# Unmasking Generational Curses

## 3 Forbidden Secrets of Never Do Well

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## DEDICATION

Dedicated to the Holy Spirit, the guiding force behind every word in these pages. Without His divine inspiration, this book would remain unwritten...

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## INTRODUCTION

Generational curses hide in the dimly lit hallways of our past, projecting their long, dark arms and legs into the present. These shadows were more than just metaphors for Jake Inglewood, Liam Mendez, and Noah Drey. They were the very foundation of their lives. Since they were born into a world of chaos, addiction, and family conflict, their lives seemed doomed from the start.

"In our darkest hour, the light shines brightest," says an old saying."

Jake's first breaths were tainted with drugs, a horrible inheritance from decisions made long before birth. Both Liam and Noah were battling spiritual battles due to the choices made by their forefathers.

Join Jake, Liam, and Noah on their journey as they search for their Kairos time amidst the dangerous waters of generational curses. You'll be able to relate to their struggle, experience their anguish, and share in their triumph, and it will encourage you to pray for spiritual guidance as you navigate your own life.

"The dance of fate always provides a chance to make a new start."

Embark on a trip that will change you so you can break free from the past, leave a legacy, and look forward to a better future.

We invite you to explore these pages, as they will surprise, entertain, inspire, and empower you.

I hope that when you turn the final page of the book, you are starting a new chapter of your life.

## Chapter One: The Pull of Redemption

The morning sun went down. The thick curtains had holes in them, but light still got through and lit up the cluttered space. The floor was littered with empty bottles from the amusements that had happened the night before. Jake, Liam, and Noah woke up from their restless sleep to the feared pain of a hangover. Their heads were beating simultaneously, and the pain was a terrible reminder of their chosen life.

For many years, the shady side of Fresno's city life was their favorite place to play and hang out. The three friends had worked their way up through the ranks of the most notorious gang in the city. They had joined the crew together because they had all done terrible acts in the past and remembered bad things from their childhood. People were afraid of and revered them because they were the night's royalty and couldn't be touched. The problem arose this morning when they woke up, but they could not quite figure out what it was. In the middle of their hangovers, they kept considering the offer to join the Remnant Christian Network. The thought was so clear that it was almost scary. The passionate plea of the street speaker was all they could think about. They had met many people like this speaker before. In the past, they had grown to look down on them and find them funny. But this time, they felt a pull that they couldn't explain. It was a force pushing them toward something they didn't understand.

Jake, who was known as the most self-reflective of the three, was the first to break the silence.

"Guys, are you having the same problem as me? That ... pressure?

After a moment of quiet, Liam said, "The church thing?" while rubbing his temples. Yeah. "I don't know what's wrong, but I can't get rid of it." Noah, who was always skeptical, laughed at them and said, "You can't be serious. A place of worship? After everything we've done together?" Jake turned his head to look at him as if he wanted to know what was happening. "Noah, I'm afraid I can't give you any answers. But something makes it clear to me that we need to leave now. This could be a sign from God."

There was a lot of nervousness in the room. Even the idea that the most notorious criminals in the city would ever step inside a place of worship seemed wild. Even so, there was no avoiding how interesting the situation was.

Attending the evening meeting hosted by Remnant Christian Network became increasingly important as the day went on. People's lives changed dramatically because of the church, known for its deep prayers and lessons.

Would it be possible for them to find the answers they didn't even know they needed?

In the evening, the three thugs stood before the church's huge doors, with fear and excitement running through them. People praying and praising could be heard through the cracks, which made them want to get closer.

### Liam asked quietly, "Are we really doing this?"

Noah took a deep breath and said, "Let's see what this is all about."

When the three criminal partners walked into the church, it felt like a scene from a movie. When the giant wooden doors opened, they made a squeaking sound that showed the sad looks on everyone's faces as their voices rose together in worship. But as Jake, Liam, and Noah took their first steps inside, they all heard the familiar sound of text messages coming in.

Jake sneakily looked at his phone, and as he read the message, his jaw dropped, and his eyes widened: \$30 million. They had been waiting for this job. Right now. Right now. He pushed Liam, who had already heard the news and was now whispering to Noah as the pressure of the choice they had to make pressed down on them. It was hard to say no to the job because the job itself was fascinating, the theft was exciting, and there was money to be made. But the church showed them another way to go. The speaker was quiet and engaging, so it was an excellent place. As the preacher's words rang loudly through the crowd, the air in the building became more and more full of expectation. Jake, Liam, and Noah felt as if time had slowed down as each word from the speaker pierced their souls and showed them things they had hidden for a long time. The preacher's voice was soft but authoritative as he said, "Chains don't hold us together because they are made of iron. Instead, they are made of

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memories, habits, and choices passed down from generation to generation." We get pulled down by the weight of these invisible bands, which pull us into patterns of behavior we don't understand and can't easily break out of. The young men felt like they knew what the speaker was talking about and looked at each other with worry. It was like he was telling the story of their lives, pointing out the dreadful things their ancestors did that led to how their lives turned out.

Almost right away, what looked like an intense angelic army surrounded them. One by one, they fell to the ground, their bodies trembling but their minds wide awake the whole time. They had left the church and been taken to a different world, where past and present events were mixed up with each other. They weren't standing on the church's icy stone floor anymore. Instead, Jake, Liam, and Noah found themselves in a dark room full of fear and anticipation. In front of each of them was a massive screen with a beautiful, gilded frame that went from the floor to the ceiling. A story on it told what had happened in their lives.

## CHAPTER TWO: JAKE'S SPIRITUAL DNA

People were busy in the marketplace. Children ran back and forth between the shops, and the smell of spices filled the air. In the middle of all this chaos stood a beautiful woman who made many people want to be near her. But there was a dark secret behind those beautiful eyes. Jake was mesmerized as the woman, who looked much like his mother, moved smoothly from one stall to another. She spoke softly to the mothers, and her fingers touched their children's heads. Each touch seemed to take the child's life and energy away. Their once bright eyes became dull. The children's lives, their possible paths in life, were being sucked up by this woman.

This was Jake's great-grandmother, a witch known for stealing children's futures so she could use their unrealized potential to get rich and powerful. Her wealth grew, but so did the number of broken homes she left behind. The scene changed, and Jake saw what happened because of what she did. Families were split apart, and children never reached their full potential because their futures were taken from them. This made their lives hard and

sad. The market, which used to be very busy, had lost its joy and laughter in favor of sadness and fear.

## Jake's Grandfather

There were echoes of the past in the grand rooms of the Inglewood mansion. Portraits of ancestors hung on the walls, and it seemed like their eyes followed every person who came in, quietly judging them. But one picture, more prominent and fancier than the rest, took up most of the space in the main hall. It was a picture of Jake's grandfather. Even in a painting, he was a tall, powerful man.

Jake had heard stories about his grandfather's adventures as a child. He had lived a life of wealth and excess because he thought the world owed him everything. But as Jake learned more about his family's past, he began to understand how his grandfather got his money.

The Inglewood family's wealth wasn't only made through intelligent business deals and investments. It had to do with a dark deal made many years ago. Jake's great-grandmother, who could change people's fates, had laid the groundwork. But his grandpa was the one who had turned to the dark side, which grew the family's power and influence at a terrible cost. Jake watched in shock as his memories came back to him. He saw his grandfather, who was young and eager, go into a room that could have been brighter. In the middle was an altar, and masked figures chanted around it in a language no one knows anymore. His grandfather put a small, fighting child on the altar with a cruel smile. The child was innocent and scared. The child's future, full of potential and promise, was cruelly cut short when Jake's grandfather took it over and used it to make himself even more powerful and wealthy.

This was not a once-and-done act. Jake's grandpa did it repeatedly, each time to a different child, and each time it got stronger. The powers that watched over the family's curse wanted this payment. In exchange, they

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ensured that the Inglewoods stayed at the top of society. Jake felt a chill go down his spine as he thought about what it all meant. Patterns of lying, betrayal, and evil weren't just things that people learned and passed on. They resulted from a curse passed down from generation to generation, a deal with evil spirits that required a terrible price.

Jake's Father (The Rise and Fall of the Rebel Heir) Jake's father, Victor Inglewood, was utterly different from the rest of the Inglewood family. Victor was a rebel who didn't want to be tied down by the bands of his ancestors. The family's history was built on dark rites and terrible deals, but Victor was different and didn't follow the rules. But breaking away from the group brought its own set of problems. Victor's school years were full of fights and problems. It wasn't his intelligence that made him famous; it was his ability to make people afraid of him. Victor was called the school bully because he would rather fight than talk. Few people were ready to cross his path because he had a bad reputation.

Victor was 18 when he discovered his father had died under strange circumstances. The seemingly endless wealth of Inglewood had abruptly vanished. Whispers among the family members suggested the need to resume the ominous rituals to revive the family's fortune. But Victor, who had recently found a new sense of rebellion, refused to do what his ancestors had done. He was determined to make his way, even if it meant embracing a different kind of darkness.

