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"But as many as received him, to them gave he **power to become the sons of God,** even to them that believe on his name:"John 1:12 KJV

Sonship is a responsibility, that God has bestowed upon every believer. So that at the end, our inheritance is sure. <sup>o</sup>This FaithBook from the FaithCampaigner, opens you up to the dimensions in understanding, who you are in Christ and the possibilities that awaits you through the Words of the Father; This is inclined with the realities of life as a believer in Christ.

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# Introduction: The Power of Sonship.

"Now I will tell you what the Lord has declared: He said to me, "You are my son. Today I have become your father". Psalms 2:7

Sonship is the relationship between Father and Child. If the son doesn't submit to the Father, it <u>will</u> be difficult for the son to survive outside the Father. So before you try to understand the power of Sonship, you must value the place of Sonship. Sonship is a training ground that proves loyalty...

"While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was **hidden from them**". *John 1/c21:36*  The power of Sonship is hidden from them who don't believe (acknowledge, or recognize) the Father, because they don't value the place of sonship. Your level of belief determines your loyalty. Therefore it matters who influences your belief, it matters the way you are taught to grow in your Christian Life. "This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: **God is light**, and there is absolutely no darkness in him." 1 John 1:5

When you don't believe in the God, you can not walk as a son of God. The place of sonship gives you the ability, to walk in the confidence of being "The Father's child". It is just like living of your Father's wealth.

# The Prodigal Son

This story enlightens us, about how God desires Fatherhood over every child of His. Yes we are children of God, but God is not concerned with us demanding for our right (inheritance), but us remaining at His side. The prodigal son valued running away, more than running in the ways of the Father, and this is because he didn't value the place of Sonship.

The ways of the father guides the son, unto fulfilling that which is essential to the Family "kingdom of God".

Sonship is the process of not just knowing the will of the father, but understanding the importance of the Father's guidance. This is because, it is the Father's guidance (ways), that leads the son to fulfill the Father's desires. Knowing the Father's will, is not a guarantee for success in life, but follow the Father's ways will guide one to success.

It is difficult to fulfill the Father's desires, when you lack the knowledge of His ways. The Bible says, Without Faith it is impossible to please God; this means that faith is the way of God (the direction you must take) and until you follow that way, you can't please God no matter how successful you are in other ways. God is not all about the end result, but the process that leads to the end result. If the process is not right, then end result will not be a genuine success.

To know His ways, you must first come to the understanding of an intimacy (fellowshipping). Your closeness to the Father will determine, how much you know of God and how committed you will be, to keeping your communion with God the Father.

A healthy relationship with the Father, produces a Grace, that helps the son, gain mastery of the Father's ways, unto fulfilling the will of the Father. In other words, When you diligently submit to the Father's guidance, you eventually align to the will of Father. A son who refuses to submit to his father, finds it difficult living a fulfilled life of Grace.

As a believer, you don't runaway from sonship, because your success in life is tied to it – it is the Father's plan. When the Father bequeaths an inheritance, He also passes on a legacy. The legacy is not the inheritance, but it is the Father's blueprint on the inheritance. The Father is a master planner, He is not all about making the fame but making the name. Sonship has the ability to carry on the Father's legacy (making the name).

"But Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing alone. The Son does only what he sees the Father doing, because **the Son does whatever the Father does.** John 5:19

#### **Understanding the Love of God**

"We love Him because He first loved us". *I John 4:19* 

It is the understanding of the Love of God that births your love for God. When God constantly dwells in your heart, His Love nature will find expression through you. This is one of the major reason of Christ coming "For God so loved the world..." God wanted you and me to understand the nature (extent) of His love, because when we understand, we yield to the Spirit of obedience.

The purpose of understanding the love of God, is for You to become an evidence of God's nature "God's nature is Love"- That His nature will find expression through you.

Growing in the knowledge of God , depends on your ability to understand God's nature.

He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us..., *I John 4*:8-9

Knowing the Father, is determined by your closeness and you cannot be close to the Father, when you lack the nature of the Father "Love".

Your closeness to the God is stimulated by your love for God and that's how you reflect God's nature. "to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God".

Ephesians 3:19

When you are grounded in love, you will naturally be compelled to love the things of the Father.

To understand love, you must learn to walk in love. That's why love is the first fruit of the Spirit. Love births a heart of Sacrifice, obedience and forgiveness... By this **we know love**, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. John 3:16

#### **The Root of Obedience**

One characteristics of sonship, is the Spirit of obedience. "**though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience** by the things which He suffered." *Hebrews 5:8* 

Obedience is an essential key to sonship power. It can take you beyond where intelligence can keep you.

