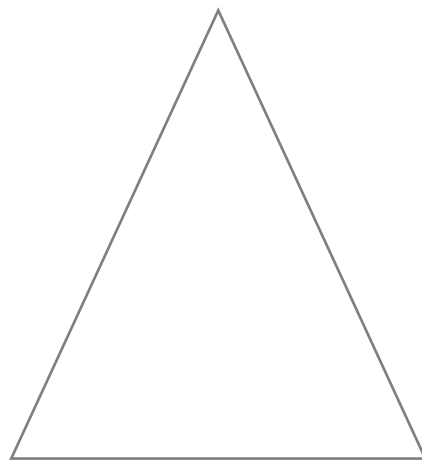


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**Important** to note when the word 'son' is used its not gender specific, as in the spirit there is neither male nor female 'SONSHIP' is the heart condition of one who loves God and abides in the word.

It is my willful intention to submit this document as a work inspired by grace and love which comes from the Holy Spirit as a value added truth which resonates from the heart of the Father. Its purpose is to align hearts, minds and the spirit to father son relationship. The word of God says [1 Corinthians 4:14](#) *even if you had ten thousand others to teach you about Christ, you have only one spiritual father. For I became your father in Christ Jesus when I preached the Good news to you.* The problem that exist in many circles within the framework of the christian church is its institutional mind set whereby you have a minister and the congregation which constitutes a church. The minister has the function to preach and the congregation has the responsibility to hear, aiding the institutional church is its arm of the other ministries which by certain standards is good practice and good administration but the problem still remain as to how the church is hearing the word of God preached, therefore it is imperative that relationships are formed to reinforce the Good News preached as Paul assumes the position of spiritual father to those who hear. The minister of any church should establish himself or herself by the grace of God to function as a present father. Providing direction, insight, stability until that son comes into maturity. [Malachi 4:6](#) *His preaching will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise I will come and strike the land with a curse.* [Luke 1:17](#) *He will be a man with the spirit and power of Elijah. He will prepare the people for the coming of the Lord. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and he will cause those who are rebellious to accept the wisdom of the Godly.* A spirit of itching ears, motivational talk, religious observance have overwhelmed the people who have obtained salvation through Christ Jesus and are left as orphans in the spirit of growing up in the ways of the Lord. It is imperative that those who have been entrusted by God who have been called in the Name of Jesus to shift from a gifting mindset and have the gifting filled with the presence of a present spiritual father. If the elementary principles of father and son are not accepted as part of a building process in the Church of God, then we are defeating the purpose of relationships building the household and kingdom of our Father.

# Chapter 1 - Father Son Relationship

## Insights and views

The principle of the father son relationship is key to building God's people who are called by His name. The church in the New Testament is a believer and believers constitute the temple of God or the dwelling place of God. Hence Christ Jesus is the head of His church and we are his body {The Church}, in Him we move, we breath, and have our being.

Principle grace is that of Father, Son and Holy Spirit

*Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful counselor, Might God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

God is faithful to His word, why do we have a problem with been faithful to Him?. It's God's design to have the immature be brought to maturity and this process can only be achieved by the grace of a spiritual father. Ones connection is to the word first, the spirit of the one who brings the word or else the relationship will be a carnal relationship and these relationships produce very little and often end up in a big mess because no clear boundaries are truly established. God will not go against His word, so the protocols designed by Him for humanity, He has made applicable to Himself as every person who enters the earth must be born of a woman. God came as the Son of Man born of a woman having a father present and growing up under His earthly fathers grace. So when we look at the spiritual context of growing up we need spiritual fathers as in the same way we need earthly fathers and mothers. In the natural how many fathers would leave their children or neglect to rise them up in the right way, take away this role of a father to a son you are left with a lawless society. in the same way neglect the principle of father son relationship and you will end up with rebellious, lawless church, people who have an orphan mentality will suffer a complex of uncertainty and mental illness.

