

Excerpts from *Red Dragon Cast Down* by Dr. Jim Wilder

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*The reason I made this list is because some of the material is graphic and the book was written to Satan-proof our children and to help survivors leave cults. It is also about spiritual adoption which entails taking hurting people into our communities. Like his other writings, there is a lot of lingo, but most of it can be figured out. Of course one can read the whole book, but these are the parts that helped me in general to grow and to see parenting in a different light as I learned from Dr. Wilder in the '90s. Some of the quotes are in my other books.*

P53: We have real needs. What we believe about ourselves determines the ways we will go about trying to meet those needs.

P55, 56: Life giving communities help their members develop strong identities. Our ability to be satisfied depends on knowing who we are or we will try solutions that don't work. Wounded people need to have a safe place to compare the satisfaction offered by differing solutions.

P57: A life giving community teaches that pleasure alone fails to meet needs because it is not life giving. Nor is life giving always a pleasure. Yet life giving is what satisfies and when all is well it is a pleasure.

P58-60: Security is a strong need and power is a counterfeit way to find it. BY controlling others we hope to ensure our needs will be met. Authoritarian parents, teachers, church leaders contribute to rebellion in teen because they see relationships as power. Controllers are fearful.

P64: It faster and easier to destroy than to build. Fear gets quick results. Christians motivate by fear. Control destroys the value in others. Needs are met by receiving and giving life, not by power.

P68: the biggest deterrent to Satanism is a loving relationship with a real person.

P71: Young adults need relationship, power, and truth about their identity. It's relational. Jesus provides these.

P73: The Dragon seeks to shape our identities around fear. Our identities are open only to those with whom we bond and whom we need. They have permission to shape our identities.

P 75-76: Every incorrect accusation or attribution by those we trust leaves pain, confusion and weakness. False labels make children see themselves as the dragon wants them to. The power of life and death is in the tongue. If our identity is in Christ and based on love, love is so solid it can endure pain. Pain is the simplest way to produce fear. To get power from fear they have to produce pain. More pain means more power over others—except over those who do not fear pain. Christians do this. A good parent teaches children how to understand pain and to endure or remove it without fear. Those who try to save their children from all pain are teaching them to fear pain as much as those who use pain to produce fear in their children. Both overprotective and controlling parents produce the same fear in their children.

P77: In non-abusive homes every effort is made to relieve children's fear and pain. Those children learn that pain means comfort is on the way. Threats of pain began as they appear to have a will.

P79: The group around us shapes our identity through either fear or joy. Until age of 5 children believe just about anything told them by their community even if there are contradictions.

P 81: Self repair is learned 6-18 months. If not taught babies will turn to -----to feel better. These are the skills they will use any time they feel insecure about themselves. If they learn good repair skills they will turn to those who really love them for help. We should not protect from all discomfort or mistakes. The proper method of self repair is to learn to ask for and receive what we need while simultaneously developing strength to handle the pain of waiting. Second stage at 12- 18 months is learn to return to joy from upset. Let them feel pain a bit longer. Watches mother and how she does it. They can't control emotions larger than their joy. Largest effect of childhood trauma is the inability to control emotions the rest of life.

P94: If your stomach gets in a knot when someone speaks or prays—take notice. They likely are trying to manipulate or control through Christian sounding stuff and that is “witchcraft.”

P96: A correctly formed identity holds up under great pressure. When our id fits the inner pattern revealed in our heart, we do not disintegrate, our minds can know the truth about our identity and our soul can hurt like we hurt. Love as we love, and have joy as we rejoice. When we are deceived about ourselves we feel inner distress. Feeling attacked or trying to fit into an incorrect identity produces the need to repair the self. We don't know the answer but we hope by falling apart someone will notice and help us repair. The maturity stages are a death-like disintegration that becomes a transformation. Don't hold on to the old identity. We need a life giving community when disintegrating.