It didn't take long for Victor to move into the world of organized crime. His reputation as a ruthless brute helped him rise quickly in the ranks. Marco "Silent Blade" Romano, a member of a rival gang who was known for being quiet and accurate, was the first important thing he did. It was said that Victor had caught Marco by surprise in a dark lane, ending the

Silent Blade's rule. This was what everyone was talking about. Elena "The Viper" Vasquez was his next target. She was an intelligent strategist who ran the drug trade in the city. Victor's victory over her in a high-stakes game of poker, which he won by outsmarting her, led to her death and his taking over her area.

At the time of his death, Dmitri "The Bear" Ivanov was in charge of the most powerful crime group in the city. He was killed in the last and most crucial assassination. Victor and his men attacked Dmitri's convoy during the day, which was a brave move. This led to a furious gunfight. After the smoke cleared, The Bear died. Victor Inglewood became the uncontested leader of the city's criminal underground.

But power in the underground is unstable and changes quickly. Victor was a strong leader, but his rule did not last long. Six months after taking the throne, he was killed in a coup planned and carried out by people close to him. Another person from Inglewood had to pay for what they did wrong. One week before Victor's sad death, he started a new life. Jake Inglewood was born into a family with a long history of bad things happening. He was a kid with hope. His birth was a beacon, a sign that the chains of the past could be broken and the Inglewood's could start a new part of their story.

## Jake's Formative Years

Even though the room wasn't very well-lit, the picture on the screen flickered and gave off a warm, ethereal glow. Jake's eyes got huge when he saw a younger version of himself. It was a kid with a head full of curly hair who was taking hesitant steps in a simple living room. Jake's more youthful self had a lot of wavy hair. In stark contrast to the bad news about to be delivered, his mother's eyes shone with pride and happiness as she cheered and clapped for her son.

The situation suddenly changed, and the room was filled with the sounds of

sirens and general chaos. Jake's mother was so scared that she quickly put together a small bag before grabbing her son and running out of the house. Following Victor's murder, the mafia put the entire Inglewood family on a list of targets for execution by their strict code of vengeance. Jake's mother knew they would both likely die if they stayed in the area.

They could feel safe with Jake's aunts and uncles, but this comfort did not come for free. The once-happy toddler was now surrounded by angry cousins who saw him as a constant reminder that the family was involved with crime. They saw him as a steady reminder of how the family was involved in crime. Most of Jake's uncles, in particular, were rude and mean. They often slandered him, saying, "You'll end up dead and forgotten like your father."

His aunts were not a significant change. They would say bad things about the boy's future when they thought he wasn't hearing, such as that he would die tragically. Jake had no idea what love or care was when he was a kid. He only felt peace when his mother held him close and whispered encouraging and comforting words into his ear. Those were the only times he felt relief. Children laughed and joked with each other lightheartedly, making the playground a cacophony of sounds. But in one of the corners, young Jake stood tall. Due to his height, everyone noticed him right away. The kids would often look and whisper, with some expressing wonder and others making fun. "The big guy who could have been a basketball star" was how they would describe him. However, Jake's route didn't take him near any basketball areas.

When he got into the rougher parts of life, his height, which could have helped him in sports, became a tool that scared people away. His hostility came from feeling lonely at home, which worsened because his father wasn't there and his mother's love relationships were unstable. The bully from school quickly became a problem in the area.

The way that Jake's family worked could have been better. The family's constant fighting, backstabbing, and open hatred taught them not to trust each other. The only person who stayed the same throughout his life was his mother, a contradiction. Jake started to question what love and loyalty were all about because she was obsessed with money and her disrespect for anything holy.

Jake's name preceded him even as he entered the stage of life called adolescence. The neighborhood gangs started to notice the tall man who could scare people with just one look. Soon after, he went through the steps to join one of the most notorious gangs in Fresno. At first, his job mainly consisted of scaring people and doing hard work. But as time went on, Jake was given jobs that were more and more risky and sinister.

His reputation for being mean got around the neighborhood through word of mouth. They whispered to each other, "He's worse than his father," referring to the person in question. On the other hand, Jake's legacy was unchecked, unrestrained aggression. This was in contrast to the past of organized crime that his father left behind. He became the symbol of the family curse that had been going on for many years.

Even so, there were short times of calm in the chaos. Jake often thought about his life late at night, after everyone else had gone to bed. His nightmares were full of pictures of his mother's lovers, the clinking of coins, and her dislike of the Divine. Was this the road his life was always going to take? Could there have been a way out of this circle of hate and violence?

As Jake's fame grew, so did the number of people who wanted to kill him. Even members of his gang, other gangs, and law enforcement started to see him as a possible danger. Both the effects of his actions and the ghosts of his ancestors' past were getting closer.

## The Crossroads of Destiny

The car wash was a facade, a legitimate front for the illegitimate dealings of the city's most notorious crime lord. Jake, with his intimidating stature, was the perfect frontman. Cars would come in, and while they left cleaner on the outside, their trunks often carried secrets far dirtier than when they arrived.

Amidst the hum of the machines and the scent of soap, Jake would often find himself in deep thought. The weight of his family's legacy, the choices he had made, and the path he was on weighed heavily on him. During one of these reflective moments, an old lady approached him. Her face was lined with age, but her eyes sparkled with a wisdom and kindness that seemed out of place in Jake's world.

She introduced herself as Sister Mary, a missionary who had spent most of her life in Peru. Their conversations started as casual chats during her car wash visits, but they delved deeper over time. She spoke of faith, redemption, and the power of choice. Jake, who had never been exposed to the teachings of God, found himself drawn to her words. Sister Mary gifted him his first Bible, a gesture that would plant a seed of change in his heart. But every time Jake tried to open the Bible, a strange resistance held him back. It felt like an invisible chain pulling him away from the words of salvation. The allure of the upcoming heist, the promise of power and respect, and the weight of his family's legacy seemed to drown out the quiet call of faith.

The heist was the talk of the underworld—thirty million dollars in gold bars, a score that could set them up for life. The stakes were high, and the risks were even more remarkable. But for Jake, it was more than just about the money. It was a chance to leave his father's shadow to claim power and respect within the organization.

Yet, amidst the planning and anticipation, the invitation from Sister Mary to

attend church lingered in his mind. The pull towards faith, the promise of redemption, and the hope for a different future battled with the allure of power, wealth, and legacy. As the day of the heist drew closer, Jake found himself at a crossroads. His choices would determine not only his future but also the fate of his friends and the legacy he would leave behind.

## **Chapter Three:**

## Liam's Shadows

As the sun went down, people were busy going about their day in the streets of San Juan, Puerto Rico. 1898, the island was a patchwork of cultures, dreams, and secrets. A dangerous situation had arisen in the small lane. An older woman took short, labored breaths as she held a small leather bag close to her chest. Her eyes were red from crying out in pain and fear, and she desperately looked all around for help. Out of the darkness stepped a tall, thin figure. Liam's grandpa, Ancestor Mendez, went up to the dying woman. Mendez was known for his lightning-fast reactions and his ability to disappear quickly. His only thought was about the pouch, and he did nothing to help. He pulled it away in a flash, ignoring the woman's weak attempts to hold on. She cursed him with her last bit of strength as he left the lane: "May your bloodline always be tied to theft and never find peace or prosperity."

Mendez may have gotten lost in the maze of streets, but her words stayed with people for a long time. The woman's savings were in the sack, so it was worth a small amount. But it was so bad that it was impossible to understand.

The Mendez family began to feel the curse's effects as time passed.

#### Rafael Mendez - Liam's Grandfather

Children were playing and running around while their mothers closely watched them. People were talking loudly on the streets of San Juan, and many were selling things in the market. But in the background of this typical shot, there was a shadow. It was a guy whose character was whispered about with a mix of respect and fear. Rafael Mendez was the mastermind behind some of the biggest scams on the island. Rafael can read people and figure out what makes them tick, what worries them, and where they are weak. He could tell what they wanted, what worried them, and where they were soft. Rafael had a twinkle in his eye and a sharp tongue. With those two things, he could convince anyone of anything. His tricks became legendary. He once sold the town's famous fountain to a wealthy businessman under the guise that it was his property to sell. On another occasion, he convinced the mayor that the city was built on a gold mine. This led to a mad rush to dig, but nothing but dirt was found.

But the trick he pulled on the Governor might have been his most daring. Rafael, pretending to be a well-known builder, promised to build a beautiful palace in exchange for a large upfront payment. After a few months, there wasn't much to show for it except a shack. Rafael was already gone when the Governor found out he had been tricked, so all that was left were

stories about his bravery.

Rafael was sneaky and dishonest but always followed one golden rule: he never exploited low-income people. He considered himself a kind of Robin Hood, stealing from the rich and giving the money to others, though most of it went to him. However, people experiencing poverty and those who were being mistreated were not allowed to play. It could have been his last bit of guilt or just a glimpse of the evil that plagued his ancestors. As the years went by, some people began to spread stories. Some people thought that Rafael had hidden away a gem, just waiting for the right time to be found.

## Carlos Mendez - Liams Father

A house was built in Inglewood, California, as a tribute to Carlos Mendez's courage. It stood in the middle of the prominent suburbs. From the outside, it was the perfect example of the American dream. However, inside its walls were the secrets of a digital kingdom built on lies and unmatched cunning.