The root of obedience thrives on the ground of love. Love is the basis where obedience is learned fully. It recognizes the place of submission, a place you are willing to uphold the principles of

integrity and humility. You cannot be a son and lack the essential key of obedience.

Obedience is the mystery behind alignment "Aligning to God's purpose for your life".

"He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?" *Micah* <u>6:8</u>

The evidence of sonship is in your ability to learn obedience through Faith, Mercy and Humility. Faith, Mercy and Humility are the pillars of understanding God's nature, which is Love.

The issues with sons is that, they are not intentional about knowing the Father's love (what it means). So they may give ear (time), but their attention will be strongly divided from the Father. 'Go to this people and say: You will listen and listen, but you will not understand. You will look and look, but you will not learn, Acts 28:26 It is and error to know God and not obey Him.

=Until you pay attention to God, your intention cannot be right before God= A good son pays time and attention. Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding; *Proverbs 4:1*.

Giving time and attention to God is a product of Love. When you love the Father, you will do everything possible not to disappoint Him. Obedience is fulfilled when one loves to follow, do and keep the instructions or commandments of the Father.

Adam and Eve - though they loved God, they didn't understand the Love nature of God, that's why disobedience creeped in. God sent Jesus, so we could understand the depth and expression of His love nature (John 3:16), and that our obedience to Him will be full. Therefore, we can say that disobedience is as a result of lack of understanding. Lack of understanding births ignorance and the devil feeds on ignorance - making sure your attention is kept divided, so that you'd be double minded and when you are double mind you will find it difficult in obeying God.

"a double-minded man, is unstable in all his ways." James 1:8

Understanding has the ability of removing doubts, uncertainties, ignorance and those things that causes one to be double minded in life. Understanding the love nature of God, makes your ways vivid and builds the confidence of obedience in you. Until you learn obedience, you can't follow God effectively in life.

Obedience is a respect, a reverence and a response to sonship power.

#### The significant power of sonship.

"For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading again to fear [of God's judgment], but you have received th**e**  Spirit of adoption as sons [the Spirit producing sonship] by which we [joyfully] cry, "Abba! Father!" Romans 8:15

The Spirit of Christ is what vindicates a child of God. He is called the spirit of adoption - God's signature upon every believer, that sanctifies a believer to be call a son of God.

The Spirit of Christ is the significant power of sonship. Until you learn to build a stable relationship, with the Spirit of Christ in your heart, you cannot be lead by the Spirit of God.

"And because you are sons, **God has** sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts...,"

<mark>Galatians 4:6</mark>

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." Romans 8:14

The Spirit of adoption, gives us the ability to be conscious of God's righteousness and this is the **boldness** birthed in us through JESUS CHRIST. So therefore, we approach God with a Father son mentality, because of that boldness of the Spirit. "Let us therefore come **Boldly** to the throne of grace...," *Hebrews 4:16* 

# The New Dimension of Spiritual Authority.

As believers we have been given Spiritual weapons, that are mighty in the place of Sonship. This weapons helps us raise standards, against the enemy and gives us advantage (confidence) in life.

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

<mark>Ephesians 6: 12</mark>

The sons of adoption are legalized to embrace Spiritual dominion on earth, because they represent the Father.... The weapons of the Father helps the son fulfill that purpose of dominion. Sonship carries the symbol of spiritual authority, but It takes Spiritual weapons to win Spiritual battles. The sons of adoption are meant to be carriers of spiritual weapons, because by the authority of the Father on them, they build influence in the realm of the spirit and are able to command territorial affairs.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in **the power of His might**. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil..." *Ephesians 6:10 - 11* 

The new dimension is introduced by His armor (Strength in the Power of His might), through sonship. The new dimension of Spiritual Authority is found in the Power of His Might. The power of His might is an expression of God's authority given to sons to carry about. (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 2 Corinthians 10:4

The Power of Truth The Power of Righteousness The Power of Reconciliation The Power of Faith The Power of Salvation The sword of the Spirit The Power of Prayer.

These are the armor of God that makes a believer strong in the power of His might. The arsenal of God is necessary in the place of sonship authority, learn to put it on.

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#### **The Sonship Power of Reconciliation**

"Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation".

II Corinthians 5:18-19

One of the responsibilities of sonship is the ministry of reconciliation. Until you understand the basis of Christ's reconciliation, you can never be effective in your ministry of reconciliation.

