

Father

How to minister to disconnected hearts

- How to move sons from Intellectualism, identity/ego leadings, misleadings
- To doing what you are doing: experiencing Glorious Liberty

“Given that this is intellectually/doctrinally true, we should _____”

From the idolatry of religious, doctrinaire

- To hearing Father, hearing people’s hearts, exercising seer gifts

John, it’s a control issue

- Servants protect their interests, manage their destinies
- Sons do what their Father is doing
 - Overcome by the word of their testimony (book)
 - By the blood of the lamb (Courts)
 - They love not their lives unto death (It’s not about me)

Jesus

Release servants from the spirit of control in the Courts

Accusation – “Did God really say?”

- Agree with your adversary – Lord, I have not heard
- Take all my theories, projections, wishes, justifications, and deceptions... to the cross
 - Full-time ministry, microphone ministry
 - Finances – Other people meeting my needs; windfalls (God will meet them)
 - Ministry/Control – I’m called to call the shots; I know God’s direction

Holy Spirit

Lord, what is the balance?

- 1) Teaching people or hear, or
- 2) Sharing what I’m hearing

John, It’s both, it’s an experience with *Living Words* - share what you hear, have

- Invite others to see if it resonates
- Ask what they are hearing

Mt 11:28-30 – *My yoke is easy, my burden is light*

Father’s purpose flows, feels light... even during birthing, resistance, delays, warfare

That “feeling” is in the Council, not the fray

Wisdom – strategy

Unwrap cognitive dissonance

- Lack of peace, personal discord, disconnection, dissension, disagreement, division, confusion
- Cognitive dissonance is really disconnection from
 - Your own heart
 - What Father wrote in your heart (Book)
 - What Father is saying in the present (peace)

The solution is highways to heaven in hearts

Ps 84:5 *Blessed are those whose strength is in your, in whose hearts are the highways to heaven*

Understanding – tactics

Peace is in Him, in the Council, In His purpose

Acts 17:27 – *That they should seek God*

- *And perhaps feel their way toward him and find him*
- *Yet he is actually not far from each one of us*

28) In Him we live and move and have our being, for we are indeed his offspring (sons)

29) We ought not to think that the divine being

- *Is like gold or silver or stone*
- *An image formed by the art and imagination of man*
 - **Art** (G5079, Techne) – art as productive, trade, skill, craft
 - **Imagination** (G1761, eithumesis) – deliberation
Heb 4:12 – the word is a discerner of thoughts (G1761) and intents (G1771)
 - **Intents** (G1771, enoia) – thoughtfulness, moral understanding

John, don't manipulate Father with *the will of God!*

Counsel

Show people the way of life, flow, lightness, fun

Ps 16:11 – *you will show me the way of life*

- *You fill me with joy in your presence*
- *With eternal pleasures at your right hand*

John 14:6 – *I am the way and the truth and the light*

Kingdom is an invitation from serfdom to sonship... to Glorious Liberty

Serfs are trying to produce glorious liberty on their own

- 1) Visibility, glory, fame, attention, recognition
- 2) Freedom financially to travel, have abundance (via transfer)

Might

It's not by your might, but by my Spirit

There is freedom – in not controlling, but in co-laboring and co-creating

Authority begins where control stops and Father's purpose begins

- I am free to exercise authority when I don't have a vested interest (control)
- When its not about me, my identity, my destiny

Knowledge – see graphic

Take cognitive dissonance off my people

- Connect hearts, experience acceptance among the beloved; ecclesia
- A tribe of connected hearts (build it)
- Re-wire motivations (from serfs to sons)