Carlos did not fit the standard image of a conman. He was ahead of his time in a world just beginning to move into the digital age. He was a genius who saw the possibilities of the internet a long time before most people. Carlos and his team of creative thinkers, including some of the best computer hackers in Nigeria, could pull off plans across countries. The bank heist in Brazil was a gem in and of itself. His colleagues from Nigeria, who pretended to be Nigerian officials, tricked the bank into thinking they were making a good investment in an oil refinery. When the bank leaders found out they had been tricked, they were confused because the \$250 million trade went through without any problems. On the other hand, Carlos became famous because of a bold trick he played on the son of an Arab royal family. He was able to scam the company out of \$300 million by using his charm, forgeries, and a fake investment offer.

He showed off his skills on the strings of the international monetary system, which made the whole world his stage.

But in the end, his greed got the best of him, as it often does in these situations. The most important thing he did was steal 600 million dollars in bank transfers. Even the most experienced hacking experts couldn't figure out how Carlos and his team could move money because they did it so precisely. For a short time, it seemed like he had reached the impossible goal he had set for himself.

Nonetheless, this type of theft did not go unnoticed. The FBI started an investigation with help from other law enforcement agencies worldwide. It turned out to be the most difficult one they had ever done. The digital crumbs Carlos left behind are pieces of a puzzle that are used to look for him all over the world.

FBI agents broke into his home in Inglewood and searched it in a shocking operation. It was found that some papers, computers, and other things had been taken. Carlos' kingdom fell apart around him in only a few hours. People worldwide were shocked when they heard "The Digital Phantom Has Been Captured."

After Carlos was caught, shockwaves were sent all through the underground. His family was left alone in the ruins of his kingdom to deal with the consequences of what he had done. They were in a terrible situation. Liam's mother, who was brave and strong, had to pick up the pieces and protect her children from the chaos that their father had caused. The once-bustling Mendez house was now eerie and quiet. It was a stark reminder of how quickly the world went from good to bad. The majestic chandeliers didn't shine as brightly as they used to, and talks from the past could still be heard in the vast hallways.

Isabella, Liam's mother, is beautiful and very determined. She found herself in the middle of a storm that she had nothing to do with making. Creditors

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started calling, lawsuits began piling up, and the media had a great day pointing out everything the Mendez family did wrong. Carlos's wrongdoings weighed heavily on her, but she was determined to keep her children from seeing the full extent of the results.

#### Liam's Early Life- The Son of the Phantom

Liam's family history weighed on him as he walked through the halls of his high school. His steps were heard clearly. As he walked down the aisle, reports said, "Look, it's the Phantom's son." But as the days turned into weeks, the murmurings stopped. Jake Inglewood had become his shield, not because the other kids had lost track of him.

Jake was the unofficial leader of the school because of his intimidating size and image. No one would go against him. And when Liam joined him, they were a dangerous mix. The right combination was Liam's intelligence and Jake's strength. Liam's intelligence and cleverness ensured they were always one step ahead of their enemy, and Jake ensured neither got hurt.

They were more than just friends; they were true business partners in every way. Liam's ability to devise plans to make quick money was the only thing close to meeting his academic skills. Liam's mind was always busy, whether he was planning complicated Internet scams or stealing from people at crowded events who didn't know what was going on. He always had things on his mind. And Jake, always a loyal friend, was there every step of the way to ensure everything went as planned.

Most people in high school were going through a period of self-discovery, experiencing their first love, and feeling the pressure of approaching final examinations. However, it served as a training ground for the burgeoning criminal abilities of Liam and Jake.

The duo became very famous very quickly. Liam's smarts helped them become legends in the school's underground, even though Jake's height kept them from fighting. They got off to a slow start. During exercise class, Liam would use his quick hands to take wallets out of students' unsecured backpacks and steal them. After that, Jake would sell any valuable goods through his network, and they would each get half of the money. But it didn't take long before Liam's goals got more significant. He started planning more complicated break-ins. There was the well-known "textbook scam," in which they would "steal" textbooks from the school library and then sell them to students for a fraction of what they would have cost in the shop. As exams got closer, Liam devised a way to make money by selling "leaked" test papers. Even though it was clear that these were clever fakes, desperate students paid top dollar for them without asking any questions. Jake, who is always in charge, ensured everything went smoothly. He cared for any "competition" and confirmed no one even thought about telling the police. They both benefited from the work they did together. Jake gave him his muscles, and Liam gave him his intelligence.

But they weren't just looking to make money from their mistakes. Every successful scam Liam pulled off was a slap in the face to the people who had called him "The Son of the Phantom." It was how he changed his story and got back in charge of his life.

But the stakes increased as each trick and the scam were pulled off. The pair's actions became the subject of rumors, which caught the attention of both school officials and the police in the nearby area. It didn't take long for the adrenaline rush of barely escaping capture to become addictive. Even with all the chaos, things sometimes returned to how they were when they were younger. They went to parties and double dates and cheered at school sports events. Even so, even in these critical situations, their notoriety preceded them. They were aware that they could not be hurt in any way.

But as Liam's graduation date got closer, the consequences of their actions

became a big problem for him. After reaching a certain point, they realized they couldn't keep going this way forever. But for now, they were in charge of all criminal activity at their high school and were very proud of this status.

### Where two roads meet

A warm golden light filled the city as the sun descended. The three sat down on the roof of their old school building, where they often went to think or get away from the world. One of their best ways to escape everything was to go here. The city's skyline spread out in front of them like a painting, showing both possibilities and dangers.

Jake, who looked like he could care for himself, sat on the edge of the ledge and looked into the distance. Liam sat with his legs crossed and rolled a penny between his fingers. He was known for being a good thinker. Noah, a skinny young man with sharp features and an even more intelligent mind, made up the last part of their trio. Noah was the last part of their threeperson team. He was in charge of making plans and coming up with a plan. Jake and Liam were the public faces of their actions, but Noah worked behind the scenes. He stayed hidden and was always on guard. Jake said, "We've got a choice to make," which broke the awkward silence and started the talk. "I'm talking to someone. He's giving us a job offer. It's

Liam turned his head, and his eyes showed he was interested. "What do you do for a living?"

good money.

Jake thought momentarily before answering, "It's... bigger than anything we've done before."

Noah, who was always skeptical, raised an eyebrow and said, "Details, Jake." We need to know more details.

Jake took a big breath and then went on. "A break-in. Quite a big one.

There are millions of them."

Liam's pupils looked like they got bigger. They tried to pull cons in high school, but this is way worse. "Jake, that's not funny at all. We risk getting caught or something even worse."

Jake agreed with a nod and said, "I am." But give it some thought. We'll have everything we need with just one job. No more running away and no more hiding."

Noah moved closer to hear the answer to his question, "Who's the mark?" Jake sneered and said, "A casino. A strong defense. But the payoff... it's well worth the risk."

It looked like Liam wasn't sure what to do. Even though the chances were high, almost anyone would have played for the money. "I don't know, Jake. It sounds like something bad."

Noah, who was always a realist, said, "Every job has risks." But if we come up with the right plan, we should be able to make it happen."

Jake looked at them both and said, "We work together. We've always thought this way. I have complete confidence in both of you. I need to know, though, if you're up for this "to the very end."

Liam sighed and said, "Count me in. But only if we can do what we set out to do. Nothing goes wrong."

Noah nodded to show that he agreed and said, "Agreed." We plan to do what we want, and then we leave."

Jake smiled and said, "That's exactly what I wanted to hear."

As the night went on, the three started to plan their bold job up to that point, even though the odds were against them.

## Chapter Four: The Curse of the Drey Lineage

The streets of Inglewood were starting to get bright with golden light from the morning sun. Matilda Drey fought to keep her swaying body under control as she walked down the street, her heels tapping on the ground. She still had streaks of mascara on her face from the night before, and the memories of the night back had ruined the clothes that had been clean before.

She stopped and took a deep breath while resting against a lamppost before going on. Her shoulders hurt from carrying the weight of her family's long and distinguished past. She seemed to hear stories of betrayal and curses that had been told from one family to the next.

She could hear her grandmother's voice, which had gotten hoarse with age, in her head. She had told me, "Child," that our family has always been pulled to the dark parts of life. People knew that your great-greatgrandmother, Mother Matilda, gave people a place to stay while looking for secret information. People visited her looking for cures, charms, and sometimes even more dangerous things.

Matilda remembered the stories about how Mother Matilda would sit in her dimly lit parlor surrounded by candles and sing old spells. Those who went looking for her were so desperate that they would have paid anything to get her help. And Mother Matilda, who took advantage of every chance, was always ready to do whatever was asked of her.

But with power came being responsible for what happened. One unfortunate evening, a deal didn't go as planned. A customer who didn't like the results of a spell chose to put a curse on Mother Matilda and all of her children. He had snarled, "The choices you make tonight will affect your family for all time," and he meant it.

The curse showed up in many different ways over time. The men in the Drey family died too young, but the women, like Matilda, were drawn to the forbidden. They were never delighted and always wanted more to meet their wants.