P98: There is nothing like neglect and indifference to produce hopeless, desperate children. If hopeless they are less likely to even try to find help. This hope for comfort from others is more eroded by neglect, abandonment and indifference than by abuse. At least someone is there for something in abuse. The greatest deterrent to destructiveness lies in the hope of relating to another human being. Good people who use fear, control, dominance, abusive religion, etc. cut off hope.

P121: Don't believe Satan, Don't fear Satan and don't teach your children to fear him because he has met his match. There is a better way – a power greater than fear. Next we will look at how fear and Love compete for us.

P122-123: We can reduce bonds to either fear or love. People respond to us from these. We often believe we are motivated by our values, but we are *guided* by our values and *motivated* by our bonds. Thus we are shocked when teaching good values fails to be enough. Cults grow when people leave their values in search of stronger bonds. The values of love cannot be implemented by the motives of fear. Young adults call this hypocrisy. We seek to bond with people who bond as we do (good or bad).

P124: We avoid most what we fear. *Shame*-no one will want to be with me, *guilt*-fear of being bad; *anger* –fear of being hurt; *rejection*-fear of abandonment. A Low joy identity keeps the will from being

able to control what the mind does. They are easily controlled by whomever they fear. Love is a desire. Love grows rather than fades and becomes more motivating with time. Love bonds are different—they are based on joy. Someone is glad to be with me and will share my good and bad times because they want me. Positive feelings like hope, trust or joy are grown through love.

P126: When people are desperate, they intensify their group's bonding emotion to try to get a response. Someone who believes bonds are based on guilt and fear might threaten suicide to get results. This is common where guilt or fear of punishment is used to motivate children. Bonding through intense overwhelming emotions is dragon-style love.

P155: The power of the gospel is no greater than the strength of its bonds. Christians often find their bonds tested by pain, suffering and death, silence from God confusion and doubt. Our responses will show us the strength of our bond with Him.

P157-158: Typically the claims made for Satan as a superior father or parent are these: more power, more acceptance, more fairness to followers, more involvement, greater respect, more intelligence and more consistency. It's easy to see how people with weak, uninvolved, rejecting, disrespectful fathers would find Satanism appealing. This is especially true if one's father or parents claimed to follow the Lord. Weak father bonds produce either hostility or idealization. Idealization closes the mind to reality. If examined, God will fail abysmally to reach our ideals. This is common misunderstanding. He falls short of our expectations. 1) *Ideal Protection*--Little wonder that whenever life is found to be unfair, not nice or accepting, people with weak father bonds experience God as distant and uninvolved. 2) *Ideal acceptance*. God fails here. He is the judge and is interested in decontaminating His creation. 3) *He is not fair* and introduces such unfair concepts as mercy, grace and forgiveness. If our father lacked these three we will neither appreciate nor miss them. In unfair situations a sense of power comes from getting revenge. That power is available to Satan's followers, but not to God's.

P160: Satan responds quickly to that who do things correctly and that's why Satanism is the most appealing of the occult traditions to teens, addictive and dissociative disorders. Immediate results appeal to those who are unable to delay gratification or have a limited view of time or cause and effect. Angry and dangerous fathers have this in common: Neither will accept problems as their own responsibility. Children believe they deserve the treatment.

P161: Two-faced fathers create a battle between good and bad and will be won by whichever side is stronger. The failure to retain consistent "good" validates that evil is superior. (If 'good' men show up to see strippers, evil must be stronger.) Satan can be seen as more consistent because he doesn't try to be meek and gentler. God is both loving and destroying.

P162: Loving Father Bonds: Love has only the credibility it earns through suffering. Strong love bonds reveal a father eager to share good and bad of life. Joy is his standard and the return to joy his daily goal. These bonds do not break due to pain or fear. They grow stronger by sharing both positive and negative emotions; by getting closer and drawing away. They provide both freedom and connection. If this kind of bond is strong with father and God, Satan is not appealing.

