

Slavery to SonShip: From Orphans to Heirs

Session 4

In SonShip the Christian disciplines are no longer duty ...rather a natural overflow of a love relationship with the Father

John 15-17 51 times Jesus says who the Father is.

Angry God theology Preaching you must be Holy!

But when you come into this revelation of SonShip and love your motive is changed to I don't want to do anything to grieve my Father because I want to dwell in His presence.

No more:

self rejection

Comparing myself to others,

feeling like others are more blessed than me

thinking Father loves others more than me

thinking the pastor spent more time with others than me

all of that is self-rejection, because you always come out on the short end.

But when you come into SonShip, no matter what kind of a day you are having you know you are loved and valued by God.

Orphan is all about competition, getting ahead, being the winner, getting what is due you.

Sonship is about representing the Father's love, humility, valuing others, putting others first, rejoicing with their blessings, grieve when there is loss in others lives, love covers the sins of others Orphans expose the sins of others.

When we realize what life is like as sons and when we realize the misery of orphan thinking ... the goodness of living as sons motivates us to repentance.

When we look at Law versus Grace and what life is like agreeing with the accuser of the brethren it motivates us to repentance.

It is really easy to begin making the transition from Orphan to SonShip ... when you get tired of living as an orphan knowing you can live as a son.

Are you tired of pain, resentment, striving, jealousy, defeating myself by thinking this person is more blessed than me, tired of sitting in conferences thinking I can preach it better than them ... that is a life of misery.

Just say I am tired of hurting myself and others ... What do I do Father?

Then come under the Father's mission that is to love God with all your heart and love others as yourself receive love from God and give it away.

Find someone who you know is a man/woman of purity and get under them and serve.

Be subject to their mission.

Your inheritance will come but you are going to suffer first.

Every time your fur bristles it usually reveals an unresolved issue with your flesh.

For the son, love is open and transparent, you lay down your agendas for how can I give away the Father's love to the next person I meet?

Sons understand and live knowing:

If God had a refrigerator your photo would be on it,
If God had a wallet your picture would be in it
God can live anywhere in the universe but He wants and He chose to live in me.

Let's face it friend, God is crazy about you

I. How do we go from orphans to heirs?

Matthew 18:3-4 and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Childlikeness
Humility

8 steps to position your heart for SonShip, receiving a Father's love ...

1. Forgive parental authority for each misrepresentation of the Father's love
 - a. Failing to forgive releases tormentors Matt 18:21-35
 - b. Do not wait for them to come to you, you forgive them
2. There may be a need for you to ask forgiveness of your mother and father
 - a. Attitudes and actions that need to be acknowledged and repented of. The pain you caused in their hearts.
 - b. When did you stop being your parent's son/daughter? When you became unaware of the pain you caused in their heart.
 - c. **Ephesians 6:2-3** HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.
 - d. **1 John 4:18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

What we sow into our parents we reap in our children ...
Results in the release of fear of authorities

3. Acknowledging our need to be a son or daughter to someone else is profitable for us. We need to have a spirit of submission. The prodigal son, in a foreign land among the swine, became aware of his need ...displacing the orphan spirit begins with being aware of the need to be free
 - a. Jesus didn't focus on being a father, leader ... but He focused His whole life on being a son.
 - b. Focused on being a leader or a pastor leads to control, authoritarian, etc.
 - c. Focus on being a father and you lose rest .. I have to do this and that and then you move into aggressive striving
 - d. Mark 11:29 ... Jesus focused on being a son and entered into rest ... an attitude performed not performance
 - e. **Hebrews 13:17** Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.
 - f. Submit, submission, subjection Get underneath and push up or support / SonShip
 - g. When your pastor thinks about you ... when your name comes up Is it profitable or unprofitable? Your boss?
 - i. What do the authorities over your life think about you?
 1. Biggest givers (not necessarily money), supporter,

1 Peter 5:5-10 *You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you..*

Younger men Experience in God's Kingdom and maturity, not age.

Who is it that you are subject to that you are underneath supporting that their mission in life might be a reality?

Until you are faithful in supporting another's mission you will not be given your own.
Luke 16:10-12

Six Benefits That Occur When You Are Submitted to a Leader

- 1) Clothed with humility ... which comes from humbling oneself under authority. That simple attitude performed cloths us with the Spirit of Christ. You cannot get it on your own, He gives it to you as you humble yourself.
- 2) Grace to the humble ... opposed to proud and grace to the humble. Grace – God's ability
- 3) Under God's hand Exalted into the Father's presence Often healing does not occur because Fear and anxiety is at 80% of all sickness and disease And unless we can get into the Father's presence healing does not occur That is why a good time for an altar call for healing is at the end of worship.
- 4) He exalts you Coming under a leader creates a natural relationship that propels you into a spiritual relationship with the Father ... no self promotion, God does it. **1COR 15:46 first the natural then the spiritual.**

Question is: If God put a nurturing individual in your life, would you receive them? In the 70's, 80's and 90's and more recently there have been times when the glory of God was released, but because it fell on orphan hearts it did not change our cities.

Malachi 4:5-6 *“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. “He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.”*

But before you can be a father you must be a son

Focus on being a son And you will become an end-time father

Otherwise, you move into leadership and what you have is an orphan leading orphans.