As Matilda got closer to her house, she couldn't help but worry about her son, Noah. He was always the most suspicious person in the family, and he often thought stories about the family's curses were just made up. He was alert and interested. But Matilda was worried about him. She knew the burden of their family's past could not be easily thrown away. In secret, she made a solemn promise to herself. She would protect Noah, guide him, and keep an eye on him to ensure he didn't give in to the same desires that had gotten other family members into trouble. But when the sun came up the following day, and Matilda's hangover started to get worse, she couldn't help but wonder if it was already too late.

### The Curse of Mother Matilda

The moon was low in the sky, casting scary shadows over the thick plants inside the cave. Only a small group of people were aware of the entrance's waterfall of ivy. Mother Matilda's white robes flowed behind her as she left, illuminating her face with the soft glow of the lamp she was holding. There were rumors about how strong she was among the Mohawk clan that lived in what is now Mississauga, Ontario. Even though some people saw her as a white witch and a group guardian, others said she was a traitor. A big part of her financial success came from the fact that she worked with the first British invaders, but this hurt her people.

Two white slave traders burst into her house one night while she was counting her gold coins and trying to focus. They held a young Mohawk girl as a hostage and tied strong ropes around her arms so she couldn't get away. The little girl's eyes darted around the room but finally stopped on Mother Matilda.

She said, "Please," in a shaking voice, as tears ran down her face. Help me if you can.

Matilda's eyes, on the other hand, were cold and logical. The traders said they would pay her a lot if she kept quiet. No one paid any attention to the girl's pleas.

In her rush to escape, the young woman jumped at one of the traders and scratched his face with her sharp nails. He kicked her so hard in anger that it broke her jaw. She struggled for air on the ground and found the strength to curse. She was off.

She glared at her and hissed, "Your betrayal will get you in trouble, Matilda." "Your daughters will spend their entire lives trapped by their desires, searching for what they want but never finding it. As they go from place to place without a plan, their sons' lives will be filled with disappointment and emptiness.

Mother Matilda showed no emotion as she watched the girl's eyes slowly go blank. But the weight of the curse hung heavy in the air like a force that would control what happened to the Drey family for many years.

After several years, the once-powerful Mother Matilda began to lose her strength. Demons she had been able to control so well in the past have now turned their backs on her. Whispering evil things in her ear made her doubt her choices and ability to handle the situation. She couldn't fall asleep because she couldn't stop thinking about the little Mohawk girl she had hurt.

Her once-shiny hair became dry and brittle, her skin sagged, and her oncesharp, critical eyes began to dart crazily. Matilda started to pay for what she did when the community she used to control began to turn against her. There were rumors that Matilda was cursed and that she was paying a price for it.

One stormy night, she was found wandering around the edges of the community and talking to herself incoherently. Even though the tribe's doctor did everything she could to help, it was clear that Matilda could not be saved. A few days later, she died, but her memory of betrayal and the curse she put on her family stayed with them even after she was gone.

#### The Downfall of the Drey Lineage

Isabella, who was Matilda's daughter, was the first person to feel the effects of the evil. She was beautiful, and men came from all over to ask her out, but her heart was as cold as her mother's. She was known to use guys to get what she wanted, but unlike her mother, she didn't have the smarts to keep them locked up.

One by one, they left her and told stories about how bad she was. A string of bad relationships and betrayals marked Isabella's life. Her once-bright future became bleak, and she was left alone and without money. Hector, her brother, didn't do any better. He wanted to be a great fighter, but everything he tried to do kept going wrong. Hector's plans always fell through, whether because he took a negative step on a hunt or swung his

sword the wrong way in battle. The clan talked about the curse, and Hector, who used to be happy to be a Mohawk, became a joke.

The curse from the young Mohawk girl had taken hold, and the Drey family was the first to die. But as time passed, the curse became more potent, and Mother Matilda's children and grandchildren would learn how strong it was. After many years, stories about Mother Matilda and the curse turned into legends that were told around campfires. Once powerful and feared, the Drey family was now just a shadow of what it used to be. Despite this, Noah Drey was born and became a new source of hope.

There were several strange occurrences surrounding Noah's birth. On the night he was born, there was a terrible storm outside, and the village doctor said he saw a vision of a young Mohawk boy with sad eyes and a hint of hope.

As a child, Noah always wondered what the stories of curses meant and looked for rational answers. His mistrust was a shield that kept the weight of his family's dark past from getting to him. But when he was a teenager, fate put him in touch with Jake Inglewood and Liam, two people who would be necessary in his life.

Jake, who had a past of violence and being in charge, and Liam, who was brilliant but sometimes got into trouble, found a balance in Noah. The three made an unbreakable bond, even though they all had their scars and stories. They were more than just friends; they were brothers. Jake and Liam became fast friends with Noah. In their operations, Jake was often the muscle, Liam was the thinker, and Noah was the voice of reason. But as they got deeper into crime, Noah started to feel the effects of the Drey family curse. The wrongdoings of his ancestors loomed big and threatened to swallow him up.

## **CHAPTER 5**

## Awake to the curses

The church's chandeliers cast long, creepy shadows on the walls with their dim light. Jake, Liam, and Noah all sat up at the same time. Their eyes were wide with confusion and fear. Just a few minutes ago, people sat on the wooden benches, but now they were empty. The only sounds were their heavy breathing and the far-off hum of the old air conditioner in the church.

"What... what happened just now?" Liam stuttered, and his words echoed around the vast, empty church.

Jake rubbed his temples and said, "It felt so real... like I was living through the memories of my ancestors."

Noah, who always had doubts, shook his head and tried to clear his thoughts. "It must have been a shared dream. It can't happen."

Pastor Elijah came out of the dark with worry written all over his face. "It's more than just a hallucination," he said firmly. "You've seen a glimpse of your past and learned about the curses passed down from generation to generation."

All three of them gave each other nervous looks. The weight of what they had both been through and how clear their views were could not be denied. They talked about their journeys and those of their predecessors, including the mistakes, betrayals, and curses passed down from generation to generation.

Pastor Elijah listened carefully and sometimes nodded as they talked. When they were done, he took a deep breath and spoke. His voice was full of power and authority that seemed to come from deep inside him. "Young men," he began, "what you've been through today is a divine message. The Lord has decided to show you how your ancestors lived so you can understand how heavy your chains are. But remember that where there is insight, there is also redemption."

Jake, who has always been a rebel, laughed. "Well, what? You think you can save us by praying?"

Pastor Elijah gave a soft smile. "I won't be the one to save you. It's the Supreme Being. But first, you have to face the darkness inside of you." Liam whispered, with tears still in his eyes, "I want to be free. I don't want to be tied down by what my ancestors did wrong."

Noah, always thinking, asked, "But how do we break a curse that has been around for a long time?"

Pastor Elijah walked up to them and put a hand on each shoulder. "By having hope, changing your mind, and wanting to change. The trip won't be easy, but the Lord will show you the way."

When the three young men looked into the eyes of the preacher, they felt warm and hopeful for the first time in a long time. They might be able to break free of the chains of their past.

### The Prophetic Warning

The atmosphere in the church shifted palpably. The dim light from the stained-glass windows cast a kaleidoscope of colors onto the floor, and the

air grew thick with anticipation. Pastor Elijah's eyes glazed over, and seemed to be looking at something far beyond the physical realm.

"Thus says the Lord," he began, his voice echoing throughout the church, "You stand at the crossroads of destiny. The enemy has set a trap for you, a snare that promises wealth and power but will lead to your destruction."

Jake, Liam, and Noah exchanged uneasy glances. They had been discussing a major heist that promised to set them up for life. The pastor's words hit too close to home.

Pastor Elijah continued, his voice rising with urgency, "The enemy knows this is your kairos season, a divinely appointed time of breakthrough. He wants to derail your destiny, to keep you bound in the chains of the past. But the Lord says, 'Choose this day whom you will serve."

The weight of the prophecy bore down on the three young men. The promise of quick riches from the heist was tempting, but the warning from the pastor was clear.

Ever the thinker, Liam whispered, "Could it be a coincidence? How could he know about our plans?"

Skeptical but visibly shaken, Jake replied, "I don't know, but it's too close for comfort."

Noah, the skeptic, frowned, "It's just a general warning. It could apply to anyone."

Sensing Noah's thoughts, Pastor Elijah turned to him and said, "Young man, the Lord sees your heart. He knows your doubts, but He also knows your potential. He has great plans for you, to prosper and not harm you. But you must choose His ways over the ways of the world."

The three young men sat in stunned silence, processing the gravity of the pastor's words. The lure of the heist, the promise of untold riches, battled with the divine warning they had just received.

Sensing their internal struggle, Pastor Elijah said softly, "I'll see you on Sunday. Remember, the Lord is with you, guiding your steps. Choose wisely."

#### The Lair of Power

As they sped through the quiet streets, the roar of their engines could be heard. The wealthy neighborhood, with its vast homes and well-kept lawns, was a significant change from the rough world they were used to. Even in this affluent area, Don's palatial mansion stood out. It was a sign of how powerful and influential he was.