If you observe the natural family which is a reflection of the kingdom of God, there is a father present and sons who are ready to inherit the blessing of the father only if the image and likeness is that of the character of the father. The direct implications of the word is to become and do, for e.g the word says, '*Love your wife as Christ loves His Church*', As a parent, '*bring your children up in the ways of the Lord*', '*Children obey your parents that it may be well with you and your days long on the earth*, all this can only be accomplished if there is a spirit of Father. If there is no oversight there is very little accountability and responsibility. Cain killed his brother Abel and took no accountability for his actions, Jacob deceived his brother out of the birthright blessing and latter found mercy when he hid

in fear from him, [Genesis 33:10](#) is the conviction of Jacob, he says to his brother '*For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God, and you have accepted me.*

The grace of God allows for this relationships as we have a father son wineskin we have brother to brother wineskin which simply means that all intents and purposes allows us as believers to be accountable and responsible because in our carnal nature we tend to do things which is not common practice in the Kingdom of God. This type of relationship have no room for imposing, lording, controlling. It not a dictatorship, nor should it be oppressive or under duress, these relationships work both ways father to son and son to father with common outcomes in producing Sonship in Christ.

Again my intention is to bring light on this subject and to validate whom and who may not be trusted with your soul. Many times pastors have been in the cross fire of unscrupulous members and partners that is why I don't agree with models which hinges on institutionalism and builds membership and not sonship. The attendees of church have no obligation other than to be present and at anytime have rights as an attendee given by themselves to choose what they want to hear and not hear. These members are like orphans which is the best way to describe the nature of one who is without father.

To drag this out further we have pastors who don't have the spirit of Father but the spirit of celebrity or religion using the word of God for personal gain and have convinced others by way of many false signs and wonders and persuasion of words that this is what God wants. As I have observed and by no means am I finding fault or throwing stones but it is a reality, you can and will find church members delayed into coming to a place of maturity until the Holy Spirit intervenes and have these whose heart is desperate for God migrate to a home where father is present many chose to stay members because it suits their lifestyle which is a mixer of worldly and spiritual when it is necessary but here is the thing about mixer {warm} God says he will spew that type of person out. So which brings me to what church looks like without a relationship driven growth, its in the heart of most parents to bring up their children to function in a sound mind and spirit which is of God to impart into their children that same wisdom and grace, but the church to an extent has not adopted this thinking for the reasons which may vary for religious or political reasons of whichever spirit influences them to do, as a result the evidence is clear that we have an army of children instead of sons.

Its not complicated, once a father was a son, and son becomes a father, reason with it, look at scripture and work it out. You will find that sonship is key to relationship and maturity.

### **We need authentic Fathers in the Ministry**

The relationship clearly indicates the affirmation of the Son of God and the Son of Man. Look at witness of the Son Jesus Christ, He witness to those around Him the grace of Father, everything He

did was from the spirit of the Father and and everything about Him was that of a Son this to me is so incredible the synchronize connection was impeccable heart to heart. There is no scripture that says ‘*if this is my son he will do what I say*’ the father sees himself in the son and the son in the father. Son aligns himself to the purposes of the father and the father has the son’s interest at heart. This is a mature relationship which we need to work toward and only be realized when the same spirit is one in us which is Christ.

Matthews 3:16

*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, who brings me great joy*

John 5:26-27

*For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man.*

John 1:1-5

*In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

Matthew 16:16

*And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

Matthew 17:5

*He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

What does God want us to be once we are saved and born again?

**- Like His Son Christ Jesus**

It sounds all to easy, right, but for those who understand the the value placed on sonship will understand the heart of father and the demands thereof. Its a process which has no short cuts it will cost the father and son but the end is **Exact Representation**.

God said publicly that He is well pleased with the Son, can he said that to you and I. The Son knows His authority given to him by the Father, he welcomes the life which the Father has given him. The Father confers all authority to the Son both in heaven and on earth and only the Son can execute judgement as the Son of man and He does so by giving His life on a cross for the sin of many who come to Him. He is light and there is no darkness in Him, when the Son is seen the Father is seen in the Son. In the Son are the answers to life and death. [Deuteronomy 8](#) *'I put life and death before you, now choose life'*

Jesus is Christ the Son of the living God, He is the righteous image of a righteous God who is Father over all, hence what a blessing indeed to see Christ in each other as sons of God.

There are certain realities which we need too discern, false sons and false fathers who promote another agenda which even God does not know about hence a false gospel with the elements of almost truth nevertheless its false. Only a Son with the heart of the Father can navigate this deception, because he is not complacent nor can there be any form of entrapment.

