

The Heart of Spiritual Sonship

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¹⁵ For though you have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you have not many fathers (1 Corinthians 4:15, NKJV). We need teachers. We need people to teach us the Word, teach us how to live for Jesus. But there is something different between a teacher and a father. A father is one who takes a vested interest in the life of a spiritual son or daughter. It's a very unique anointing, a very unique grace. It comes with maturity.

Spiritual fathers are a divine pattern. It is God's pattern. It is a relational journey of hearts opening to one another. Father to son and son to father.

⁵Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord, or the great and dreadful day of the Lord, ⁶ and he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse (Malachi 4:5-6, NKJV). This is what God wants to do. A turning of hearts from fathers and mothers to sons and daughters, and from sons and daughters towards spiritual fathers and mothers. God desires to turn and to place every single one of us into a spiritual family. He has a place for every single one of us.

We serve the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. What does that tell you? We serve a generational God. We serve a God who gave Abraham a promise. When God made that promise to Abraham, He had us in mind. There's a generational blessing, a grace that God desires to take from generation to generation. A work where God desires for us, each generation to build on the foundations of the previous generation.

Jesus died for you to bring you into a family that has a calling and a vision and a purpose far bigger than just yourself. God is calling you into His story so that you can be part of making history, His story here on earth.

So much of the message that is out in the world there today is; it's about you, it's about your success, and it's about my ministry, it's about my name. And as soon as we come with that kind of thing, we've perverted the multi-generational plans and purposes of God. We put a stopper into it. When we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, we can see further, we can reach higher, and we can go beyond where we could ever get on our own.

The wonderful thing about coming into a relationship of sonship is that I get to walk in the lessons of those who have gone before me without having to pay the price they had to pay to attain it, but I need to have a heart that is open to receive it. If you are not open to receiving leadership you will stay where you are.

For us to come into the heritage and inheritance that God has prepared for us, we need to embrace a heart of sonship or daughterhood towards those He sends to us, to usher us into that destiny.

What spiritual sonship is really all about is it is a relational journey through which one is equipped and released from a place of blessing and providence into the legitimate and authentically divine call of God upon your life. You have a calling and a purpose from God, but you're not the finished article yet.

Spiritual sonship requires preparation. All your rough edges need to go.
Spiritual sonship requires meekness, a willingness to allow someone to teach you.

Spiritual sonship requires humility. Thinking of yourself less.
Being humble. Nothing to prove and nothing to hide. Owning your mistakes and weaknesses.
Spiritual sonship requires submission. Allowing your spiritual father to influence your life. Coming under somebody else's mission.

God places us in a relationship according to His purposes. He connects us with people that carry within themselves what we need to fulfill our own calling and purpose and destiny.

Will you receive a spiritual father or mother? What price are you willing to pay for a sonship relationship? ²³ "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me." (Luke 9:23, NKJV) Are you ready and willing to deny yourself what you want, what you feel is best and allow God to take you to places that you never thought you would be? This is exactly the pattern that Jesus Christ modeled for us in his own life.

If you are willing to place that into the hands of God, and allow Him to place that into the hands of another, to steward you, to father you, to mother you, to love you, to coach you, and are willing to give that up, God can cause life to come from your life more abundantly than you could ever imagine. The outcome is up to Him. We have to trust God in this process.