As they got closer to the tall, wrought-iron gates of the house, they were met by two guards with big guns who told them to stop. When the guards saw them, they let them in without saying a word. The main entry was at the end of the driveway, filled with expensive cars and lit by fancy lampposts.

When the giant wooden doors opened, they showed how grand the inside was. The long halls were decorated with marble floors, crystal chandeliers, and priceless works of art. They were led to a room with dim lighting, where Don sat behind a wooden desk smoking a cigar. He was wearing a sharp black suit.

"Ah, the three musketeers," said the Don with a sly smile and a sarcastic tone. "I was waiting for you."

Jake, who was always brave, stepped forward. "Don Giovanni, you asked us to come here, so here we are."

The Don leaned back and looked at them with great interest. "I've heard about your little... encounter at church. When it comes to my hobbies, word gets around quickly."

"We're here to talk about the job, Don Giovanni," Liam said after clearing his throat.

The Don laughed and said, "Liam, you always get right to the point. "All right." He pulled a bag out of a drawer and put it on the desk with a thud. "Everything you need to know about the process is in there. But remember, if you fail or cross me, there will be consequences."

Noah paused because he knew how vital the pastor's words were. "Don Giovanni, give us some time to figure things out."

The Don's eyelid went up in interest. "Very good. But don't forget that time is money. And in our world, being slow can kill."

As they left the house, they felt the weight of what they had decided. Riches and power were tempting, but the pastor's words kept playing in their heads. They were at a fork in the road, and what they did next would decide their future.

### The Harbour's Dilemma

Dock workers were loading and unloading cargo, fishermen were coming back with the day's catch, and seagulls could be heard in the distance.

Jake, Liam, and Noah parked their cars a long way from the office of the labor union. The building, made of brick and having two floors, had seen better days. Its windows were dirty, and the paint was coming off in some places. A sign that said "Union Office" in lights flashed on and off.

They saw a big, strong man sitting behind a desk full of papers as they walked in. Tony "Two-Times," as he was called because he kept repeating everything he said, was standing there.

Tony said, "You're late," looking at them curiously. "The Don hates to wait, wait, wait."

Liam, always a negotiator, said, "Sorry, Tony. We had... stuff to take care of."

Tony grunted and opened a safe that was behind him. He got a briefcase out of his pocket and gave it to Jake. "This is the payment for the group. Make sure it gets to the Don safely."

Noah still couldn't believe the preacher's words and felt uneasy. "Tony, has it been rough around here recently?"

Tony moved closer to me, and his voice dropped to a whisper. "The word on the street is that a rival gang is eyeing the Don's area. "Be careful, careful, careful out there."

The three people left the union office with the bag in hand, and their senses were heightened. The weight of the money, the danger of a rival gang, and the pastor's prediction all added to a potent mix of tension.

They stayed out of sight and went to a bar called "Mickey's," known for being quiet and serving solid drinks. As they sat down in a booth, the day's events started to make sense. They were in the wrong spot, and from now on, every choice they made would matter.

### Whispers in the Dark

The air was thick with smoke and the hum of quiet discussions in Mickey's. The three ordered drinks and planned their next move while the whiskey warmed their insides. They had no idea Mickey's walls had ears, and their conversation was about to take a hazardous turn.

As the night progressed, the bar's antique jukebox played a sad song, setting the tone for the trio's conversation. "We need to be smart about this," Jake, ever the thinker, leaned forward. We can't afford any slip-ups if a rival gang is sniffing around."

"The pastor's words keep echoing in my mind," Liam said, swiping his drink. We've arrived at a fork in the road, gentlemen. We could lose everything if we make one incorrect move."

"I've been thinking...," Noah remarked, looking more introspective. There may be another way. A route out of this existence, away from the dangers and darkness."

"It's not that simple, Noah," Jake scoffed. We're in over our heads."

A mystery man then approached their booth. He extended a hand, "Gentlemen, I couldn't help but overhear your conversation." He was dressed in a tailored suit, with a fedora casting a shadow over his eyes. "My name is Vincent."

"And what do you want, Vincent?" Liam inquired, always distrustful of strangers.

Vincent revealed a gold tooth when he grinned. "I represent some... interests." Interests that are similar to yours. We've been keeping an eye on you three for quite some time. I must say, your work is impressive."

"So, what's the catch?" Jake, ever the skeptic, replied.

"There's a job," Vincent said, leaning closer. It's a big one. If you succeed,

you will not only be rich beyond your wildest dreams but also protected by my employers. "There will be no more looking over your shoulder."

Noah felt a shiver run down his spine as he remembered the pastor's prophecy. "What's the job?"

"All in good time," Vincent grinned. First, let us know whether you're interested."

The three of them exchanged glances. The decision's weight was weighing down on them. The temptation of a way out, the promise of safety, and the ghosts of their history all collide at this critical juncture.

## The Devil's Bargain

As dawn approached, the trio found themselves at another crossroads, one that would shape their destinies and challenge their loyalties. Their choices would either free them from the chains of their past or bind them forever to a life of crime and danger.

The following day, the sun's rays pierced through the curtains of Jake's apartment. The trio had spent the night there, discussing Vincent's offer. Empty beer cans and pizza boxes littered the room, indicating a long night of contemplation.

Liam, rubbing his temples, said, "We need more information. We can't just jump into this blind."

Noah nodded in agreement, "Vincent was vague. We need specifics. What's the job? Who are his employers? Why us?"

Staring out the window, Jake replied, "I have a contact, Sal, down at the docks. He knows everything that goes on in this city. If Vincent's legit, Sal will know."

The trio decided to visit Sal. The docks were bustling with activity as they arrived. Seagulls cawed overhead, and the salty sea breeze filled their nostrils. Sal's office was in a rundown building overlooking the harbor. The sign on the door read, "Salvatore 'Sal' Marino - Shipping & Logistics."

Sal, a portly man with a cigar perpetually hanging from his lips, greeted them with a grin, "Jake! Long time no see! And you brought friends."

Jake got straight to the point, "We need information, Sal. A guy named Vincent approached us with a job offer. Said he represents some powerful interests."

Sal's jovial expression changed instantly. He took a long drag from his cigar and exhaled slowly, "Vincent... He's bad news, Jake. Works for the Romano family. They're trying to expand their territory, and they've been recruiting local talent."

Liam interjected, "So, it's a trap?"

Sal shrugged and said, "Could be. The Romanos are known for their double-crosses. But if Vincent approaches you, it means they see potential.

Or they see you as a threat."

Noah, the skeptic, asked, "What's the job, Sal?"

Sal leaned in, lowering his voice, "Word on the street is they're planning a heist. Something big. Something that's never been done before. The target? The Federal Reserve."

The trio exchanged shocked glances. The Federal Reserve was impenetrable. Or so they thought.

Jake, processing the information, said, "Thanks, Sal. We owe you one."

As they left Sal's office, the weight of the decision loomed large—the promise of unimaginable wealth and the risk of betrayal and death on the other. The pastor's prophecy echoed in their minds, reminding them of the crossroads they faced.

## Chapter 6:

## Into the Abyss

The days that followed were a whirlwind of preparation. The trio delved deep into the world of heists, gathering intel, assembling a crew, and planning their strategy. But as the date of the heist drew closer, the shadows of doubt and the specter of the Romano family's treachery loomed ever more significant. Would they pull off the heist of the century? Or would they fall into the abyss of betrayal and doom? Only time will tell.

#### The Don's Wrath

The failure of the heist was one thing, but the betrayal was another. Word quickly spread through the underworld that Jake, Liam, and Noah had turned their backs on the Don. The trio knew that they were marked men. The Don's reach was vast, and his thirst for vengeance was legendary. There was no corner of the city where they could hide.

One evening, as the sun set, casting long shadows on the streets, a black sedan pulled up outside Jake's hideout. Men in sharp suits stepped out, scanning the area. They were the Don's enforcers, known for their cruelty.

Inside, Jake, Liam, and Noah were hastily packing their belongings. They had received a tip-off just moments before. The walls felt like they were closing in. Every creak, every distant siren made them jump. They knew they had to leave the city, but where could they go?

Ever the thinker, Liam suggested, "We need to disappear, lay low. Maybe head upstate, find a small town where no one knows us."

But Jake shook his head, "The Don has eyes everywhere. We won't last

#### a week."

Noah finally spoke up, deep in thought, "There's one place we haven't considered. The church. The pastor. He offered us a way out once. Maybe he can help us again."

The idea seemed crazy, but it was their only shot. They sought refuge with the pastor, hoping the sanctuary would offer them protection.

#### Sanctuary

The old church stood tall, its spires reaching towards the heavens. As the trio approached, the heavy wooden doors creaked open, revealing the pastor, his face etched with concern.

"We heard about the Don," he said, ushering them inside. "You're safe here."

The church's basement had been transformed into a makeshift living area. The pastor sheltered others seeking refuge from the city's underbelly.

Days turned into weeks. The trio helped around the church, finding solace in its routines. They attended prayer meetings, sang hymns, and began to feel a sense of peace they hadn't felt in years.

But Don was relentless. He sent men to scout the church, but the pastor and the congregation formed a human shield, refusing to let them enter.

