level of deity. He encouraged ancestor worship, which is something that is still prevalent across Korea and Asia today. And while not all Confucius said was wrong, some of his key teachings were clearly doctrines of demons. His teachings have made witchcraft permissible both for governmental leaders and for parents. He basically taught that whatever parents say then their children should follow. And he extended these teachings to elders and governmental leaders.

Korean Parenting

And so we come to Korean parents. Now let me make myself clear here, I am not saying that what I am about to teach is across the board. There are of course exceptions and there are wonderful Korean parents. But there is a spirit of witchcraft that is so prevalent among Korean parents, particularly mothers, that most Koreans think it is normal. Korean dramas are loaded with scenes of witchcraft.

In fact, I'm going to show a clip from a recent extremely popular drama, Secret Garden. In it the main character, the actor Hyun Bin, is telling his mom his intention to marry his girlfriend,

whom his mom does not approve of. Watch his mom's tactics in trying to convince him to not marry her. Pay attention to her way of thinking and how she refuses to let go of control. And please do not ogle over Hyun Bin. =)

Secret Garden Episode 20: <http://www.dramaload.com/korean-drama-secret-garden/watch-secret-garden-episode-20-32709/> (0:04 – 1:58)

That was a common scene in almost every Korean soap opera. The mother using manipulation, intimidation, and domination to try and seize control over her son or daughter. And if you continue to watch the episode the mother feigns sickness and near death to try and control her son before taking things from him and completely cutting ties with him. It may seem intense to foreigners, but for Koreans it is just another drama. And it is reality.

The witchcraft doesn't stop with relationships though, it is also used to convince the child to focus on education, what job to choose, and other life decisions. A common scene among Koreans is the mother telling the child that she knows best for the child, and then this scene occurring again and again even after that child has become a grown man. In the drama Secret Garden Hyun Bin was 34 years old when he first stood against his mother's control. He was condemned by his mother and in the drama his grandparents also then condemned him for disobeying her. This is common in Korea.

Part of what drives parents to use witchcraft on their children is for them to achieve their own dreams through their children. Even at a very young age children are told by their parents to become a doctor, a politician, or whatever the parents want. What usually starts as sweet persuasion that seems harmless is quickly revealed as witchcraft whenever the child deviates from the plan of the parents. The parents may show rage, may feign sickness or depression, or may use any other tactic to intimidate, manipulate, and dominate their child into doing what they want the child to do. The children are supposed to see through their parents eyes and submit to their word. To do otherwise would mean severe reactions from the parents.

Prostitution – Parenting Connection

Now it's time to connect the ends of the dark rainbow. I shared in the beginning how prostitutes are only allowed to see through their pimps point of view. They have to call their pimps daddy and are to believe they are in a happy family and that if they perform well then everyone will be happy. But if they deviate in any form from their pimp's desires, they will face serious punishment. This causes the prostitutes to no longer think on their own but instead to only think how their pimps would want them to think.

I hate to make the connection, but I think you can already see it clearly... **because of witchcraft many Koreans try to please their parents to get their approval in the same way prostitutes try to please their pimps and get approval from them.** There is a connection in how many Koreans cannot leave their parents just as prostitutes cannot leave their pimps. The witchcraft controls them.

Effects of Witchcraft

And what are the effects of the witchcraft? Just like the prostitutes with their pimps, the children of Korea **are unable to see beyond the eyes of their parents.** The children are unable to dream on their own, and all originality is snuffed out. Rather than seeing amazing inventions come out of Korea, instead we see Koreans only working on copying and improving what other countries have already made. This includes industry, music, theatre and many other areas.

During a recent evangelism outreach at a local bar, I met a Yale theater professor who has taken a few years leave to teach at a university in Seoul. He shared with me that his students here in Korea are just as bright, if not brighter, than his students back at Yale. But what frustrates him so much is that whenever he asks for creative ideas from the students none of them will say a word. When he finally demands that they say something, whoever speaks up will give a suggestion that copies theater from America. The professor disappointedly admitted that all of Korean contemporary theater merely copies theater from America and Europe and has no originality. He can't understand why his students can't express themselves and apply the creativity that he knows they possess.

It is because the children of Korea have become so tunnel visioned through their parents and authorities that there is fear of stepping out beyond those boundaries.

Suicide

Korea is ranked number one in the world for the highest suicide rate. Well over 15,000 people commit suicide each year. The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy, and it is the spirit of witchcraft that is causing so many of the people of Korea to take their life.

The effects of tunnel vision and pressure from the witchcraft have also led to suicide being the number one cause of death for youth and young adults. Many children commit suicide after failing the college entrance exam or not getting good enough grades. Because their parents have put so much pressure on them the despair leads them to take their life. Another reason or suicide is because of what I just shared about creativity being stifled among the young generation. Kids who were truly created for great things are unable to accomplish any of them because they are forced by their parents to pursue other fields of study and work. Because the kids are living like they are meant to, depression sets in and for many they then turn to suicide.

The witchcraft doesn't just affect the youth though, suicide is also the number two cause of death for adults between 40 – 59 years of age. So many of these adults never left their parent's house as God calls us to do at the end of Genesis 2. Because of the witchcraft and control of the parents, middle aged men continue to live under stress and fear.

If you were to visit Seoul Station or City Hall you would find many homeless people living there, and you would discover many educated men among them who were once very successful. But because of the economic crisis or other reasons, their businesses had failed and they had gone bankrupt. Rather than going back to their family and facing the shame and guilt of not achieving their parents' desires, these men would rather choose to live alone and homeless the rest of their lives. It seems ludicrous, but it is the truth and is far more common than most people could imagine.

It is the spirit of witchcraft that keeps the vision blurred for both the prostitutes and the sons and daughters of Korea. As I shared about the prostitutes who escape the industry, they must be healed and restored of the witchcraft in order to walk in freedom and not return to the control of their pimps. And it is the same for children with their parents who are exercising witchcraft. There must be a clear cut made.

How to Cut the Ties of Witchcraft

So how do you make a clear cut from the ties of witchcraft? I hate to admit it, but the actor in Secret Garden demonstrated it well. First, he recognized the witchcraft his mom had been

working and finally decided it was time for him to free himself. It only took him 34 years. He then made his decisions with clarity before sharing them with his mom, knowing that she would try and cloud his thinking with her forms of witchcraft. And when she began to go berserk and exercise witchcraft, he ended the conversation cordially and left. He remained in full control.

What we need to understand though is that our battle is not just in the physical, but is so much more in the spiritual. Witchcraft is powerful and we must be on our guard. Just as the rescue center lady from Ilsan and her staff experienced illnesses and other physical symptoms, so often do people who are attempting to cut the ties of witchcraft with their parents but are not prayed up. Prayer is critical. A spirit of witchcraft will look for any opening or weakness to attack and we must be consecrated if we going to war against it. And the greater the spirit of witchcraft, the more we need people to join in prayer together against it.

And for the children, they can't stand for themselves. They need people who will intercede on their behalf and break off the spirit of witchcraft that is over so many parents in Korea. So with all this said, and seeing so many prayer warriors gathered here with a heart for Korea, I feel it is time to pray...

Prayer topics...

- Confess the sins of our forefathers who introduced witchcraft and idolatry into the nation. Repent of Korea's current sins and pray cleansing over the nation.
- Pray on behalf of the prostitutes and those enslaved to lust in Korea that they will be freed from all spirits of witchcraft and experience full restoration
- Pray on behalf of the children of Korea that the spirits of witchcraft will be fully broken off of them and that they will be free to dream dreams to be original, living as God intended them to live

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