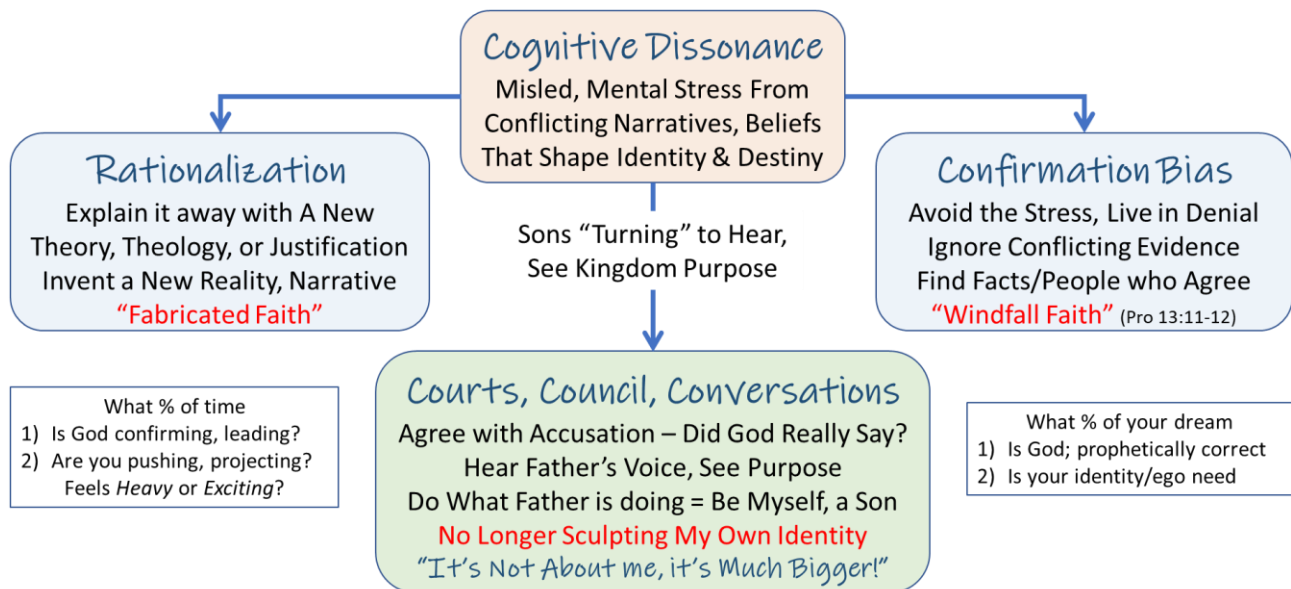
Fear of the Lord

Connecting people with their true heart... honors them, honors Father

Kingdom is a place of purity (Rom 14:17)

- Righteousness – on the same page with Father
- Peace – my needs (ego & \$'s) are met (prosperity of identity and finances)
- Joy – calm delight... in the Lord, that brings the desires of my heart (Ps 37:4)

If My Dream Doesn't Come True, My Life Won't Make Sense; My Finances Won't Work



Cutting Room Floor... not from Council

The Impacts of Cognitive Dissonance (<https://www.forbes.com/health/mind/what-is-cognitive-dissonance/>)

No one likes to feel wrong ([misled](#)), so people experiencing cognitive dissonance may form several defense mechanisms to reduce discomfort:

- **Living in a state of denial.** Consciously suppressing new information that contradicts your beliefs is one way cognitive dissonance plays out, says Dr. Nadkarni. If you've spent your life dedicated to ending global poverty but later hear the organization you work for is stealing donations, that might cause you to initially deny such corruption would exist.
- **Avoidance behavior.** Another common reaction is to avoid triggering negative feelings. If you told your friends and family that you've started a diet and then don't stick to the plan, you may end up gaining weight instead of losing it. As a result, you may avoid hanging out with loved ones because you didn't follow through.
- **Questioning the validity of new information that threatens your beliefs.** Some individuals may try to question new facts that contradict their original views, notes Dr. Scott. A person who wants to justify their contradictory behavior may question whether the evidence behind vaping and exhibiting poor health outcomes is actually true.
- **Feelings of low self-worth.** If you do not reflect on the cause behind your cognitive dissonance, you may continue to feel a lasting discomfort that can affect your self-worth. "It's not uncommon to see issues around self-esteem, especially if there's a lot of dissonance about aspiring to be good, healthy or religious," says Dr. Scott. "People can influence another person's self-worth because they've decided the belief is an important value for them." To avoid shame and low self-esteem, people may attempt to seek others who share similar beliefs to validate their preexisting views.
- **Reflecting on your beliefs.** Cognitive dissonance is not always a bad thing. Discomfort can force you to reflect and grow. If you drink every day, you may use the guilt as an opportunity to change. You might decide to limit your drinking to twice a week. "Reducing the amount of a drink is more in line with the belief you have that drinking is healthy [in moderation]," says Dr. Scott.

From Chat GPT – "cognitive dissonance - this has to happen or my life doesn't make sense"

Cognitive dissonance is a psychological phenomenon that occurs when a person holds conflicting beliefs, attitudes, or values. It often results in discomfort or tension as individuals strive to maintain consistency in their thoughts and actions. While cognitive dissonance is a common aspect of human cognition, it's important to understand that it doesn't have to happen for your life to make sense.

In fact, many people actively work to reduce cognitive dissonance in their lives by aligning their beliefs and behaviors or by revising their beliefs to be more in line with their actions. The discomfort caused by cognitive dissonance can serve as a motivator for personal growth and change.

If you're experiencing cognitive dissonance that you feel is detrimental to your well-being or making it difficult to find meaning and purpose in your life, it might be helpful to:

- **Reflect:** Take some time to examine the conflicting beliefs or attitudes that are causing you distress. Understand why they exist and how they affect your life.
- **Evaluate:** Consider whether these conflicting beliefs are based on accurate information, societal expectations, or personal values. Assess which beliefs are genuinely important to you.

- **Adapt:** Determine whether you can reconcile these conflicts by adjusting your beliefs or behaviors to bring them into alignment. This may involve changing your actions, revising your beliefs, or seeking new information.
- **Seek support:** Discuss your feelings and thoughts with a trusted friend, family member, or therapist. They can provide valuable insights, perspectives, and emotional support to help you navigate cognitive dissonance.
- **Acceptance:** Sometimes, cognitive dissonance arises from complexities in life that cannot be easily resolved. In such cases, accepting that some level of tension or discomfort may persist can be a step toward finding peace and balance.

Remember that cognitive dissonance is a normal part of the human experience, and it can be an opportunity for personal growth and self-discovery. It doesn't have to dictate the course of your life, but how you choose to address and resolve it can shape your sense of purpose and meaning.