### **Characteristics of a spiritual son**

- Connected to the Father
- Loves the Father and the Father loves Him
- Filled with the Holy Spirit
- Understands his position as a son
- Is not tossed about by every wind of doctrine
- Subscribes to the Word God with purity of heart
- Has a Kingdom mindset
- Image and character is in the likeness of Christ
- Filled with grace and truth
- Is of incorruptible seed
- Has a lifestyle of obedience and is humble
- Brings joy to the Father
- Father is well pleased with him

- Is connected to the true vine
- Loves all selflessly
- Peace in himself and with others
- Gives of his substances willingly
- Is able to discern matters righteously
- Has knowledge, understanding and wisdom
- Can be trusted
- Non conformist to traditions of man
- Is strong in the Lord
- Loves God the Father more than life

Theses are just a few listed characteristics which one can benchmark against.

### **Characteristics of a true spiritual father**

- A spiritual father is characterized by grace, holiness, and righteousness
- He is word directed, he understands the demands of God
- He imparts with an intention of building sons better than himself
- He invests in the lives of people
- He is a man of peace, humble and gentle
- He carry burdens with discernment and is trusted by his sons
- Is accountable and responsible to others and not a law unto himself
- He is approachable and filled with wisdom
- He makes mistakes and admits to his faults
- He will publicly say he is nothing without Christ
- He is a good administrator over the affairs of the church
- He stands out among his peers and they honor him



- He is a restorer of man by the grace of God
- He is someone who has the Father's interest at heart and not his own church and the building thereof.
- God gives him nations and God trusts him

These are just a few things which characterize a man after God's heart, he can be taken seriously because he is about the Father's business grooming and building sons for the Kingdom of God.

### **Characteristics of a false son**

- Relationship is more with church activities than God the Father
- Represents institution over relationship
- In competition with the brothers
- Blessings driven
- Enjoys the privilege of church membership
- Subscribes to institutionalism more over sonship
- Good works is compared to salvation
- Unreasonable thinker and acts irrational
- Does things for recognition
- Self image and appearance matters above holiness and righteousness
- Connected to the church leader only cannot embrace brothers
- Holy Spirit is a mystical figure
- Builds where moth and rust destroy, planted in earthly concepts even in the heavens
- Cannot discern the things of God
- Only identifies with local church
- Signs and wonders is what makes him believe above all things else
- Has the ability to lie and deceive others

- Has the spirit of an orphan
- Finds it difficult to understand the word because of a religious spirit
- Cannot hear the voice of Father
- Love, peace, Joy and hope is conflicting in such because carnal influence is greater

These are a few things which we can use to examine our own motives and intentions.

### **Characteristics of a false father**

A false father is a person we really have his own interest at heart and use the model of father son to advance membership.

- His church is his kingdom and domain
- Subscribe to following rather than sonship
- Cannot connect to anything other than what he builds {blind guide}
- Loves the celebrity life
- His dress code determines his spirituality
- Has the appearance of father but lack the character of one
- Thinks about himself only, places burdens onto others {money problems}
- Is like a viper, attacks when you don't expect it
- Money becomes a motive for ministry
- Has a false sense of security
- Is arrogant, ignorant and unteachable
- Gets angry when people love Jesus more than him

One may think this is an exaggeration and attempt to cause harm but these are the realities of what the word warns against to those unsuspecting people who take the word of God for granted, they fall into the web of such people and are mesmerized by their charisma or religious appeal with the end result being the follower finding themselves in a very difficult place.

## How to connect to Grace

Let me just say this, I don't think that pastors deliberately set out to deceive people, I don't think that someone would just wake up one day and say, oh, I am going to be a pastor and open a church. Although some devious people out there have done so and profited greatly through misleading others who are gullible. The reputation of modern christianity is based on a following model, numbers, cash, buildings and a feel good message. In particular church environments, numbers, cash, buildings automatically qualify the assembly as a representative of God because if something big is happening there, God must be there, well that is not true. You see Grace is not motivational, grace is the integrity of who God is. Therefore spiritual fathers have this grace {integrity} working in them to produce sons of Christlikeness. In the setting of contemporary church it may work now for most people but in the long run there will be a falling away, because the model is not sustainable. People have become addicted to church, in the event they miss a week or two withdrawal syndrome sets in, its like a fix of intoxicating drug. The intentions of God is to build sons in the image and likeness of His Son, therefore the church has entered an age of reformation because the message and core doctrines have become commercialized and compromised, people are continuously been fed milk, just as the Apostle Paul put it to the church, people could not digest even the elementary teachings as he continued to say that for as long as they have been taught, at which time they themselves should have been in a position to teach others but still needed to be taught themselves continuously the same thing. It is a picture of the modern church whose main object is to be placed in a building and sing songs which really is not heartfelt worship but an emotional response because thats what the flesh desire to been seen doing outward stuff while the inner man is in turmoil, now I am not saying we should not worship God in song I believe its part of our expressional love for God but the intentions must be examined to see if our hearts are still in the right place. See the scriptures says [1 Corinthians 6: 17-18](#) *‘Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the Lord, Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you. 18 And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty’.*

