

The Whole Church #18 – The Fatherhood of God, Part 2

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Monday:

I highly suggest that you go to the Trinity Facebook page, and catch the service from last week, because it's the story found in Luke 15. This story is titled, "*the prodigal son*" but this story is really about the dad.

A couple of little prophetic things:

- God wants to tell you that He's proud of you for doing something with the word. It's happening at a level that I haven't seen before.
- This season is going to offer a lot of open doors and a lot of closed doors.

Deception is at an all time high. So heads up. If you're one of those casual people who just kind of likes to check the box for church and really never opens the Bible, we are entering a time where you need to know what the Bible says.

One of your guarantees not to get deceived is to pay attention to the things that God is saying to you. It's not hard. You are created for it and you can do it. It's important for you to know what I am saying, so you can check it out against the scripture to make sure I'm on the right track. I encourage that!

If you want to know what the Kingdom of God looks like, in the flesh, look at Jesus. Look at how He handled the poor, the cross and all those things.

Learning to relate to God as Father is the key to you having a successful spiritual life from God's perspective.

Tuesday:

This is a review of the seven aspects that represent the DNA of this fellowship:

- **The Kingdom of God**
- **God as Fatherhood (Fatherhood)**
- **Grace:** If this starts to feel like it is almost too good to be true, you're just of the edge of knowing what the grace of God is all about.
- **Relationships/Family:** In the Kingdom of God, it's relationship, relationship, relationships.
- **Equipping the Saints:** I'm going to feed you, but I'm not just feeding you so you'll get spiritually fat and not do anything with it, but so you can take the word that we talk about

here and flesh it out (check it out) in your normal daily life.

- **Signs and Wonders:** You are created to do signs and wonders. It's not for someone else to do it. Jesus said, *"Truly, truly I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also, and greater works will he do, because I go to the Father"*. John 14:12. God is on you to carry out the supernatural in the natural. The ones who are getting it done in this season are God's mature sons and daughters.
- **The Poor**

Andy spoke a prayer over the ones that are writing songs and books or want to start writing songs and books.

Wednesday:

Notes concerning the Fatherhood of God:

Luke 11:1 is the first time in the Bible where Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, the Creator of the universe, gives us permission to relate to God and come to God exactly like He does. *"Our Father, who art in heaven"*

When Jesus started the prayer with *"Our Father"*, He's given you and me permission to connect, to relate to and come boldly into God's throne of Grace, to relate to God exactly like He did.

Something that just became real to me this week: What the Lord said to me was, *"What you have been doing is asking for my Kingdom to come, rather than declaring the Kingdom to come"*.

The Bible says, *"You are created in Christ Jesus, for good works"*. The simple people (regular people) were able to hear Jesus, but the religious people of that day couldn't hear Him, because their traditions stood in the way.

God has been grossly miss-portrayed in this generation and in previous generations by the very ones who should have known Him the best, the church leaders. When I'm talking about leadership in the Kingdom of God, I'm not talking about ruling from the top down, because leaders in the Kingdom of God should rule from the bottom up, and are servants.

We only have authority to the degree that we're yielded to the Spirit of God, Who is in our life to help us get from point A to point B.

Thursday:

It's not enough to know about the conceptual knowledge of God. You have to go on and start experiencing a relationship with the Father. That's what true sons and daughters do with their Father. They talk to Him and they listen to what He has to say to them.

In a lot of places, God the Father is seen as someone who's distant, impersonal and a disciplinarian, Who is difficult to please. God is not like this at all!

God has used this house and will keep on using it as long as we will be good stewards of the revelation that He has given us and as long as we don't make it about ourselves.

Watch out for Pride! It's a sneaky thing in this kind of season, where God is moving. Spiritual pride never comes in the front door, it always kind of slips in the side door. It can happen when you are doing better and hearing better than everybody else. So watch out for this.

It's just about you, and you leaning into this relationship with the Father. What is the first step?? Start calling Him Father, or Dad, or Daddy or Pop. This is not disrespectful to Him. In Mark 14:36 Jesus cried out, *"ABBA, Father"*, which means daddy.

Learn to relate to God as Father. It's the most powerful thing you can do for your life.

If you don't know the Father, you will never know who you are.

Pay attention to what God gives you in a dream or a vision, because these things form you and shape you. Pay attention in your time with God. Pay attention to the spirit and listen to the things that God is saying to you, because He's talking.

He will talk to you about your car payment, a problem, a relationship and a bad doctor report. This is going to have to be a priority for you to go after.

Friday:

I have been going to the Lord with no agenda. I'm telling Him that I don't know anything. I'm telling Him that every time. And I honestly don't know enough to get us from point A to point B in this season, unless I hear it from the Father.

The Bible, as much as I love it, was never meant to be a substitute for your relationship with the Father. In its essence, this book should lead us to an initial encounter with God. And when you have that initial encounter, then you start having further encounters. That should never stop.

Nobody can snatch you out of God's hand, and you are not going to lose your salvation, so let that one go.

I hear preachers all the time talking about God in ways that are inconsistent with the nature of the Father. What that tells me is, they have the conceptual knowledge, but don't have the experiential knowledge.

- If you don't know the Father, you will never be able to understand the Bible.
- If you don't know the Father, you will always be wandering around looking for your place.
- If you don't know the Father, your perspective about everything is incomplete.
- If you don't know the Father, you are missing much of what Life is about. As you grow into relationship with Him, you begin to come into your sonship, your daughtership.

Saturday:

If you don't know the Father, you will always be an orphan, a spiritual orphan. Here's a few orphan characteristics:

- Always seeking validation, Always wanting attention, Always wanting the credit, Excessive talking about yourself, Self promoting, Victim mentality, Always having to prove your point, Defending yourself, Criticizing others

Everybody has orphan characteristics until they start to come in their sonship. Those things start to kind of fade into the woodwork when you come into your true identity.

Every time someone comes to you telling you their problems, that's an open door. They are trusting you at least a little, or they wouldn't be telling you their problems. What they are doing is really asking for your help for prayer or counsel of some kind or just some encouragement.

The hardest part is the thing that the Bible Belt has done to you. It's put you in a place where you think somebody else is supposed to do the ministry. **WRONG, WRONG, WRONG.** That's not even a biblical principle.

The open door comes when someone starts telling you their problem. And maybe part of that

ministry is just telling your story about how God rescued you and how He came through for you.
When the spirit of God deals with you, about 99% of the time, the ground has already been prepared for you to help them.