

Men Become a Son of God

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- Our study of God's love
- My own encounter with God just a month ago revealed roots in me that was preventing me from receiving Gods love/giving love to others

How God had to reveal His loving kindness to me – His mercy and then show me lies I had believed about who I was based on what others had told me and what I experienced (especially my earthly father).

My deepest identity was distorted.

The image I had become was molded by others – not God.

I did not believe I was truly loved just for who I was but that I had to earn love and approval by what I did

- I had to work for approval
- I was not secure as a son
- I was working to earn son-ship/fathers approval

My identity as a son was on hold.

It was “provisional approval”

or “approval on trial”

or “prove it and then you'll get it”

or “nothing for nothing”.

So my identity was formed around deep sense of insecurity, fears, and unworthiness.

My M.O was work, strive, compete, and fight more often than not.

I can't control everything you need to succeed to get the approval you long for, so the overriding, underlining fruit of my life was anger.

No joy and love had serious limits and conditions.

No rest/no fun/ no comfort

The Lord in His great love for me- which I am only beginning to really experience, encountered me and turned me inside out.

He gave me the grace to repent, cut soul ties, break vows, renounce lies, bind spirits that were behind this stuff, and the grace to receive the truth:

I am loved

I am a son of God my Father

I am approved by Him – no proof necessary except His word!

- The greatest need in man is to know the Fathers love
- Its what He created us for
- It's the image we were to be in - the image and identity of a son of God

- Short of knowing this love we are desperate to get it - and will do anything to feel loved, approved of, valuable, worthwhile and accepted or we will kill the pain of the emptiness, loneliness, and rejection 1000 different ways.

Unfortunately when we are in this state of desperation to find security and value and to know we are loved we don't have the love we need to love others and the love others need from us.

Without wanting to but helpless to do anything else we damage the ones God has given us to love:

- Our spouses
- Our Children
- Others

The Lord is now showing me how much hurt I have brought others and how to now go and with a new sense of the fathers love go and be a healing agent.

Unfortunately I'm not the only male who has done damage to the woman in my life and children.

In the past few weeks we looked at how in the beginning women have been abandoned by men.

Eve's problem in the garden wasn't the devil.

It was Adam's lack of covering her and protecting her.

We looked at Abraham and Sarah and before their identities were changed by God. Sarai's problem wasn't barrenness it was abandonment by her husband Abram.

Men without affirmation of Father Gods love for them as a son are dangerous to life around them.

- Insecurities
- Selfish
- Desperate for success that they think will bring love and approval

Yesterday at the largest Woman's Encounter we've had so far, the Lord told my wife to invite me and Pastor Joel and two other men leaders to come into the encounter.

-never did this before, minister the Fathers love

We were overwhelmed at the response, the incredible amount of pain in women that needed to be healed.

How much they needed to know the Fathers Love (no one ever held me before).

Why because Fathers/Husbands/Brothers/Uncles/Pastors/Police/Teachers did not give them the Fathers Love but used and abused them for their own selfish gain.

Just like Adam did to Eve
Abram did to Sarai

Brothers we have our work cut out for us – the healing of the Bride.
Our wives, daughters, sisters, even our mothers.

Our identity – who we really are:
Our approval and love must come from God the Father and rest primarily in Him alone
However this love and approval is personalized and actualized through other people,
primarily Fathers and Husbands.

When God the Father wanted us to understand/experience the full reality of His love for us He first sent His word then He sent His son – in the flesh.
His word became flesh
His love became visible and proximate – near, real – feel it and touch it, experience His love.

- God uses Fathers and Husbands to communicate His love to our wives and children.
- That's where all the problems started
- That's where the healing will begin

So let's reverse the patterns of Adam and Abram.

Here are a few points I'm learning anew:

1. Genesis 17:15-16
 - He spoke to Abram to speak life into Sarai and call her Sarah
 - Identify her!
 - He said to call her princess/speak life/prophesy and pray over her.
2. He calls Husbands to love their Wives as Christ loves the Church
 - Ephesians 5:25
 - How did Christ love the Church?
 - By being the communication of the Fathers love
 - Not just in word but in action : 1000's of way to communicate love: simply/daily – 4 C's :
Calls/Chats/Coffee/Communication
3. He gave Himself:
 - What are you giving yourself to?
 - Your work (spent? on what?)
 - Your self
 - or
 - Wife/Children
 - Adam/Abram sold out their family for the world.
 - Christ died for His Bride/Children to save them from the world.
 - What's really 1st in your life?
 - Christ came to the Church, His Bride. He became present.
 - Become present to your wife/children
 - Be there (Adam wasn't)

- Physically – Sit with them/ Walk with them/ Talk with them
 - Emotionally-Mentally- Be there
 - Listen- not with mind 1000 miles away
 - Spiritually – Be there/ Pray and defend them
- ⊃ Emmanuel – God with us
 - ⊃ Your wife and children need to be secure that you are with them!
4. *Genesis 2:24*
- ⊃ Men it's time to leave your Fathers house – If you don't you can't cleave to your Father in heaven/Wife
 - a) Leave the house of Adam (father) – cut the ties with your flesh and become tied to the second Adam – Christ!
 - Become a whole-souledly devoted follower of Christ, not 1/2 hearted/divided
 - b) Leave Abrams house (father) and become Abraham's sons
 - Sons of Faith!
 - c) Leave your Earthly Fathers house & become sons of your Heavenly Father
 - Cut the soul tie with earthly father – stop being like him, needing his approval and love
 - Leave and Cleave to your Heavenly Father and get your identity from Father God – your approved of Him
 - You'll never be able to call your Wife Princess until you see yourself as a Prince/Son of God