There has to be a separation from falsehood to truth from just congregating to development of the Son, the spirit of the sonship. The legalist will say how dare we call ourselves a son of God, its a title reserved for Jesus only, well the truth is Jesus is the only begotten son of God and he is the exact image {Character} God intends for us to become.

Connecting to grace is divinely inspired, when you are fed up with all the theatrics and all the showmanship God will lead you to connect with a spiritual father who has God's interest at heart and

not his own. Most of these man you would not find them selling their soul for 30 pieces of silver. To seek out this grace one must be committed to the process, Pray and ask the Father to align you with a spiritual father and you will find that God is merciful to lead and guide you. Approach your pastor and ask him to father you, teach you, groom you, align you so that you are able to stand in time faithful and strong in your sonship.

### **End note**

One thing to note that a spiritual father is someone who will not baby you, and a spiritual son is not to be taken for granted. I have also seen people enter into father son relationship without counting the cost, not been prayerful, nor discerning, and so on. It no a numbers game or popularity contest this entire process has got to do with your soul, your maturity.

We all need a spiritual father in this walk with God our Father, the season and time in the spirit has changed and discerning the time and season of the Lord will take a mindful person who is desperate to work this out in himself.

May Grace and peace be extended to you through our Lord Jesus Christ

## Chapter 2 - Sonship 1

### Key note

Sonship is a grace which flows from the throne of God, the picture is always Christ Jesus the promised son. Inevitably the formation of every believer is to be like the Son of God. The word of God by all measure of grace is sufficient to bring one to maturity, but we need a rod of discipline which comes from a spiritual father. Some pastors work with little results establishing church meeting and getting people to fill the seats with people coming and going others are just there for the sake of belonging. Everything has its place and time, every work will be tested. One must understand there must be a willingness to partake of the substance of Christ if one desire him and to be like him. We call ourselves many things but a son of God and why is that so because we are unsure of who we are. Religion has reinforced institutional thinking to keep its members in check. If you are free you are free indeed and there is no one who can enslave you again unless you have no understanding of who you are in Christ, now, I am not provoking disobedience and rebellion I am simply reinforcing biblical truth about sonship and that of a spiritual father. Jesus the son of God demonstrated the power of relationship with God the Father in which I have noted in the father son relationship. I maintain strongly that the five fold gifting to the church must present itself in the spirit of father or it will be the case of nurturing orphans in an orphanage, one should grasp the spirit of sonship in the heart, its not new, its not because there is nothing else to do, but its from the heart of God. Many people place their trust in earthly things so trust God to be Father, trust God to place you under strong arm of a spiritual father, even people in the church are waiting to see true sons of God before they themselves commit to any form of discipline growth. As Christ is the promised Son you and I a patterned after him.

### **My Eyes opened as Son**

I had a chat to a friend who was honoring his father. He said to me I didn't ask to be born but I was, I had no say in choosing my parents and they had no say in choosing me, I was given to them and they were given to me and from that relationship a son was formed in the image of father, he continued to say that through a process of discipline and grooming he became the heir through grace of his father. He inherited all his father had and his son will inherit all he has. He was just so grateful for his father and mother. He said out of this process he understood better the heart of God and recognized in the scripture the importance of sonship, because the son is the image of his father.

Question - Are you a son?

Matthew 16:14-17

*And they said, 'some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'but who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'you are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.*

It seems that there was some misgiving about who Jesus was among the people, they could not say exactly who he was, but Simon Peter got this revelation from God and seen the Son of God. Many people miss the mark by calling themselves by their affiliation, the name of their church or denomination as their identity depends on that. Jesus identity was not dependent on been a Jew although it was well documented as prophetically stated a line of Kings and priests. His identity was his character of The Father represented on earth as the Son.