One evening, as a storm raged outside, the pastor sat down with Jake, Liam, and Noah. "You can't run forever," he said. "It's time to face your past and make amends."

The trio knew he was right. With the pastor's guidance, they hatched a plan.

#### The Miracle of the Fast

The church did not decide to start a 21-day fast on a whim. The pastor could feel the spiritual battle around Jake, Liam, and Noah and knew that only God could save them from their approaching death. The people prayed together for safety, direction, and a solution.

As the days turned to nights, strange things happened in the city's underground. The Romano family and the Don have been enemies for a long time, so they started a war that both sides lost. Each group fought for control in the streets, which turned into a battlefield.

Then, as if the city's crime scene wasn't already chaotic enough, the Russians and the Triads came along. They came in quickly and violently, taking advantage of the conflict between the Romano family and the Don. Within days, there was a massive change in the balance of power. The Don, who once seemed unbeatable, died horribly. His kingdom fell apart, and many loyal soldiers went with it.

Even though the city was in chaos, a miracle was happening. The forces that wanted to kill Jake, Liam, and Noah were destroying each other. The three couldn't believe that a series of events they could only refer to as divine had defeated their enemies rather than through their actions.

#### Salvation and Deliverance

Due to dramatic changes in the criminal environment, Jake, Liam, and Noah found themselves at a crossroads. The weight of their ancestral curses, which had previously been insurmountable, felt lifted off their shoulders. The three friends could not deny divine influence since the events throughout the twenty-one-day fast were miraculous.

When they were gathered in the church sanctuary one evening, the pastor came over to speak with them. "God has given you a second chance," he added, "the chains of your past, the generational curses that have bound you, they can be broken." He remarked, "God has given you a second chance." However, you must decide to walk toward the light.

Throughout the scene, the atmosphere was thick with emotion. Tears streamed down his cheeks as Liam reflected on the misery passed through his family for generations. Noah, who had always been skeptical, struggled to accept the undeniable miracles they had witnessed. And Jake, the former enforcer transformed into the guardian, felt a tug in his heart.

The preacher stated, "Salvation is a gift that is freely given." However, it is up to you to decide whether or not to accept it.

And in that sacred moment, surrounded by the love of the community, Jake, Liam, and Noah made a decision that would change the course of their lives for the rest of their lives. They made the option to bring them salvation, deliverance, and a new beginning.

### The Process of Breaking Free from Chains

The weeks that followed were crucial in my personal development. The three buddies began attending Bible studies and were acquainted with Christ's teachings. They sought counseling to address their painful experiences and progress toward healing. They were welcomed with open arms into the church community, where they were provided support, love, and guidance.

As they explored more profoundly and deeper into their spiritual path, they came to understand the true nature of the generational curses that had plagued their family. These generational curses had been passed down from one generation to the next. They began a series of deliverance sessions led by the pastor, during which they addressed the demons of their past and broke free from the chains that bound them.

The procedure was arduous, and it frequently left them emotionally spent. Still, with each session, they reported feeling lighter and more accessible. The burden of their ancestors' misdeeds, which they had carried for so long, was finally lifted from their shoulders.

The city, which had previously been the setting for their criminal life, was now witnessing their change. Jake, Liam, and Noah each become living

witnesses to God's restoring power, shining beacons of hope in a world in desperate need.

#### A New Dawn

The change in Jake, Liam, and Noah became the talk of the town. Their past was notorious, and their names followed them wherever they went. But now, they were living examples of redemption and change. The same places where people used to whisper their words in fear now talk about them with respect and hope.

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#### Legacy Reborn

As time went by, the group's impact grew. They set up foundations, outreach programs, and other projects to help the neighborhood. The curses passed down from generation to generation were now replaced by gifts that would help future generations.

Children grew up hearing stories about how brave they were, not in the world of crime, but in fighting it. They became heroes not because of what they did wrong in the past but because of what they did for society.

As old age crept up, the three friends often talked about their trip. From the lowest point of hopelessness to the highest point of optimism, their story was nothing short of a miracle.

One night, as they watched the sunset, Jake turned to his friends and said, "We used to be bound by the bonds of our past, but now we are free. Our heritage has been reborn and is one of hope, love, and redemption."

As the sun went down, creating a golden glow over the city they had grown to love, the three friends knew that their story was just getting started. Many people would remember the things they did for many years to come.

## CHAPTER 7: DISSECTING THEIR BREAKTHROUGH FROM ANCESTRAL CHAINS.

#### 1. Understanding the Curse

The first step in any therapy or deliverance is to understand the type and scope of the problem. This means knowing the patterns, behaviors, and results passed down through the family line. This is important when talking about hereditary curses. Without this understanding, there is no chance of true freedom because you can't face what you don't recognize. This acknowledgment began Jake, Liam, and Noah's journey. There was no such thing as an accident or a bad run of luck when it came to the patterns that plagued their families. Instead, these patterns were signs of curses passed down from generation to generation. These curses, which often come from the wrongdoings and flaws of ancestors, tend to be passed down through the generations until they are finally dealt with and broken. Leviticus 26:40-42 emphasizes how important it is to apologize and be honest with each other. It was told to the Israelites that they should admit their sins and those of their ancestors. This act of admission was a way of acknowledging the wrongs that had been done in the past and asking God to forgive and make things right. They made it easy for God to remember

His promise to them by admitting their faults and acting humbly.

Texts like 1 John 1:9 say, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and he will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This shows how important it is to recognize and admit one's faults. This Bible passage stresses how important it is to confess one's sins to be cleansed and forgiven.

James 5:16 says, "Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so you can be healed." This text links confession and healing, showing the power of realizing one's wrongdoings.

• Proverbs 28:13 says, "Those who try to hide their sins won't be successful, but those who admit them, apologize, and turn away from them will find mercy." This proverb stresses how dangerous it is to try to hide wrongdoings and how good it is to admit them and give up bad habits. When they heard about the generational curse, Jake, Liam, and Noah had just started their journey. But it was important because it put them on the road to freedom and liberty. Their story is a good lesson that awareness and confession are potent tools that can be used to break free from the chains of the past and make a new, happy future for oneself.

#### 2. Desire for Change

Realizing that a curse has been passed down from generation to generation is an essential first step. Still, the burning desire to change is what leads to true liberation. This desire isn't just a passing thought; it's a deep, consuming hunger and thirst for justice and a life free from the chains of the past.

Jake's experiences with the breakdown of his family weren't just cautionary tales; they gave him a strong desire to break away from the patterns passed down from generation to generation. He didn't want to add his name to the long list of family members who had died because of the curse. He wanted his life to be better.

Liam and Noah also felt this pull. Even though their paths crossed with Jake's, they each went on their trips and saw how the curse affected their families, making them want change. They tried to change their stories to be guys who went against what their families had always done.

Matthew 5:6 is a simple verse, but it says a lot. Those who want to live correctly and in line with God's will be satisfied. This promise gives hope to everyone who wants real change.

Other Bible passages that show how important it is to want to change are Psalm 42:1-2: "Like a deer thirst for water, my soul thirsts for you, my God. My soul longs for God, the real God. When can I go meet with God?" This Psalm is a beautiful expression of a soul's longing for God. It shows how much desire is needed for real spiritual change.

• In Isaiah 55:1: "Come, you who are thirsty, come to the water, and you who have no money, come buy and eat! Come and get wine and milk for free and without spending any money." This call from God shows that He is ready to meet the needs of those who seek Him with all their heart.

• In Revelation 3:20: "This is me! I stand at the door and ring the bell. If someone hears my voice and opens the door, I'll come in and eat with that person, and they'll do the same for me." This Bible verse shows that Jesus wants to talk to people who wish to change and let Him into their lives. Jake, Liam, and Noah's journey to break the generational curse was driven by their shared desire to make changes. Their story shows how a genuine passion for justice and a life that fits God's plan can change a person's life.

#### 3. Seeking Divine Intervention

You cannot break free from generational spells with just your strength. It needs help from God, a touch from the One who made us and knows everything about our past, present, and future. The pastor's meeting with Jake, Liam, and Noah was a turning point in their trip. It wasn't just a chance meeting; it was a plan set up by God.

Matthew 7:7 is a potent reminder of what God has promised to those who seek Him with all their heart. "If you ask, you will get it. If you look, you will find; if you knock, the door will open for you. This verse isn't just about telling God what we want. It's also about how we feel in our hearts, how much we want to connect with God, and how much we believe in His power to help us.

Jake, Liam, and Noah's meeting with the preacher was their moment of "knocking." They were at a fork in the road and had to make a choice that would change the course of their lives. They needed direction, knowledge, and, most of all, God's touch. They were ready to receive because their hearts were open.

Also, Jeremiah 29:13 says, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." This Bible verse shows how important it is to try with all your heart. God doesn't just answer careless seekers; He reveals Himself to people who want to know about Him.

• James 4:8 says, "Get close to God, and He'll get close to you." This is both a promise and an offer. As we move toward God, He does the same and gets closer to us.

• Psalm 34:17 says, "The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them. He saves them from all their troubles." This Bible verse shows that God is always there to answer the prayers of His people.