P163 *Prevention*: The infant whose needs are recognized and met comes to understand that need, discomfort and pain meant that comfort and provision are on the way. They know the way back to joy. Someone knows him and loves him. Love bonds must encompass all aspects of the child's identity and world, meet the needs, and address the failures of life. We must confess both the good and bad of our identities. This summarizes a process that leads us towards God, the only hope of our decontamination. When we come to terms with both, God can correct our errors.

P168---*Eight Gifts for Children: Power*: Powerful children can do hard things. Powerful love bonds will build powerful children. Feeling powerless comes from not enough resources or difficulty controlling children. It is impossible to control children. Guide them toward careful choices. Giving too little power makes them want to break rules that keep them away from power. This prepared them for occult thinking. Fear and anger are symptoms of people who feel a lack of power. They are fear motives and fear bonds and manipulations. Fear and anger to obey takes away their power. Fear and anger to motivate encourages them to search for power that does not come from their parents. They steal power through disobedience, rebellion, not remembering and answering, I don't know. (Colossians 3: 21—do not leave them feeling powerless.) Satan promises to treat them differently and give them power. If you need power, your prediction of how fathers act will determine which father you seek (God or Satan). If mother is the main power, children will think the world runs like Wicca says.

P171: Too much power is as bad as too little and produces feeling of powerlessness because they can't handle the power. They usually become codependent and overly responsible adults. Parents who give too much power are usually giving a substitute for love. The children use power in ways most people don't like (hurting animals). Rebellion holds the identity together by opposing something, power that doesn't know how to create with. Better to give it freely and wisely. How? Help them achieve goals, Decorate own rooms, to think wisely and solve problems, to plan, live with limitations, comfortable we will fail.

P173-177 : *Affection*...Builds strong love bonds and guards against wrong sex later. Affirms value, even teen boys want it, girls want it to be safe, just be held.

*Connection*... Strong love bonds stay connected even when the children are in pain. It's important to tell the truth about pain—both that it hurts and that sharing it is a sign of the child's great value. We know suffering can be so another does not have to suffer, but we want them to learn love can mean suffering with someone so another won't have to suffer alone. It's very hard for children to see their parents pain, but when they do it's important for the parent to act like himself and return to a sense of well being. The child will return to joy. Stay connected while doing hard things such as mowing the lawn. "We don't have to like it and I am proud of you for doing good work even when you don't enjoy it." One value derived from sharing pain comes from teaching children that, when necessary, pain can be endured. Parents who escape pain at every opportunity open their children into the call of Satanism. We are not talking about codependency where taking away suffering that belongs to someone else is not love if it keeps them from learning from their mistakes. Parents who use pain to control their children and do not share that pain should not be surprised when their children use pain to control them in return. Children who cry themselves to sleep alone learn that if you have power you don't have pain. Sharing

pain changes all that. Pain is then an invitation to draw close and heal. Pain is lifted when it's shared willingly by another. This is joy.

P177: *Self-Control*... This gift comes when parents refuse to build fear bonds they could use to control their children. What parents forfeit becomes self-control. Blaming and controlling are all about power equations. The world is based on manipulations. Whoever is wrong has to give in to the one who is right. Blaming others ensures the one blaming is the one who is right and they get their way. No one can be controlled. Not even the self. The one who feels the most out of control is usually the one trying to control. Attempts to control grow out of feeling powerless and fearful.

P179: *Integrity*... Don't keep secrets. Hidden things wield more power than open things. Sexual faithfulness. Satisfaction and honesty. Truthfulness. Openness. Confession.

P182: *Acceptance*... Work to accept everything about your children, but you don't have to like everything they do. It is not approval. It's closely related to grace and helps us accept them rather than grate against them. Grace extends forgiveness.

P 183: *Community*... Example of his son wanting to pierce his ear, so JW had the son consult with some other dads in the community and then they talked again and JW took the advice of the other men and went with his son after talking it through all together. We parent each other's kids. Have more than one mother and father.