Ones posture should be that of servant but ones position should be that of a son ,in this we can value the credibility of the person who is called son.

Question - Whose image and likeness are we identified with?

Genesis 15:1-6

*After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness*

Fathers have great responsibility in rising sons in a household of church, Jesus demonstrated this fathering spirit with the disciples, Paul demonstrated this same fathering spirit over the church in dealing and handling matters with the authority as an Apostle but in the spirit of a father. This

nurturing process is at times undervalued or seen as a cost too high to pay, legalistic fathers or rebellious sons in the church undermining the fathering spirit intended by God. Please work this out and think about it, if this matters to God it should matter to you. It's the heart of the matter don't undermine who you are in the Lord. You are His son above all things, Christ is the restoring grace which brings back the image and likeness.

### **The value of Sonship**

In the case of Abram he recognized the fact that not only from a cultural perspective but from a perspective of God that sonship is key to building the church. If one looks at a cultural setting sons are the fathers' joy, and sons are heirs to all things which the father bestows upon him such as accountability, responsibility, wealth, Godly instruction, moral and ethical perseverance in the law, to demonstrate excellent leadership over all which is given to him and to witness the fruit of the spirit develop in the son, this can further be aligned to kingdom culture and character of the son in the kingdom on earth.

God said to Abram that his servant will not be heir to his blessing, here in the very beginning God makes a distinction between a servant and a son. God shows him a picture, look at the numerous stars so it will be which comes from me to you. God promised him a son and Isaac was born.

Most will agree with this and will even be bold to say I am a son, well the process actually should start with a spiritual father who is able to impart and give of his substance to the son or son's of his household or church.

Church has become a mechanical process in some dimensions, at times it's hard to digest what the realities of this Godly organic structure have patterned it self after which is legalistic institutionalism and religious mindset. Most people will adopt a servant position because it sounds and feels humble, to serve, Jesus himself said 'I have come to serve and not be served', well! only a true son of God can make such a statement because his posture is son therefore he can be called a humble servant.

It is wise to note that only in sonship can one be associated to the father everything else out of the relationship is patterned after institution and religious membership.

Question - What is your posture and position?

Sarai and Hagar

[Genesis 16:1-9](#)

*Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!" But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.*

*The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." The angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her.*

### **Identity in sonship**

The characteristics of a son must be that of Christ Jesus, the son's heart must be positioned to please God first above all things. So his position is that of a son of God whose heart's posture is that of a servant. His soul must be kingdom aligned driven by apostolic dimensions of the word yet loving all the gifts Christ gave to the church, working together with the object of producing maturity in the faith as exact representation of Christ through the Holy Spirit.

I can say all pastors desire authentic sons from his church or household who possess genuine character as described above, again identifying your spiritual father can be a task but trust the Holy Spirit to place you, this happens knowingly and at times unknowingly. It takes a person of discipline and zeal who desire God to connect in this manner with clear intentions and pure motives. The whole church has to rise up as son in Christ Jesus.

### **Love not desperation**

[Genesis 16:1-6 {scripture noted above}](#) reveals a picture of 'Saria' as a barren church with promise, but opts to align herself with what seems appropriate in the natural a 'Haggai' the maid servant, something that can produce despite the consequence of that action. There is a difference between something that has promise and something that is promised, it's by instinct that Saria and Abram acted out of, to go with something that has promise. I must clarify this issue of father son an authentic son is one who is connected to the word first then the man called father this is the relationship which is



formed first, heart to heart, word to word, the man is gifted in the spirit to impart grace and truth of the word into the life of his spiritual son there are no boundaries crossed here the intentions are clear the objectives are with purpose.

When God spoke to Abram, God had a greater purpose one which Abram would see in the spirit the 'The Begotten Son' Christ Jesus. What a privilege afforded to Abram. Son's should not get into a spin when the revelation of this truth enters your heart, fathers should not be desperate for having sons this is when the Holy Spirit connects these unions. God knits the the body together, He creates the unity and brings the body into oneness but it takes people who understand the heart of God the Father. This type and shadow are perfectly shown to us in the family unit, the spirit of father and mother to nurture and teach to bring up in the ways of the Lord, to provide and care until such time a handover is done from father to son.

