

## The Whole Church #22 – The Fatherhood of God #8

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### Monday:

How many of you had a really, really challenging week? If that's happening for you, that's a good thing, because of what God is doing in the earth. He's allowing people to go through things that will bring stuff up to the surface in their lives that is in the way, keeping them from who He called them to be.

God needs people in this season who have been through the fire, who know- not just know it here (head) but know it here (heart).

Life class, which meets every Sunday morning at 8:45 over in the church office, is going to start going through my book, "*The Best Kept Secrets in the Kingdom*". It would be great if you could come and be a part of that.

Review of the elements of Our Spiritual DNA of Trinity Fellowship:

The Kingdom of God      Relationship with the Father      Grace      Relationship with  
One Another

Equipping the Saints

Signs and Wonders

The Poor

### Tuesday:

Bible Belt mentality says you hire a really, really good preacher who can do all the doing and who can analyze God and all that stuff for you. But the word says that the five fold ministries were given to equip all of us in the work of the ministry.

The Lord said to me, in the still, small voice back in the fall, to expect to be inundated with seemingly impossibilities. So, we are right in the middle of what the Lord said. With men, there are things that are impossible, but with God, nothing is impossible.

Taking notes helps you, because the Spirit of God will show you stuff a lot of times that I'm not even talking about up here. Stuff for you personally. Learn how to do that, and just follow Him.

You know what Jesus did when He went to the Mount of Olives? He went to be by Himself, and to pray. The Greek word for prayer is "Proseuche", which means to offer all you are to God. That's what I'm encouraging you to do. Go to Him with no agenda, with an open heart, mind and spirit, to just listen to see what is in the heart and mind of the Father for you.

Jesus had all the emotions you can possibly muster up when He heard that John the Baptist was beheaded. So, He has to go to the Father to offer up to Him His anger, retaliation, hatred and thought of striking back. When He came back, He wasn't contaminated by any of that stuff. He let all that stuff go.

He has given us an example when you Proseuche, when you let all those things go, that you know

don't belong.

### **Wednesday:**

Jesus laid down His life so you could do the stuff that we talk about around here all the time.

Knowledge is not a bad thing, as long as it doesn't get in the way of what God wants to do in you and through you. But it does that most of the time, without a relationship with Him. It always will!

When you embrace the truth and you engage in and begin to walk that out, everything changes. Nothing is the same. Here are some ways that it changes:

- If you don't know the Father, you will never understand the Bible.
- You will have a false identity, if you don't see, embrace and engage with the Father.
- You need to start seeing yourself the way the Father sees you. And that happens in time spent with Him, fellowship with Him.
- Asking someone you can't see, to do something you can't do. That's faith.
- When you pray, it affects your understanding, seeing, embracing, engaging so you're not asking God for a favor, you're appropriating that which is already yours, by virtue of God choosing you as a son or daughter.
- As you share life and you listen to and meet with Him with nothing on your mind, His presence is always there.

The world is in need of a revelation of the Father, but it can only come from people who know Him, and not just people that know about Him.

### **Thursday:**

Luke 15 is one of the most important chapters in the Bible, because it gives you the clearest picture of who God is. If I was going to have anybody start reading the Bible, I would have them start in Luke 15, and just have them stay right there until they get a revelation of who God really is.

When you start to realize your sonship and who God is, and then you realize who you are, your orphan characteristics begin to dissipate, and they will even dissolve because you're being conformed into the image of Jesus. And again, it only happens through relationship.

The biggest problem is when you start to talk about God as Father. Everybody already knows, or at least think they know, because they have the conceptual knowledge.

I go with no agenda and don't ask for anything. The richest part of my life right now is going with nothing. I just enjoy the presence of the Lord. It's that simple. You should try it.

It's impossible to know someone by reading a book about them. Can't do it. You can only know someone through relationship.

You have to have both the Word and a relationship, because the Word of God keeps you in bounds, from straying off the path, and keeps you in balance.

The first chapter of Genesis to the end of the Old Testament, all, every bit of it, is about Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes couldn't see it. They got so caught up in their religious tradition that the Son of God, Who all those scriptures had testified about, was right there in their midst, and they missed it.

They (the Pharisees and scribes) knew what it (the scriptures) said, but they didn't know what it meant, because they had no relationship. They thought they knew God, but in actuality, they were far from it.

Friday:

Jesus didn't come to save the lost. Jesus came to reveal the Father. We will talk about that later. In the Bible Belt of America, salvation is the end game. I agree that it's the most important thing, but it's not the end of the game. It's the start of the game.

We do **Digging Deeper** on Wednesday nights. You should go if you care about being disciplined. That's what happens, because they take the notes that come on Sunday and they dig deeper into them. That's another opportunity for you to get disciplined, if that's an important thing for you.

We do **Life Class** here at the church offices on Sunday morning at 8:45. That's a good strong group, it's interactive and that's another place to get disciplined.

The notes that are handed out on Sunday morning of what I'm going to cover during the word are not just so you can stay up. Those notes are so you can get the word established in you. You should be the most mature people in the neighborhood. If you're not, it's not my fault and it's not God's fault.

I'm amazed and somewhat frightened by how few people get more into the word.

The AT Snacks are just little excerpts of the service. They are done in a way now like a devotion thing where you can have a Monday thru Saturday thing, if you want to do that. These excerpts help disciple you, season you and mature you, if that's a thing for you.

Saturday:

God's not pushy, not manipulative, not overbearing. He is loving and kind and allows you to go through those things. He's not going to leave anything in your life alone;; that's not like Jesus.

It is a serious thing, in light of this awakening that's happening in the earth right now. The clock is ticking. The Kingdom is coming, with you or without you. We have time, but we don't have

time to waste.

The events that you are going through in life, good and bad, are so you can be formed and shaped. The Holy Spirit is able to guide and instruct you along the way. We should take advantage of that.

The natural progression of our spiritual life is to go from the little children stage to the young man and young woman stage, where you begin to awaken to these things we have been talking about.

So we get guidance by the Holy Spirit, and get fathered, so that we grow through those stages into a mature stage, where we're fathering and mothering others.

Jesus didn't come to save the lost, He came to reveal the Father. **Actually, Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost to that generation and generations before that, is that there was no relationship or intimacy with God.** (Luke 19:10)

Here's what Bill Johnson says, "*We live in a religious environment that values knowledge over encounter, relationship, intimacy, and walking with the Father*".