- 5) Ability to resist temptation
 - a. Jesus was in subjection to His parents
 - b. Jesus was in subjection to the ministry of John
 - c. Jesus was in subjection to the law
 - d. Then He was able to overcome temptation

1 John 5:18 *We know that no one who is born of God (continues in) sins; but He who was born of God(Jesus) keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him.*

- e. It changes the way you pray / intercede For instance the widow before the Judge in Luke 18 was demanding (*Your Word says this and that*)... We do not have to take that position. We can crawl up in Father's lap and say I know you desire this and that

so I am asking you Father to pour out your love Father intercession / Father filtered / Rest in the Father ... not a lot of energy focused on the Devil ... I have more confidence in God's ability to bless me than the Devil's to curse me.

Did David submitting to Saul mean that David agreed with Saul?

Did Daniel submitting to Nebuchadnezzar mean he agreed with him?

Did Elisha serving and submitting to Elijah mean that he agreed with him about everything?

It is about making the person you are up under the most successful that he/she can be and serving them by honoring and blessing them.

6) Maturity ... perfect, confirm and establish you.

See we must do #3 ... Acknowledge our need ... It is about all of us, as a family, acknowledging our need and getting up under each other and pushing up.

1 Peter 2:13-14 *Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.*

Submission is not about your leader ... it is for the Lord's sake ... it is about the Kingdom's future.

The ranting and raving on talk radio doesn't change the system It may be right, but it doesn't change the system ... it is orphan, not SonShip.

No SonShip no influence to change the situation.

1 Peter 2:16-20 *Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king. Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.*

Submission with honor gives you authority to change the system ...

Both the "important" and the "insignificant"

Living to honor others will change the church

What if at work your focus was to get everyone around you promoted, your boss, co-workers and those under you.

You would be promoted, because the ones that get blessed are the ones that have the boss's heart.

If you are nice to the people you are with, but not nice to the waitress, the checkout clerk, the sales clerk, then you are not a nice person.

How can I get under every person I cannot. I can just allow God's love to flow through me and give God's love away to every person I meet.

4. You must forgive spiritual and governmental authorities for misrepresenting the Father's love to you.
 - a. Been hurt by church authority? Who has not?
 - b. I will misrepresent the Father's love. I get task orientated, performance focused, I will neglect you and not think about you and not meet your needs, that is life ... is there anyone here that does not do that?
 - c. We must forgive those at work, church and in government

Romans 13:1-2 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

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- d. You don't do anything that goes against the Word of the Lord ... that is why in 70 AD when it was required to bow before Caesar and say Caesar is Lord many were martyred.
 - e. When we oppose authority we come into agreement with the first spiritual orphan, Satan.
 - f. When we oppose authority we come into agreement with the law. God doesn't curse us ... we reap the consequences of the law.
 - g. When you reject spiritual and earthly authorities you reject a spirit of SonShip and it brings condemnation down upon yourself.
5. There may be a need for you to seek forgiveness from spiritual authorities for rebelling against them. Restitution maybe required.
 - a. Spoke against them?
 - b. Criticized their faults and weaknesses?
 - c. Built a case among others against them?
 - d. Ever considered going to them?

New Testament says don't put anyone in leadership unless they have been tested.

That is why when I first came to this church I was asked to clean toilets, because the more time you spend around toilets the more you realize what you are full of

Orphans consider authorities a source of pain ...

Orphans think "they" have an agenda to use you

In Sonship you respect authority, honoring them as ministers of God for good in your life, receive admonition/correction as a blessing, see it as a need for your life, glad when faults and weaknesses are exposed because it makes you more like Jesus,

And most of all Sons are there to get under and support NOT for what they can get out of it.

If you are ever called to minister at a church go to minister to the pastor because if you go to minister to the people you will draw their hearts away from the pastor and you will draw them to you and you will release an unconscious hidden defilement in that congregation/ministry.

Sons get up under the leader and push up ... support by serving with the objective to make the leader the most successful he/she can be.

If you have a different spirit you may need to seek forgiveness for rebelling against them for closing your heart to them.

6. Take captive and cast down any thoughts that are in agreement with the father of lies. Renounce daily the hidden lies and voice of the orphan heart. Renounce daily ungodly beliefs.
 - a. Why don't you call and ask pastor to _____. Answer: He doesn't have time for me.
 - b. Ask this question again ... If God put a Father in your life would you receive him?
7. Sow into your inheritance.
 - a. Christmas offering for pastor? Pastor appreciation?
 - b. Give a gift to your boss? Are you kidding, he cut my bonus!

Romans 15:27 *For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things.*

- c. I have a debt to those that have put up with me in my immaturity.

1 Corinthians 9:11 *If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?*

Galatians 6:7- *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. Context*

Galatians 6:6 *The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.*

Galatians 6:8 *For the one who sows to his own flesh (orphans) will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit (Sons sow into their inheritance) will from the Spirit reap eternal life.*

- d. We give to those who we perceive have a need, but rarely if ever do we sow into those who we perceive do not have needs.
- e. Look for every opportunity to sow into those who God placed you under.

8. Receiving your inheritance
 - a. Abundance begins to come
 - i. Ministry opportunities
 - ii. Financial resources
 - iii. To the nations

How do I stay in SonShip and not revert to orphan thinking?

It is time to follow men's character instead of gifts and anointing.

We can point to a person's teaching that impacted our life, but most cannot tell of a father that changed their life.

We have been drawn to the gifted instead of the meek. More interested in the pulpiteer than the fathers.

This is the spirit of Forerunner Sons ... others must increase and I must decrease ... John the Baptist ... and when we do this we find ourselves going to the nations.