P184: *Spirituality*... Know about spiritual warfare. Teach about the bad side and the good side. Keep the relationship Love bonds are the guideposts to the spirit world. Know what gives life and know God. Worship. Keep the love bonds and be sensitive to mood changes, etc.

P 196: The strongest bonds are the ones that will work anytime day or night, no matter how intense or bad things get. Discarding bad-acting, unpleasant people is the world's way to clean up. God prefers decontamination through suffering love. His way is returning to joy so we need people who can be glad to be with us in order to find joy in the presence of the pain. For joy to overcome trauma, someone must share their painful events with glad suffering love.

P197: Disconnected fearful people lack the capacity to make hard necessary choices even when they turn to God. God pulls them free by bonding them to us. Cult and abuse survivors and all with fear based identities need strong family bonds to change their identities.

P198: Maturity is developed in a spiritual family where mature elders and spiritual parents provide structure and babies can grow. Developing spiritual maturity means becoming who we truly are. This change of identity is accomplished through joy without correction or threats.

P201: People will see Jesus as being like us. Through our bonds others come to be like us. Let's hope we are becoming like the heart that Jesus gave us.

P206: Those who believe that if people think correctly all will be well are in for a big disappointment. Clear, sound thinking helps because truth, when obeyed leads to freedom but freedom is not the whole

of restoration. Following Jesus requires truth, power, and relationship. God transforms identities through the bonds we form. Traumas of the past maintain their power in the present only when the trauma is connected to some lie that is still active. Identify the lie and allow Jesus to correct it.

P207: Beware of those who claim discernment but always discern the same thing such as problems are always caused by spirits or by the person. Discernment is a gift but it also is learned from someone who is wise.

P 213-216: God takes what man does and makes something good out of it. This is redemption. Redemption is always a miracle. Hold onto hope that God wins. Do not hold onto your pain. Turn it in for redemption. If we try to discount the pain, ugliness, and evil, we will reduce the redemption value as well. Our healing will to the degree that we minimize the evil involved, be incomplete. We can return to joy only from the misery we confess.

P219: After someone shares a painful event and we return to joy then it is time for rest and fun. Hurt Cry Comfort Play.

P226227: Redemption disrupts things because it changes things—the death of the old and something brand new. A redemptive community is like a washing machine—it welcomes dirty clothes, washes them and sends the dirt down the drain. Satanism is like a Vacuum cleaner. It looks for dirt and sucks it into the middle and keeps it there. The graceless community (or church) is like a garbage disposal which separates out bad people and after chewing them up sends them away. The *sark* driven church purifies itself and its community by ridding itself of all the evil it fears. When dirty feeling people see the garbage disposal at work, they hide their own garbage so they won't be chewed up and sent down the drain. People keep bad secrets. They do not know evil is meant to be redeemed. The red dragon prefers the garbage disposal to the vacuum.

P228: Maturity requires growth, repair, and transformation at the proper time. Between each stage a transformation allows the old identity to die and a new growth stage to start. We can repair an identity and it not be transformed. When we disintegrate we temporarily stop functioning because what we believe about ourselves and our world is not working. Something about our identities is wrong but we don't know what. The self needs repair. We need someone who can tell us who we are. Proper repair belongs to God's loving relationships. It is entrusted to hearts. We depend on our bonds because we will be treated differently by those who love us and those who fear us or are indifferent. It's important with how we surround ourselves, especially when needing repair.

P332: It's scary when we need transformation of the self; to let it die. We can't just keep repairing. We will naturally seek out people who repair as we do (drugs, Hitting, go away, pray for me, hold me). To get transformation God blows the identity beyond repair. We come for healing and are careful who we listen to and receive from. We cannot repair ourselves. We need a loving bond and loving correction.

P234: Spouses can tell each other who they are during sexual experiences. It is a moment when we are open to change and being redefined.