The three of them went to church more than once to ask for help from God. It turned into a way of life. They knew they needed God in every part of their lives, but primarily as they dealt with the complicated stories of their families and the weight of the curses that had been passed down from generation to generation. Their story is a sign of hope because it shows how God can improve things and how important it is to turn to God when life gets hard.

### 4. Repentance

In the Christian faith, repentance is one of the most critical ideas. It's not just an emotional reaction or a brief feeling of sorrow. True repentance is a deep, heartfelt belief that leads to a fundamental change in behavior and direction. It means turning away from sin and toward God to ask for His grace and forgiveness.

Jake, Liam, and Noah had to repent before breaking the spells passed down from generation to generation. Each of them had done things and made choices that kept the cycle of sin going in their families ' way. Their souls felt heavy when their ancestors' deeds and sins were added together. In Acts 3:19, the Bible says, "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be forgiven and the Lord may bring you times of refreshment." This is the heart of repentance. This verse shows two crucial things about repentance:

Repentance is the act of going back to God. It's not enough to admit that you did something wrong. It means constantly seeking God's face and wanting a relationship with Him. This meant the three had to admit they had done wrong and try to get closer to their Creator.

2. The promise of renewal: Repentance brings a "time of refreshing" from the Lord. It's a time to start over, fix things, and feel better. When we turn away from our sins, we are set free from them and enter a time of spiritual renewal.

Other Bible verses that show how vital repentance is are:

•In 2 Chronicles 7:14, it says, "If my people, who are called by my name, are humble, pray, seek my face, and turn away from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, I will forgive their sins, and I will heal their land. "This Bible verse shows how turning away from sin as a group can change things and bring benefits.

• The Bible says in the Book of 1 John 1:9, "If we willingly confess our sins, He is willingly faithful and just, and he will forgive us." He will forgive us for our sins and wash us clean of all wrongdoing. This verse shows that God is always willing to forgive and clean those who come to Him to ask for help.

Luke 13:3 says, "No, I tell you! But you will all die if you don't change your minds." Jesus Himself stressed how important it is to turn away from sin to be saved.

Jake, Liam, and Noah each repented more than once. It became a neverending journey of self-examination, confession, and asking God for forgiveness. Walking this road, they began to see how God's forgiveness could change their lives. This set the stage for their eventual freedom from the curses passed down through their family for generations.

## 5. Breaking Ties with the Past

One of the most essential steps on the path to spiritual transformation is making a conscious choice to cut ties with old habits, relationships, and patterns that have held us captive. This step is more than admitting the problem; it takes action, a choice to walk away from what once defined us. For Liam, this meant getting away from the crime world that had been in his family's blood. Even though easy money and the power that came with it was tempting, the spiritual and mental damage it caused was much worse. Inspired by Jake's caring nature and new knowledge of the curses passed down from generation to generation, Liam realized that to be truly free, he had to make a clean break.

The Bible verse from 2 Corinthians 5:17 is a strong example of how Christ can change people: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!" This verse talks about a radical

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change, a rebirth, in which the old self, with its sinful habits and ways of acting, is replaced by a new self matched with Christ's righteousness. Other Bible verses that show how important it is to break ties with the past are Philippians 3:13- 14: "Brothers and sisters, I do not think I have yet taken hold of it. But there's one thing I do: I don't think about what I've done in the past. I work hard to reach the goal God has set for me in Christ Jesus: to win the prize for which I was sent to heaven." Here, Apostle Paul talks about forgetting the past on purpose and moving forward, stressing how important it is to focus on our holy calling.

• Ephesians 4:22–24: "Regarding your old way of life, you were told to get rid of your old self, which is being corrupted by its false desires, and to be made new in the way you think.; and to put on the new self, which was made to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." This Bible verse shows that we must consciously let go of our old selves and embrace our new identities in Christ.

•Rome 6:6: "For we know that our old self died on the cross with him so that the body that was controlled by sin could be taken away and we would no longer be slaves to sin." This verse discusses the symbolic act of our old selves being buried with Christ. It shows how free we are from sin's control.

For Liam, Jake, and Noah, breaking ties with the past wasn't just about avoiding criminal actions. It was about letting go of the mistakes of their ancestors and the patterns that had held their families back for decades. It was a journey of rediscovery, discovering who they were in Christ and accepting the freedom of being a new creation.

6. Embracing a New Identity.

The journey from slavery to freedom isn't just about breaking the chains that hold us down; it's also about knowing and accepting who we are meant

to be. Our identity is a big part of our actions, choices, and even how we see the world around us. When that identity is based on bad habits, generational curses, or societal labels, it can lead to a life of sadness and hopelessness.

Noah felt the weight of the Drey family's history. He grew up with the curse hanging over him, affecting his self-worth and defining his life. But he changed as he started studying the Bible and understanding how much Christ loved him. He began to see himself not as the result of the curse but as a beloved child of God who deserved love, kindness, and a bright future. John 1:12 says, "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." This verse talks about the incredible honor and advantage of believing in Christ. It's not just about being saved; it's also about being adopted into the family of God, which means that our very identities change.

Other Bible verses that stress how important it is to accept our new identity in Christ are:

• In 2 Corinthians 5:17, it says: "Therefore, if someone is in Christ, he is a new creation. "The old has gone, and behold, the new has come." This Bible verse reminds us that Christ can change our lives, making us brand new people with a fresh start and a new name.

• Galatians 2:20 says, "I was put to death with Christ. No longer am I the one who lives, but Christ lives in me. And the life I have now in the flesh is because I believe in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." This verse says that our old identity died with Christ, and our new identity is based on Him.

• Eph. 2:10: "For we are his work, made in Christ Jesus to do good things that God prepared ahead of time so that we could do them." This Bible verse emphasizes our worth and purpose in Christ, reminding us that we are God's masterpiece, made for a divine reason.

For Noah, accepting his new identity meant letting go of the weight of demands, social labels, and the curse passed down through his family's generations. It meant knowing what he was worth in Christ and realizing that he was no longer defined by his past but by the future God had in store.

## 7. Community Help

A loving and religious group is one of the most powerful tools for changing and breaking free from generational curses. The church, the body of Christ, is not just a building or an organization. It is a living, breathing community of believers tied together by faith, love, and a common purpose. The church became a safe place for Jake, Liam, and Noah. It was a place

where they weren't judged by their past but were accepted for who they were becoming in Christ. The community's prayers, support, and steadfast faith were critical to their change. They were surrounded by Christians who understood forgiveness's power, grace's importance, and how God's love can change people.

Hebrews 10:24-25 talks about how important community is for a Christian. "Let's encourage each other to love and do good things. We shouldn't stop getting together, as some people tend to, but we should encourage one another." This verse shows how the church should encourage, support, and push each other toward love and righteousness. It's a warning that we're not meant to walk our faith journey alone.

Other texts that stress the importance of community are:

"Like how iron sharpens iron, one person can make another better," says Proverbs 27:17. This Bible verse talks about how people can help each other grow as Christians. Just as iron sharpens iron, believers are meant to challenge, support, and lift each other.

Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear each other's burdens, and you will follow Christ's

law." This verse stresses the community's importance in supporting its members, carrying each other's burdens, and sticking together in hard times.

• Acts 2:42-47: This text gives a clear picture of the early church, a strong community based on fellowship, prayer, and helping each other. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, getting together, breaking bread, and prayer." All the Christians were together and had everything in common.

For the three, the church became more than just a place to worship; it became a home. They found mentors who guided them, friends who helped them, and a society that prayed for them. This community's steadfast faith and support were critical in assisting them to break free from the chains of their past and move into the future God had planned for them.

## 8. Continual Prayer and Fasting

Prayer and fasting have been essential parts of the Christian faith for a long time. They are vital tools that bring us closer to God and release spiritual power and breakthroughs. For Jake, Liam, and Noah, the 21 days of fasting and praying by the church members was a sign of this power. It was a spiritual battle fought on their behalf to break the chains of curses passed down from generation to generation.

Jesus said in Mark 9:29, "This kind can come out only by prayer and fasting," which is a sage thing to say after His servants failed to get a demon out of a boy. This verse shows that some spiritual battles, especially those going on for a long time, like generational curses, require more profound spiritual commitment and warfare. Prayer and fasting are about more than just not eating or talking. They are about lowering yourself before God, seeking His face, and standing in the gap for others.

Other Bible verses that stress the importance of prayer and fasting are:

• 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn away from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land." This Bible passage emphasizes the importance of repentance and turning away from wrongdoing. It encourages people to humble themselves, pray, and seek God's face, and in return, God promises to listen to their prayers, forgive their sins, and heal their land. Prayer can change a group.

• In Isaiah 58:6, Says God, "Isn't this the way I chose to fast? To break every yoke, and set the oppressed free, loosen injustice's chains." In this passage, the prophet Isaiah talks about the kind of fasting that pleases God: one that brings about justice, freedom, and breakthrough.

• Eph 6:18: "And pray in the Spirit with prayers and wishes. With this in mind, be alert and always keep praying for all the Lord's people." This verse tells believers how important it is to pray often and in different ways. It also emphasizes the need to pray for others.

