

The Whole Church #20 – The Fatherhood of God, Part 6

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Monday:

If you weren't here last week, go back to the Trinity Facebook page and check out the service on April 21st. I really felt like the word that came was a prophetic, apostolic word for this hour.

Why is it when little kids pray, things seem to work? I asked the Lord this question and He said, *"because I can trust them with it"*.

So what do we do to become as a child? How do we get to that point where God can trust us with the amount and the quantity of the supernatural that He wants for us? Let's get in a place like little children. **Please don't be tempted to blow this off because it is so simple.**

A quick review of the things that are important to us, and important to God, that we focus on here at Trinity Fellowship:

The Kingdom of God Relationship with the Father Grace Relationships with One Another
Equipping the Saints Signs and Wonders The Poor

Tuesday:

If you don't know God as Father, you really don't know Him.

God is a Father. He's looking for a family. If He wanted something other than a family, He would call Himself something other than Father.

Jesus said, *"You will always have the poor with you"*. If you miss that part, you miss a huge chunk of the ministry of Jesus. So we ought to be really assertive in that respect.

Please read John 1:1-13, to help set a tone for this word.

We are living in a time where darkness hasn't yet peaked. That's a little scary.

It's important that you know who you are. You can only get that by going to the Father, and you can only know Him by giving Him access to your life.

That's where the transformation happens, where everything that needs to happen in you happens. I call this relating to God as Father the cure for mankind. It fixes everything.

God speaks in all kinds of ways: through the written word, through dreams and visions, the word of knowledge, the word of wisdom, tongues and interpretations, through the elements, through colors and numbers, and through the still small voice. If you are not hearing the Lord, there's a good chance that the problem is not on God's end.

All good communication is two-way: there's talking, and there's listening.

Wednesday:

You have a high, high quality of faith. But it could be laying there dormant. You are the only one who can activate it.

When you connect relationally with the Father, you begin to find out who He really is. But if you never do connect in that way, you will always have a second-hand perception of Him.

If you only see God as a judge, you will always be somewhat fearful of Him. You'll always be mindful of your failures and all the things you've done to let Him down.

Many people see themselves as not really measuring up. That's a wrong perception. It's not a little wrong, it's a long way from the actual truth. You see yourself wrongly because you are seeing God wrong.

When you start seeing God for who He is, you'll start to see yourself just like He sees you.

If you don't know who you are, you might spend your lifetime doing something that you're not supposed to be doing. If you know who you are, you get in the flow of God's plan for your life, and you start hearing those secret things that are in God's heart for you. Then you start moving in that direction.

He's not going to reach out over and do what He's given the church the authority and power to do. We have a huge responsibility, in that God is trusting the spiritual well being of the whole world to you, and people like you.

Get busy about cooperating with Jesus and His Spirit, for the manifestation of the Kingdom of God.

Thursday:

Abraham wasn't a spiritual guy. He wasn't a holy guy. He just was a regular guy who had an encounter with God. Have you had an encounter with God?

When you have an encounter with God, it leads to further encounters. Abraham had an encounter with God, and God said to him, *"get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house"*. Abraham was obedient to God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Abraham had to literally do what God told him to do. You have to do the same in a spiritual way. You have to come out from underneath those things that have determined, formed, and shaped you and start listening to the voice of God.

He only had God to trust and depend on. That's the very safest place you can be in. That's why you need to be listening to what God is saying to you. If you are not careful, you'll be confined to living in the spiritual lowlands and not fulfill the destiny and plan that God has for your life.

Seriously, you have the same quality of faith that Abraham had, but your faith is going to lay there dormant, or your faith is going to grow and mature and get seasoned.

Friday:

We need to listen to the Lord. We need to have Him form us and shape us into who we really are, which is a lifetime process.

Go look and find out what the promises are, and roll your sleeves up, put a little effort into it, and find out what those things are.

God said, *"In Him, I am well pleased"*. If you would embrace that truth, if you lay hold of that yourself, you are His beloved son or daughter, so walk it out. Everything changes for you when you do that.

You don't love your kids because it's the noble thing to do. Just like the Father loves you. You know why? Because He can't help it.

Something for you younger people to start looking for. What is the Father saying to you? That's so important! Some of these young guys used to come to me with a problem or issue and would pour their heart out. They were looking for answers. And my response to that was, *"what's the Father saying to you"*? They thought I didn't care about their issues, but it caused them to go to the Father. They thanked me later for that.

If you knew how important you are to Him, it would change everything about you, how you think, how you talk and how you behave. It would change everything about you.

If you don't think you are the Father's favorite, you must not have spent much time with Him lately. It gives you a greater sense of significance and responsibility.

Everybody's looking for significance, that stamp of approval. Nobody can give it to you. You only get that from the Father. We should make good use of God's choice to have you here.

There's another level of commitment in our house and in our family that people are taking a hold of, which is the word that they are receiving.

You have a specific gifting and a mix of gifts, so that you can be a functional contributor to the work that God is doing around you, in your area and in your family.

It's not even biblical that someone stands up here and has all the gifts; or a group of people (elders), or a few others who are called into the ministry. Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers were given to equip **you** for the work of the ministry.

If people have never been to church, they tend to get this right away, but if they've been to church in the Bible Belt, it takes them forever to understand this.

Saturday:

You are gifted in ways to fulfill the call on your life and your destiny, so find out how you are gifted. That's up to you to do that. I can talk about it, but it's up to you to put your hand to the plow and figure that out. The clock is ticking. It's critical!

We ought to really be awake to what's happening. I commend you in that, but if you're not awake in your spirit, the kingdom is coming, with you, or without you.

We need to know what we believe, and we need to have a Biblical basis for what we believe. That's why I went through the whole Ephesians 4 thing, so that you know that you're to be equipped for the work of the ministry.

We all are a work in progress. I'm still growing. I'm probably growing more, at a faster rate, than ever before. You can only do that through the relational thing that we are talking about with the Father.

Every mature ministry starts out as an immature ministry. It's on-the-job training. We learn as we go. Don't wait until you think you're thoroughly equipped.

Anytime someone comes to you, telling you their problems, they are asking for help. There's a level of trust that they are extending to you, when they open their heart and their life to you. When this happens, the light should come on. So, you have to activate your faith and ask them if they care if you pray for them. If they say "Yes", keep it simple and ask God to fix it and always point them to Jesus.