This was in the heart of Abram and Sarai to have a son, a family made complete through union to produce a son. This was in God's heart to reveal His son in the earth which the family of God would pattern themselves after under the instruction of a spiritual father, all children need the love and grace of Father and mother in the natural it is the same concept in the spirit.

Everything good is birthed out of love

Mindsets must be broken and some practices must be abolished, as in the case of Abram the present bear the scars of the past a timely reminder of a decision made out the flesh. Until the word of God is established in principle in our hearts we are not going to understand the demands of God as a church, as a kingdom people.

Producing anything other than a son is noted in [Genesis 16:12](#) - *He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he shall dwell over all his kinsmen.*

A wild donkey is descriptive of a stubborn, rebellious, unteachable individual hence the body of christ is made of of sons not individuals.

Notice that even after God had redefined the person of Abram, his mind was still in a natural state of thinking. Abrams name was changed to Abraham and Saria to Sarah. Abraham was establish and set in the earth as father, his name means 'father of a multitude' you see the principle of father is spiritual as every son needs to be fathered. Sarah means 'princess' and also 'half sister'.

[Genesis 17:17-19](#)

*Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a*

*son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him.*

Abraham was still insistent for God's approval over Ishmael, while God remained true to His word. Abraham was not sure if this was possible to have a son at his age. One thing to understand is that fathers are approved by God and the son is one who is given by God, again testing will reveal faithfulness just as the spiritual father will be tested according to the measure by God.

After Isaac was born and lived the Lord spoke to Abraham and said to him Take your {only son}, descriptive of the {Only begotten son Jesus}, and offer him up as a sacrifice. But God said to Abraham "I will establish with him {Isaac} as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him", again descriptive of the covenant we have in Christ Jesus an everlasting covenant as His sons in God the Father. So what changed A test of faith, trust, believing God against all the odds, here is the demonstration of God been true to His word, Abraham been faithful unto God the Father and Isaac the son been obedient to his Father. These are the expressions which are fulfilled in Christ Jesus which should be evident in us his sons and spiritual fathers set in Christ Jesus.

[Mathew 22-37-40](#)

*And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.*

Love is the key component in the success of doing the will of God and grace made complete in the father son wineskin..

*Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, a signage quality of Abraham*

## Chapter 3 - Sonship Son 2

### Key Note

There are many questions we have to which the answers seem limited in the area of father son, but the thing is truth is pure and undeniably but often misconstrue because of the issue of understanding within ourselves. The relevance of father son relationship is that in it {Father, Son, Holy Spirit} there is oneness in which the power to transform you into the image and likeness of the Son of God. The spirit of father son is to align the intimacy and love relationship as a family God created for himself back to himself. This renegade spirit of finding ones own way leads many times to Adam the first son who knew the voice of God the Father. The sound of God was know by him, Adam was given rights and privileges only a son can be given including a helper a {wife} who is no less of a son then he was, although God held Adam accountable and responsible, Eve was equally part of the measure as they were one. When a father has a son he sees the glory of himself in that son, a father in his power will do all things to rise his son in love, discipline, good character, morally and ethically aligned to that which is good and pure. Out of the spirit all things were birthed in the natural as we understand the spirit of father son wineskin we see the promised Son Christ Jesus is the prototype, the only begotten son, the son in whom God the Father was well please with, he was the Son whom the Holy Spirit came upon, Christ is the perfect Son, obedient in every form and way to the Father.

### Adam

- Adam means 'red earth' or man
- Adam is was created in the image and likeness of God the Father
- Adam had capacity as a man
- Adam had dominion, rule and reign
- Adam {bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh} he had a helper
- Adam knew the sound and voice of God
- Adam and Eve fell from grace
- Christ is only begotten Son of God, as Christ is in the Father so are we as son

### Matthew 16

*'You are the the Christ Son of the living God,'*

Who are you?

Apply this question to you relationship unto God does it reflect a relationship of a son.

### Genesis 15:1-6

*After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.*

While the earth groans for the manifestation of the son's of God to be revealed, I believe the church is also waiting for the true son's to be seen. The church has servants without the spirit of sonship, like Abraham calling out to God for a son, because his household would be inherited by a servant and all Abraham would have built was a name and a household that would be sonless. I believe the promise to the church is not just a name or servants but sons who are obedient to a father who has the express grace of father whose life is defined by holiness and righteousness capable in carrying grace and able to rise children to mature sons in the faith into christlikeness. Note that only sons can inherit from the father not a servant. When God showed Abraham the stars and declared so shall your offspring be, this vision is a revelation of a timelessness of sons, as the stars are visible so shall the sons of God be in the earth God's glory, Christ made complete in all and all in Him.

