



# MIRACLES, SIGNS, AND WONDERS

**PART FOUR**

DEFEATING MY INTERNAL  
SECRET BATTLES

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# **I. The REAL issue with internal pain is it surrounds our feeling of needing to be properly LOVED.**

- \* We struggle because we weren't properly loved.**
- \* We were void of love.**
- \* We didn't understand how to receive love. All cause brokenness and internal conflict , including fear, jealousy, anger, self doubt and poor decision asking.**

## Where we left off last week...

### 2 Samuel 13:14-20 (MSG)

14 - But he wouldn't listen. Being much stronger than she, he raped her.

15 - No sooner had Amnon raped her than he hated her—an immense hatred. The hatred that he felt for her was greater than the love he'd had for her. "Get up," he said, "and get out!"

16-18 "Oh no, brother," she said. "Please! This is an even worse evil than what you just did to me!"

But he wouldn't listen to her. He called for his valet. "Get rid of this woman. Get her out of my sight! And lock the door after her." The valet threw her out and locked the door behind her.

**20 - Her brother Absalom said to her, “Has your brother Amnon had his way with you? Now, my dear sister, let’s keep it quiet—a family matter. He is, after all, your brother. Don’t take this so hard.” Tamar lived in her brother Absalom’s home, bitter and desolate.**

**II. The Bible shares that the opposite of love is not hate. Hate's opposite is kindness.**

**THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE IS FEAR.**

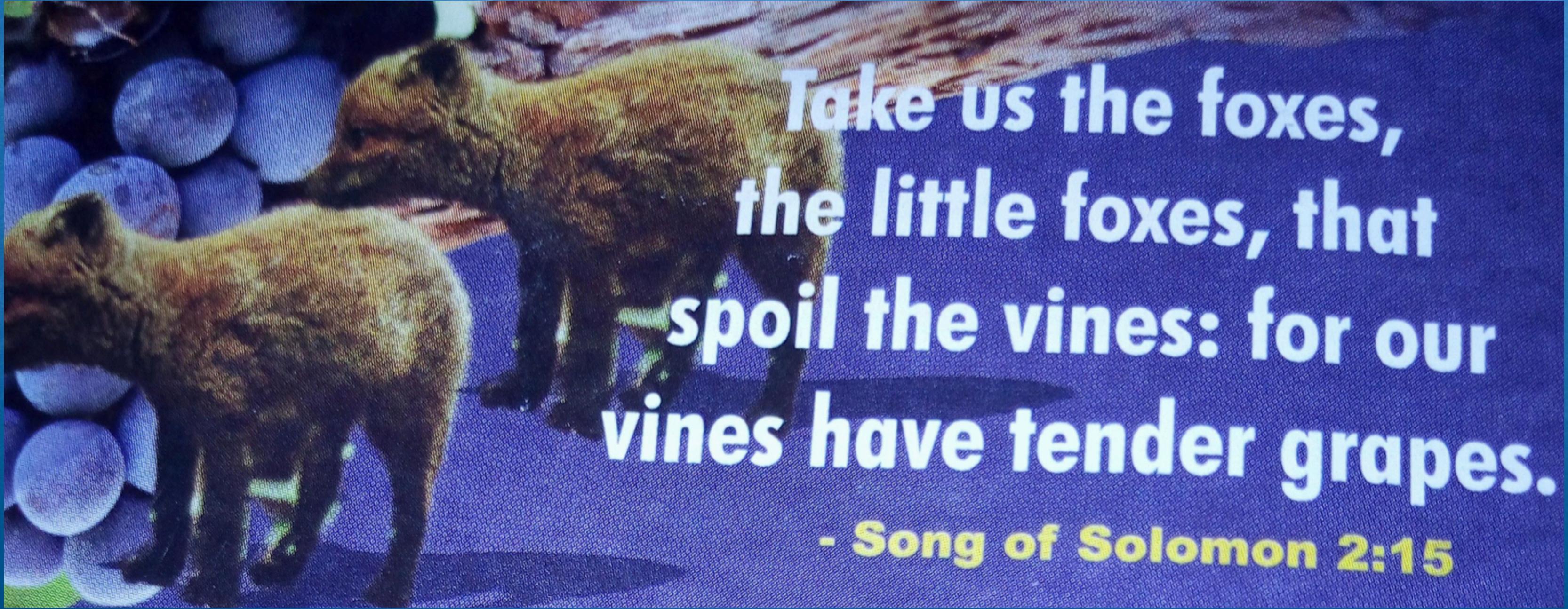
**I John 4:18 (MSG)**

**18 - There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life—fear of death, fear of judgment—is one not yet fully formed in love.**

## **I John 3:16-18 (MSG)**

**16-18 “This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn’t go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it...**

**III. When we feel unloved in the big picture of life, every little thing becomes magnified because it reminds us of the unloved pain.**

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**Take us the foxes,  
the little foxes, that  
spoil the vines: for our  
vines have tender grapes.**

**- Song of Solomon 2:15**

**IV. The lack of feeling loved and seeking this love is the root cause of every fear. It makes people seek love, affirmation, attention and support with actions which are often faulty and detrimental. The major problem is we don't often recognize that our present and past pains all come from not feeling accepted by another.**

# Jacob's Many Children

## Genesis 29:31-35

31 - When the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, he enabled her to have children, but Rachel could not conceive.

32 - So Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, "The Lord has noticed my misery, and now my husband will love me."

***34 - Then she became pregnant a third time and gave birth to another son. He was named Levi, for she said, “Surely this time my husband will feel affection for me, since I have given him three sons!”***

***35 - Once again Leah became pregnant and gave birth to another son. She named him Judah, for she said, “Now I will praise the Lord!” And then she stopped having children.***

**V. The greatest replacement for our pain is the LOVE OF GOD!  
This is how God feels about those who don't feel worthy, good enough or unloved. This even applies when we've blown it.**

## **Luke 15:15-24**

***15 - And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.***

***17 - And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!***

***18 - I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,***

***19 - And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.***

**20 - And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.**

**21 - And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.**

**22 - But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:**

**23 - And bring hither the fattened calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:**

**24 - For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.**