P236: Garbage disposal theology has made us think we should fear the self and get rid of it. This is fear. It is to be nurtured, transformed, redeemed, sanctified and matured. Ephesians 2:10. Fear and anti identity theology block many from developing a strong self so they never mature.

P244: The reason to grow a strong self is so that it can die properly. We do not fear the evil still within us, but we wash regularly. We boldly reclaim and clean up our world, symbols, stories and lives. We surrender nothing to the dragon. We accept that we can decontaminate no one, not even ourselves. We lead everyone eagerly to Jesus, the one Source of cleansing.

P248: The first sign of spiritual maturity caused by redemption at work is a change in the meaning of pain. But we must die to find out and be transformed. We are powerless to decontaminate ourselves. Some Christians try to help God by destroying their identities and their children's. Now that we have built strong identities and strong group identities we are invited to let them die.

P 258: Redemption is disruptive. Redemption removes the weak and wounded and strong and mature from the fear bonds they cannot break alone. God frees us from a web of fear bonds and connects us to a family of love bonds.

P263: Our hearts are revealed by whom we reject. We must now welcome the very people we have tried to avoid. When we face our fears and they come true, they lose the power to bully us.

P269: When young people watch elders share the pain of others and then share some pain themselves, they do not desire to produce pain. If they try, they find out how dissatisfying it is.

P 281: We think independence is maturity, but this is false. Because we are dependent for every breath, we will always have needs. Dependency is our natural state. We cannot substitute one need for another. All needs are important. Maturity is learning to live fearlessly with this dependency. Redemption teaches us to appreciate it. Dependency is not optional.

P285: It is impossible to rescue people from the pain they carry, they can only be healed from it. Desperate hurting people demand rescuing rather than healing and only wisdom knows when each is needed.

P286: The single largest reason we do not mature is pain. When we fear hurting, we stop maturing. For children pain always meant they have no value, they are not important. Jesus preferred to endure hardship so others would know who they are. We suffer and die so others can know they are loved. Those who hide their pain will never know what heaven sees and get healed. The power of love comes from its ability to suffer pain it does not deserve—this is the cost of redemption. When we suffer we are the source of good things. Love flows from us. Bonds grow strong as we return to joy. Christians should respond with joy to detecting pain and damage in our lives because we know we are due for healing and will be shown a mystery.

P 287: Redemption ultimately helps us all act like our true selves. As we are redeemed we return our natural function—building maturity. Each time we submit to correction, we emerge more fearless and

loving. We can act like ourselves, hurt like ourselves and belong better among our people. We see others through our hearts. We all overcome our Type A traumas.

P295---*When Redemption came to Jim's house...Jim was trying to help some women that were coming out of the occult and the whole community and his wife were rising up against him.* "Redemption was showing us the defective nature of our marriage bond and our self satisfied identities. Everyone was hurting. Redemption began to show us what was hidden in our apparently idea lives. I ended up in bed ready to die. The next day was worse. How could I have missed so totally what God wanted? This disaster represented all my worst fears come true. There was no escape. The authentic expression of the best most loving part of me based on my deepest knowledge of God had failed. There I was exposed for the whole world to see, with the knife and fire in my hand. (I skipped the part earlier where this is explained—basically that we humans cannot give life. We are "killers".) No matter what I did I would still believe what I believed. Kitty folded and things changed a little. I left the old identity and entered a new identity as a father. No longer was my fatherhood defined by roles or governed by the fears and hurt of fatherless women. I did not need to fear. All this obliterated my long term pattern of withdrawing. I had the fear burned out of the bonds I had formed within the spiritual family (the women he had adopted spiritually). When the fear came true, it lost its power. When I was rejected, the fear of rejection lost its hold. When misunderstood, that fear lost its grip. When I could no longer prove I was right, the fear of disapproval turned to ashes. We weren't sure if it was our destructiveness or God's purification. We tried to put out the flames. Everyone thought it was my failings, and my faults were laid bare for the whole community to see. Finally God broke through and we began to heal.