The church's united effort through prayer and fasting was a sign of hope for the three young men. It was a clear sign of love, with the community standing in the gap for them, fighting spiritual battles, and praying for their release. Together, the community's faith, fervent prayers, and fasting produced a spiritual atmosphere ready for miracles, breakthroughs, and the breaking of generational curses.

### 9. Studying the Word

The Word of God is often described as the sword of the Spirit, a powerful tool that equips believers to face life's challenges and understand God's heart. For Jake, Liam, and Noah, diving deep into the scriptures was not just an act of religious observance but a transformative journey that reshaped their perspectives, convictions, and destinies.

Psalms 119:105 states, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my

path." This scripture beautifully encapsulates the guiding and illuminating power of God's Word. Just as a lamp illuminates a traveler's path in the darkness, the Word of God provides direction, clarity, and wisdom in the often-murky journey of life. For the trio, wandering in the darkness of generational curses and societal expectations, the Word was their beacon, shedding light on the areas of their lives that needed change and offering hope for a brighter future.

Further scriptures that emphasize the transformative power of God's Word include:

- Hebrews 4:12: "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." This scripture speaks to the dynamic nature of the Word. It's not just a collection of ancient texts but a living entity that discerns, convicts and transforms.
- Joshua 1:8: "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous." Here, the emphasis is on the continuous meditation on the Word, leading to obedience, success, and prosperity.
- Romans 12:2: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by renewing your mind. Then you can test and approve God's will—his good, pleasing, and perfect will." This verse underscores the importance of renewing the mind, a process facilitated by immersing oneself in the Word of God.

For Jake, Liam, and Noah, the scriptures were not just stories or commandments but lifelines. The promises of God became their anchor, the levels of redemption their hope, and the teachings their guide. As they delved deeper into the Word, they began to see themselves not through the lens of their past or their mistakes but through God's love, grace, and purpose.

## 10. Acting in Faith

Faith often bridges where we are and where God wants us to be. It's the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. For Jake, Liam, and Noah, faith wasn't just a concept; it was a lifeline, a driving force that propelled them forward even when the odds seemed stacked against them.

**2 Corinthians 5:7** reminds us, "For we live by faith, not sight." This scripture emphasizes the essence of faith – it's not about what we can see, touch, or understand but about trusting in God's promises, even when they seem distant or impossible. The trio's journey was riddled with doubt, fear, and uncertainty. Yet, at every crossroads, they chose to act in faith, trusting God's plan for their lives rather than leaning on their understanding of the visible circumstances.

Further scriptures that highlight the significance of faith include:

- Hebrews 11:1: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." This foundational scripture on faith underscores its essence as rooted in hope and assurance, even without tangible evidence.
- James 2:17: "In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." This verse emphasizes the active nature of faith. It's not just about believing but also about taking steps that align with that belief. For the trio, this meant making tough decisions, turning away from specific paths, and embracing new directions, all in alignment with their newfound faith.
- Matthew 17:20: "He replied, 'Because you have so little faith.

Truly, I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.'" This scripture speaks to the potency of even the slightest measure of faith. It's not about the size of our faith but the size of the God we trust.

For Jake, Liam, and Noah, acting in faith meant more than passive belief. It meant making choices that reflected their trust in God, even when those choices were difficult or unpopular. It meant stepping out of the boat, like Peter, and walking on water, focusing on Jesus and not the stormy seas around them. Their faith was tested, refined, and strengthened through their trials, and it became the bedrock upon which their new lives were built.

#### 11. Testimony

The power of a testimony lies not just in the story itself but in the transformation it represents. Testimonies are living, breathing evidence of God's active presence. They serve as a beacon of hope, a testament to God's faithfulness, and a reminder that no situation is beyond His redemptive power.

For Jake, Liam, and Noah, their lives were a tapestry of mistakes, missteps, and moments of despair. Yet, amid their darkest hours, God's light shone the brightest. Their transformation from men bound by generational curses to vessels of God's grace was miraculous. And this transformation wasn't meant to be kept a secret.

**Revelation 12:11** states, "They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." This scripture underscores two pivotal weapons in the believer's arsenal: the redemptive power of Jesus' sacrifice and the transformative power of personal testimony. The enemy, Satan, is defeated not just by recognizing the victory Jesus secured on the

cross but also by believers boldly proclaiming how that victory has manifested in their lives.

Further scriptures that emphasize the significance of testimony include:

- **Psalm 66:16**: "Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me." This verse captures the essence of a testimony it's a personal recounting of God's interventions, meant to inspire awe and reverence in the listener.
- Mark 5:19: "But Jesus said, 'No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been." After healing a man possessed by a legion of demons, Jesus instructs him to share his testimony. It indicates the evangelistic power of personal stories of transformation.
- **1 Peter 3:15**: "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to answer everyone who asks you to give the reason for your hope. But do this with gentleness and respect." Our testimonies are not just stories; they are explanations for the hope and transformation in our lives.

Jake, Liam, and Noah's testimonies became a bridge for many. Their stories resonated with those trapped in cycles of dysfunction, offering hope and a tangible example of God's redemptive power. By sharing their journeys, they fortified their faith and ignited faith in others, proving that the Author of life Himself could rewrite the darkest chapters of one's life.

### 12. Continuous Growth

Deliverance is a significant milestone in the spiritual journey, but it's not the endpoint. The breaking of chains, the shedding old skins, and the rebirth into a new life in Christ are just the beginning. Jake, Liam, and Noah realized this profound truth early on. While freed from the generational curses that once trapped them, they recognized the need for continuous growth to ensure they didn't fall back into old patterns.

**2 Peter 3:18** exhorts believers to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." This scripture underscores the dynamic nature of the Christian walk. It's not static; it's ever-evolving, everdeepening. The grace that saves is also the grace that sanctifies, and the knowledge of Christ that redeems is also the knowledge that refines. Further scriptures that emphasize the importance of continuous growth include:

- **Colossians 2:6-7**: "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." This passage paints a vivid picture of the Christian life as one of deepening roots and upward growth anchored in Christ.
- Ephesians 4:15: "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ." Maturity in Christ is achieved through a commitment to truth and love.
- **Philippians 1:6**: "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." This verse offers assurance that God is actively involved in our growth process, refining and perfecting us for His glory.

For Jake, Liam, and Noah, their post-deliverance journey involved diving deeper into the scriptures, joining Bible study groups, attending discipleship classes, and seeking mentorship from seasoned believers. They understood that spiritual growth required both individual effort and community support. They committed to daily devotions, prayer, and worship, recognizing these as vital nutrients for their growing faith.

Moreover, they became active participants in their church community, serving in various capacities and allowing their testimonies to inspire and uplift others. They realized that growth wasn't just about personal edification but also about edifying Christ's body.

## CONCLUSION: BREAKING THE CHAINS

The stories of Jake, Liam, and Noah serve as poignant reminders of this truth. Their journey, fraught with challenges, temptations, and moments of despair, is a testament to the power of generational consequences. But it also represents the greater power of redemption and transformation. The concept of spiritual DNA is profound. Just as our physical DNA carries the genetic information that determines our physical attributes, our spiritual DNA carries the imprints of our ancestors' choices, beliefs, and behaviors. This unseen code can influence our inclinations, tendencies, and destiny. But, unlike our physical DNA, which remains unchangeable, our spiritual DNA can be transformed.

Generational consequences, the spiritual scars we inherit and pass on, are accurate. They manifest in patterns of behavior, cycles of sin, and recurring challenges. But they are not our final destiny. The stories of our protagonists underscore this truth. Each faced the weight of their family's past but found a path to freedom.

The key to breaking these chains? It lies in recognizing these patterns, confronting them, and then turning to the only power capable of true transformation: the redeeming love of Jesus Christ.

**Romans 12:2** says, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by renewing your mind." This transformation begins with a personal relationship with Jesus. It's about surrendering our lives, past, scars, and future to Him. It's about allowing His love, grace, and truth to rewrite our spiritual DNA.

To you, dear reader, if you recognize patterns in your life that you can't seem to break and see scars passed down through generations, know this: There is hope. There is freedom. There is transformation available in Jesus. If you haven't yet decided to follow Him, to let Him into your life to start the process of healing and transformation, I urge you to do so now. Don't let the chains of the past dictate your future. With Christ, a new legacy, a legacy of love, hope, and freedom, awaits.

In **2 Corinthians 5:17**, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" Embrace this newness, step into your destiny, and let the generational blessings begin with you.

### **Prayer of Conversion**

Dear Heavenly Father,

I come before You, recognizing my need for Your grace and salvation. I acknowledge that I am a sinner and have fallen short of Your glory. I have made mistakes, and I cannot save myself.

Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God, that You died on the cross for my sins, and that You rose again on the third day. I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that You are my Lord and Savior.

I repent of my sins and ask for Your forgiveness. Wash me clean, Lord, and make me new. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and guide me in Your ways.

Thank you, Jesus, for Your sacrifice and the gift of eternal life. I choose to follow You from this day forward. Help me to grow in faith, to understand Your Word, and to live a life that brings glory to Your name.

I surrender my life to You and place my trust in Your promises. Thank you for loving, saving, and giving me a new beginning.

In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

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