This ministry is a lifestyle, an inbuilt characteristics of every believer. God had saved you from slavery to sonship. This understanding births the boldness to give the word, reflect the word and proclaim the words of reconciliation. Jesus is the son of God and because of His Spirit, we have been called sons of God (joint heirs with Christ). Therefore we have the ministry Christ had on earth – to announce, so that men will transcend from slavery to Sonship.

"Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ" Galatians 4:7

# Accessing The Father's Blessing

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ...." Ephesians 1:3

It is an error to be a son without experiencing the Father's blessings. The Father's blessings are the Spiritual blessings hidden in Christ Jesus. Until this blessings find expression in the physical realm, you cannot experience the blessings. These blessings are mysteries that are unlocked by the power of sonship. . This Mysteries are found in the promises of the Father, and the promises are the blessings of Abraham.

"These all died in faith, not having received the **promises**, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that

#### they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth" Hebrews 11:13

Sons are not meant to live outside the promises, but inside the promises.

To receive the promises, you must first recognizes the promise. In other words, it is the understanding of who the promise is, that guides you to unlocking the promises that God made. "Christ did this so that **God's blessing promised to Abraham** might come through Jesus Christ to those who are not Jews. Jesus died so that by our believing we could **receive the Spirit that God promised."** 

Galatians 3:14

The HolySpirit is the promise (key), that unlocks the mystery of the promises (Abraham's blessings). Without him the blessings can never come to manifestation.

"That Holy Spirit is the guarantee that we will receive what God promised for his people until God gives full freedom to those who are his—to

#### bring praise to God's glory. *Romans 1:14*

When you're lead by the Spirit, you will walk in the Spirit. God gave you His Spirit not for you to remain carnal, but for you to become Spiritual.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

#### <mark>Galatians 5:25</mark>

Walking in the Spirit is an evidence of being spiritually minded, which is the symbol of life and peace. The ability to walk in the Spirit, depends on your capacity to carry the Spirit of God. When you're lead by God's Spirit, the blessings will be made manifest.

"whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

#### 2 Peter 1:4

The HolySpirit doesn't work in an atmosphere of lust. Until you are able to escape the entanglement of lust, you

cannot walk in the promises (blessings) of God. Lust can corrupt your intentions about pleasures in life. It can make you neglect God's purpose for that blessing. "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." *Galatians 5:16* 

## **Calling on the Father**

Daniel asked his friends to pray that the God of heaven would show them **mercy** and **help** them understand this secret so he and his friends would not be killed with the other wise men of Babylon. Daniel 2:18

God delivered Daniel and his friends, because they called on God. You will find certain things difficult in life, when you refuse to ask help from God.

A little child has total confidence in reporting to his/her Father, because the child knows, that the Father will address who or what is troubling His child. 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.' Jeremiah 33:3

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption **by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."** 

Romans 8:15

Crying out "Abba Father", is about calling on God for help. The Spirit in us, is our license to call on God at any point in time; It is like making a report or a request, that requires God's divine intervention.

.For the eyes of the **LORD** range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

2 Chronicles 16:9.

The state of the heart, is one thing that can hinder God's divine intervention in your life. When the heart is unclean, the intentions are not pure.

"And if you ask, you won't receive it for you're asking with corrupt motives,

#### seeking only to fulfill your own selfish desires." James 4:3

The Father's help comes when your intentions are pure. So it is traced back to the state of your heart; how transparent it is.

When a son's heart is committed to the Father, the eyes of the Father will remain on the son; ready to guide, strengthen and direct the son.

This is how we live by the divine help of the Father. The Spirit of God in our hearts, keeps our hearts aligned to God. And so, our intentions are kept on check.

Calling on the Father is determined by your level of confidence in the Father. Therefore your heart is what generates that confidence, but if it's not right before God, you will find it difficult walking in God's divine help.

My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth <mark>Psalm 121:2</mark>

# **The Mystery of Surname**

The legacy of the Father is carried on by His name. A wise father leaves a good name behind – And a good name means a good reputation.

Surname is the Father's name gives to His child – indicating that the child is His own. Surname gives the knowledge of who one is - that one is from a particular linage or place. It gives an enlightenment about one's origin.

"For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me". Isaiah 45:4

The Father's name is His identity given to the sons of adoption. Surname is God's identity on you as a believer. It is the prove that you are God's own.

"Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads." *Revelation 14:1*  God adopted you to bear His name, in other words; To carry His identity. That's why it is important to remember, your identity in CHRIST, and embrace It, so you don't bring shame to your Father's name. "even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him". *Isaiah 43:7* 

The reason you have been surnamed by God, is for the purpose of carrying the glory of God. Sonship is a place where God invest His glory. God expects His sons to be channels of His glory. So behind the Father's name is the glory of the Father.