### The Apostolic Witness

#### Genesis 15:7-11

*And he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.*

Abraham asked a question 'How am I to know that I shall possess it. God said to him bring unto me the following, heifer, goat, ram, turtle and pigeon. We must understand that the earth is the Lords and

the fulness thereof, there is a great cost to be a son of God it means your life is no more your own, it means you will submit voluntary, it means you recognize grace and desire perfection in grace to maintain the laws of God, it means you understand authority and kingship, you understand that all is the Lords. The systems of the world cannot be redeemed only the sons.

Abraham brought

- Heifer 3 years old
- Female goat 3 years old
- Ram 3 years old
- A turtle dove
- A young pigeon

All these with the exception of the turtle dove and pigeon were cut in half

- Heifer x3 cut in half equals 6 pieces of heifer {A cow which has not borne a calf or has only one calf}
- Female goat x3 cut in half equal 6 pieces of goat {Kept mainly for its meat and milk}
- Ram x3 cut in half equal 6 pieces of ram {Un-castrate male sheep}

{Observe the purity of the offering}

There is an underline story or picture within the scripture which identify a man and the condition of man.

666 is a group of numbers which is generally associated with devil, but yet this number is associated and attributed to the image of a man who thinks more highly of himself then he auth to. Anything that deems itself higher in authority and power above God is 666 anti christ.

- 6 - on the 6th day man was formed
- 6 - perfected in the world in his own image
- 6 - functions in a system perfected for his own image

Just give anyone power without character, that one will behave like a beast with no restrain, he will be ruthless, power driven, he will desire to rule and dominate other man, contrary to the image and likeness in which man was formed by God. These are some of the issues the institutional church face or some church in general. There are people who behave in the likeness of 666 a beast of a man. It seems that the more religious man become the more hard and stupid he becomes, not matter what

intelligent he possess he remains floored because there is no spirit of the son of man in him. The seed of Christ which is the word cannot form because its choked by philosophy, religion, self image, and various other factors which are toxic and consumes the mind of man.

Systems cannot produce sons, sons are not incubated from the system of church, just to emphasis this point a son is given, this is the apostolic season of reformation and alignment, the joining of hearts.

The turtledove is known for its affection for it's mate, and a pigeon is a fruit eating bird with a small head and short legs with a cooing voice. These were used as sin offerings. The turtledove and pigeon is a picture of the love and affection God has for his people through his word a picture of the pigeon eating fruit which is symbolic of the word, which is good for the soul of man, these offerings are a picture of the Son of God.

### Genesis 15:12-15

*As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. Then the Lord said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age.*

God shows Abram two things in a dream, one is that of {bondage, slavery, captivity, brokenness, restlessness, death} and two is that of {liberation, salvation, redemption, sanctification, life, grace, an act of the righteousness His Son would accomplish in the earth}. This is a picture of the cross. This journey was an epic one from bondage to slavery to liberation, however the most wonderful thing which occurred in Abraham's life was to witness God's Son enter the earth as king and son. Abraham through the testing of his faith as a son was to experienced, in a way, by giving up his own son as a curtain riser to the grace God had revealed to him.

### End Note

What does this really all mean father and son. It means we need to check our spirit are we orphaned are we fatherless, God is shifting the church into the grace of aligning hearts and souls into the spirit of sonship. The family unit in a common household a reflection which represents the spiritual in the natural, anyone born in this earth need the grooming and nurturing process of parents to develop and grow into a mature person with ability to understand and learn good and noble things which builds one into good standing and good character. God's intention was never to institutionalize the family but every joint thereof to be relational. Through creating capacity in the household of God which we call church the sons heart must be joined to a spiritual father, the father by grace should establish his

church with sound apostolic doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer as process of life in Christ not religiously but relationally.

May grace abound to you and may your hearts be joined to Christ, hear His word, love His word, Embrace the truths which shape us by grace and as Christ is, let Him be also in you.

This is a submission of an introspection which is a summary into the greater perspective in which one may or may not discover depending on the heart condition the grace of sonship.

*Grace and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen*

[Galatians 1:3-5](#)

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