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## Father

Lord, talk to me about “ministering out of my need.”

Motives for leadership in ministry or management:

- Sons can minister out of my heart when they hear and see
- Serfs have no choice but to minister the letter (focus is inward)
  - Repeat the script to satisfy the hierarchy
  - Protect or enhance their position, reputation
  - Make money for themselves, yet sound as noble and philanthropic as possible

Serfs selling to serf's is a co-dependent relationship

- By helping you meet your needs, watch out for #1;
- I am meeting my needs, watching out for me, #1
- “I can *promise* to meet your need for this price”

Ministry out of my need:

- Misses the hearts of people
- Misses the heart of God
- It's competitive, soulish – totally eliminates co-laboring with Father
  - Trying to achieve false expectations with accountability, discipline.
  - The essence of preaching what others Should Do.
    - Instead of connecting them with their hearts “Want to do”
    - What Father wrote in their hearts “What He is doing”

Ministry out of Father's heart

- Connects people with the Desires Father wrote in their heart
- They become self-propelled, Holy Spirit leads and guides
- I'm releasing kings who don't need my script, diet, app, program (Holy Spirit provides it)
- I'm not trying to create an eternal customer, not trying to be their lifelong pastor

**Jn 15:13** – *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

**1Jn 3:16** – *This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.  
And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.*

**Jn 13:35** – *By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

The religious counterfeit of *laying down your life*:

- Is fleshly pretense at being self-sacrificial
- Vs. doing what Father is doing for people, keeping in step

## Jesus

**Jn 10:17** – *The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again.*

- 18) *No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.  
I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.  
This command I received from my Father."*

Resurrection life is the transition from serf to son; from self to son.

- I am dying to self, worry, work in my flesh, meeting my own needs
- Allowing Father to meet my needs, instead of meeting them myself, being my own God
  - Serfs watch out for their needs
  - Sons watch for doing what Father does
  - They love, give without expecting a return (because Father is my provider)

**Mt 10:7** – *As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'*

- 8) *Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons.  
Freely you have received; freely give. (vs rushed for profit Balaam's error, Jude 1:11)*
- 9) *"Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts—*
- 10) *no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep.*

Sales Pitch – people can tell, discern:

- Whether you are ministering to them or yourself
- One feels like love, the other feels cold, empty, manipulative.
  - What will the sale do for me? Vs.
  - When can I do for this customer?

## Holy Spirit

Sons have something great to *Buy*

- They sell dreams coming true (Ps 37:4)
- They connect people with the desires God wrote in their heart (help them become integral, themselves, self-managed, self/HS-propelled)
- They connect people with Father's prophetic heart, so they can see what He is doing and do it with Him.

**Scene** – Pulling people off the treadmill (Samson), a grinder, under a Pharaoh

- Undoing their chains
- Undoing their fear (they are afraid to leave Egypt, prefer bondage)
- Showing them the freedom of flying, flow, Father
- Showing them the move, the army of heaven
- Seeing them go back and set their friends free

## Wisdom – strategy

Father protects and provides for His sons who put Kingdom first; ahead of self.

**Phil 2:3** – *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,*

4) *not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

5) *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

6) *Who, being in very nature God,*

*did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;*

7) *rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.*

Putting the Kingdom first

- Translates to putting Father's people first
- The *ministry Q* is: What is Father doing for my brother?
  - Am I doing the same thing?
  - Am I called to, prompted to, anointed to?

## Understanding – tactics

Sons “watch” for what father is doing in people = ministry

- It's not contrived, it flows from the throne
  - Like rivers of living water
  - Cups that overflow
- Sons minister out of gratitude and abundance  
Out of cups already overflowing
- Their logic or motive is – It's what Father is doing... that's what feeds me! (Meat Jn 4:34)
  - It's not how I get paid (Father writes that check)
  - **But Father doesn't write checks?** John, he totally does!

Jn 4:34 – *My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.*

- This is the breath of fresh air in Business
  - The opportunity to put Kingdom first
  - The reality of work becoming worship, ministry
  - The brand that has prophetic attraction
  - The miraculous fact of God's favor
  - Growing people into their hearts, Father's heart, the exploits

## Counsel

John, the key is to realize Operational Excellence flows from Relational Connection.

- Operational excellence isn't strictly hard work
- We work, but Father's wind is in our sails/sales

In the end, we have to admit it was Him, not us

- Incline your ear, train your eye toward Father
  - To see the next step
  - It's where your life, vitality, direction, provisions come from

Operational Excellence <i>what you can do</i>	Relational Connection <i>what God can do through you</i>
Cash Flow	Rich Toward God
KPI's & Productivity	I Have Spiritual Sons
Strategic Plans & Schedules	Prophetic Kingdom Purpose
Accountability for Results	Passion, Initiative, Exploits
Promotion, Recognition	Present in Courts & Council
Quality, Compliance, Unity	Sonship, Seers & Doers
High Moral – Shared Success	Ecclesia – Shared Purpose
<i>Operational Excellence flows from Relational Connection</i>	

**Ps 121:1** – *A song of ascents. I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?*

- 2) *My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.*
- 3) *He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;*
- 4) *indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*
- 5) *The LORD watches over you— the LORD is your shade at your right hand;*
- 6) *the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.*
- 7) *The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life;*
- 8) *the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*

## Might

Love is the power and authority in Kingdom

- It's not the professional excellence of men
- Such arrogance draws chuckles in the realm of the spirit
- It's embarrassing to offer up self, self-effort, and pride in Heaven

## Knowledge

People are often ignorant of their own motives

- They are not trying to minister out of their own needs  
(They just do – there has been no other model, until Kingdom)
- Serfs are transitioning to sons (motives are mixed, it's not black and white)
- The Refiners Fire is burning away the chaff  
(wood, hay, and stubble are being replaced with Gold)
- Sons are taking Father's Counsel to buy the gold tried in Fire

**Rev 3:18** – *I counsel you to buy from me:*

- *gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich;*
- *and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness;*
- *and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.*

**1Pet 1:6** – *In all this you greatly rejoice,*

*though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.*

- 7) *These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire— may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

## Fear of the Lord

Ju 1:8 – *In the very same way, on the strength of their dreams*

*these ungodly people pollute their own bodies, reject authority and heap abuse on celestial beings.*

11) *Woe to them!*

- *They have taken the way of Cain; (offered the wrong sacrifices, vegetables Gen 4:3)*
- *they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; (ministry for money 2Pet 2:15)*
- *they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion. (Against Moses)*

19) *These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.*

21) *keep yourselves in God's love*

*as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.*

22) *Be merciful to those who doubt;*

23) *save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—  
hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.*

Set captives free from the strength of their dreams... with caution

- Show them Father's dreams
- Make the trade in the Courts of Heaven