

The Fatherhood of God #14

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Monday:

During the offering this morning, there was talk about Jesus coming back. Let me put it this way. Jesus is coming in the His church, and through His church, before He comes back for the church. That's happening right now.

A quick review of our Spiritual DNA, here at Trinity that we focus on:

The Kingdom, Relationship with the Father, Grace, Relationship with One Another / Family
Equipping the Saints, Signs and Wonders and The Poor

The enemy puts his target on relationships. He doesn't want you to be strong in relationships, so it's not rare that you'd have problems in a relationship. It's kind of natural. But if you can sit down to work through issues that you have with someone, and you get God involved, then the Lord not only restores the relationship, but He restores it and makes it better than it was before the breach ever happened.

When we talk about signs and wonders, there are entire schools of thought that say God doesn't do miracles anymore. We're not buying that because what Jesus Himself said, *"Verily, I say to you, he who believes in Me and the works that I do, he will do also, and greater works will you do, because I go to the Father"*.

Tuesday:

Please read John 14: 6.

"The most important thing that I can say is: Learn to relate to God as Father".

- It cures everything that's wrong with the human condition. It has to be relational. It can't just be informational. It's in the relationship with the Father; that is where the magic happens. It's all about the relationship.

"God is what He is, Father is Who He is".

- He could be anything He wanted to be, but He chose to be a Father. That's how He wants us to know Him.

"Knowing He is Father is not the same as knowing Him as Father".

- Most everyone knows the concept, but fewer are enjoying the experience, experiential knowledge, of Him.
- It's not the knowing of information that blesses you. It's experiencing His presence and knowing Him as Father.

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Wednesday:

“If you don’t know the Father, you’ll never know who you are”.

- Knowing He is Father is not the same as knowing Him as Father.
- Most everyone knows the concept, but fewer are enjoying the experience, experiential knowledge, of Him.
- It’s not the knowing of information that blesses you. It’s experiencing His presence and knowing Him as Father.
- The church is full of people who don’t know who they are.
- It’s more important to me to teach people who they are, rather than what they should do.
- The things that God says to us form us and shape us into our true identity.
- As has been spoken several times previously, there are many ways to hear God’s voice, which includes my favorite, the still small voice. As you begin to open your heart and start hearing the small still voice, it quickens your heart, making you alive and aware of what it is that God is saying.
- But if you’re not hearing the Lord, there’s a good chance that the problem is not on His end. So, make it a priority. Don’t make it hard. It’s easy.
- Make it a priority to hear God and just listen, just pay attention. If He doesn’t say anything, that’s okay, because the prize to be had is not what He says or does. The prize to be had is His presence.

“If you don’t know the Father, you’ll never understand the Bible”.

- The Bible, in its essence, is to lead us into an encounter, a personal encounter, with God. The Bible was never meant to be a substitute for your relationship with the Father. You can’t know someone by reading a book about them.
- Without the relationship, you’re creating God in your own image.
- When you read the Bible without the relationship, some of this stuff can seem undoable, and it shows you how bad you are.

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- Thursday:

“You don’t have to have had a good father to be a good father, but you do have to be a good son to be a good father”.

- Learning sonship from the Father in an experiential way changes everything.

“Jesus didn’t come to save the lost, He came to reveal the Father”.

- You say that the Bible says that Jesus came to save the lost. That's not true. The Bible actually says that Jesus came to seek and save **that** which was lost, what was lost to that generation.
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- Just before Jesus's birth, there was no relationship with God and the religious people of that day had become legalistic. There was no life in what they did. They condemned everybody else, but they had no relationship with God. It's happening right now in organized religion in America and in the rest of the world.
- We are in the early stages of what I believe is the greatest awakening that the planet will ever know and experience. You have an opportunity to be in on all of this, and all you have to do is be obedient. Are you in for that? What is this going to cost you? EVERYTHING! He has to become everything.
- If you pay attention and allow Him to do what He wants to do in your life, He'll give you more than you ever dreamed.
- You've got to do some heart and soul searching. You have to allow the Lord to do with your heart what He wants to do with it. It's all about the heart. It's your spirit, the real you.
- Let's pretend they (the scribes, pharisees, and the Sadducees- the religious leaders of Jesus' day) had their Bibles tucked underneath their arms and they thought they were doing the greatest thing in putting this man (Jesus) to death. They thought they were cooperating with God. That's how far dead religion can get you off the path.

Friday:

“You can't know the Father by reading the Bible. You can't know anyone by reading a book about them”.

- *“You search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life, but you're not willing to come to Me, that you might really have life”.*
- It's not just through prayer, it's listening. So, communicating with God is a good healthy balance between you asking, talking to Him, then paying attention and listening to Him as well. Don't forget to listen.
- I'm getting more from God than I ever have, just by going with no agenda and saying, *“I don't know anything”*. Here's where we are going here at Trinity. We are going wherever He says we are going.
- Let this be a desperation on your part, a desperation in your heart, so you can hear what it is that God wants to say to you. He cares about you, and He wants to talk to you.
- If your Bible reading doesn't eventually lead you to an encounter with the Father, you

might be wasting your time.

- To start the process of relating to God as Father, I would start by calling Him that, *“Father”*. Jesus has given us permission to relate to God just exactly like He does.
- As we engage in relationship with the Father, our orphan characteristics go down and our sonship/daughtership offsets that.
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- **Saturday:**

This move of God is only going to happen through people who know who they are, who know Him, and as a result, they know that they are sons and daughters of the Father.

The enemy is always trying to bring back your own nature and your old habits, but you go to say NO to that. It's no longer you that live, but Christ that lives in you, so be led by the Spirit, be obedient and you will display the characteristics of your new nature, the real you.

Lean into this word and allow the Lord to fill you up with His spirit. Let Him have your heart and let Him deal with everything in your whole life, that's not like Jesus.