And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but **who are ye?** Acts 19:15

The devil questions identity, though is afraid of one, who knows and has the identity of the Father; because sons have the ability to do what the Father does. When the devil questions your identity, he questions the glory of God upon you.

The reason why you can lack the glory is because you are not a vessel of the glory. "Moses was a vessel of God's glory, so when he carried the glory, the children of Israel couldn't behold his face." (*See Exodus 34:29-35*)

To become a vessel, you must yield to the things of light. "God is Light"

The Mystery of surname is found in the glory of God. Until you become a vessel of God's glory, you cannot have God's identity. *(See Matthew 5:16)* 

Surname is the identity, that births you into the place of royalty. When you have the Father's identity, men will identify with you.

#### The Place of Royalty

"Then Samuel explained to the people the **behavior of royalty**, and wrote it in a book and laid it up before the Lord . And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house." I Samuel 10:25 It is very important to know what Royalty is all about. The place of Royalty cannot be effective, when one is ignorant about the activities and possibilities of the word 'Royalty'.

God has made it possible, for His sons to have, the full identity of royalties when they understand the behavior (personality and responsibility) of a royalty. This possibility is found in Jesus; we can understand that Jesus became a high priest even when he wasn't from the tribe of Levi. According to scriptures, the Levites are the only ones designated to Priestly affairs. This means that Jesus shouldn't have become a high priest, because He wasn't from the bloodline, but there was something that made him qualified and that is the behavior (personality and responsibility) of the priesthood, which resided in Him. So even though He was not of the bloodline, He was of the "Spiritline". The priesthood can be compared to the place of royalty. Until you believe in what the priests (royalties) believe in, you cannot become one of them.

It is how much you believe, that determines how you behave (your personality and your response to responsibilities).

The essence is that, you don't need a bloodline to become a royalty in God's kingdom. It is God's adoption that brought you into royalty. What you need to do is to learn the behavior of royalties, by your loyalty to God's spirit 'The Spirit of adoption'.

The HolySpirit is a teacher, but you must become a learner. Royalty of the Spirit is not of pride, but gives the sense of confidence in who you are. That's one of the reasons for taking communion: We take the blood to remind ourselves, that we have the Royal blood of Christ in us, which isn't gotten by bloodline but by "Spiritline". The place of royalty is an everlasting place. It is one of the evidence of living the eternal life of Christ.

Bloodline isn't necessary, because once you are born of the Spirit, you are introduced into the Spiritline, which is the line of royalties in Christ Jesus. So as a royalty, through the power of reconciliation you can give birth to spirits (babes in Christ), that will give birth to a generation of royalties in God's kingdom.

The Bible confirms us as Royal Priests in God's kingdom. *(See 1 Peter 2:9)* 

#### <u>The Necessity of the Father's Discipline</u> "My son, **do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord**, nor be weary when reproved by him. For **the Lord disciplines the one he loves**, and **chastises every son** whom he receives" (<u>Heb. 12:5b–6</u>).

The purpose of every discipline is to make you understand and be better

than before. God's discipline functions on achieving three things, which works accordingly:

- 1. Learn
- 2. Grow
- 3. Stand

Until you Learn, you can't Grow and until you grow, you can't Stand.

"Whoever **loves discipline loves knowledge**, but whoever hates correction is stupid." *Proverbs 12:1* 

Discipline is a process that helps you **Learn** in life. The knowledge of God, is available to those, willing to pay attention to the discipline of the Lord. It is in learning that you gain the understanding of the fear of God.

"Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the Lord," *Proverbs 1:29* 

The evidence of **Growth** in discipline, is applying what you learnt from the Father, before the Father. If you don't practice before the Father, you can never stand like the Father. When you understand the fear of God, you upholding Integrity and Sincerity before God and then you can stand strong – being able to raise a standard when the enemy comes like a flood.

The understanding of the fear of God, exposes you to the knowledge of God and Every son needs the knowledge of the Father, in other to **Stand** in life.

"Then you will understand the fear of the Lord , And find the knowledge of God". Proverbs 2:5

"Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you". Deuteronomy 8:5

Know that the Father disciplines for a purpose; learn, grow and stand. Do not be weary, but hold fast till the purpose is established.

# **Conclusion:**

"For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith" Galatians 3:26 ESV

<sup>o</sup>Jesus Christ did the work of sonship, for us to follow His footsteps. The eternal life God gave to us, is the life of Christ Jesus and that's where the power of sonship is accessed. We are heirs of the Father.

"and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and **joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."

Romans 8:17



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