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Father

Until conversations and listening in the Council

- Prayer is just me rehearsing all my needs and wants
- It's introverted, prone toward humanistic

Father, help me impart real, practical value (functional in my own life)

Prophetic truth is genuine, transparent, authentic

- It's sets captives free from pretense ----->
 - Pretending to be something, someone, not me
 - Trying to be something, someone, I am not
- Identity is found in unique Kingdom purpose
 - It resonates, exciting, motivation
 - It works, bears fruit, cash flow
- Righteousness (on the same page with Father)
 - It's the foundation of authority, power, and purpose
 - Sons create space, open doors for the King of Glory
 - Engage in the warfare over Father's purpose
 - Purpose is the wellspring of Courageous

Outside Motivation
Duplicity, bipolar
 Mindset Affirmations
 Law of attraction
 Self-discipline
 Affirmations
 Procedures
 Principles
 Standards
 Values

John the value you provide is inviting people to hear God for themselves

- You will see fruit
- You don't own results, problems of others
- You can help them experience their overcoming

The Staff "bar" is higher in Kingdom business (Set the bar at Sonship)

- What God can do through them, purpose, co-laboring, anointing
- To go beyond requirements, exceed expectations
- Ecclesia in Business culture is sharing a much higher purpose than "me"

John, it's all much bigger than your personal value, greater works

Jesus

Follow me and I will make you _____ (Following is transformation)
(so is taking up your cross)

Mt 16:23 – *But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”*

- 24) *Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself (identity needs) and take up his cross and follow me.*
- 25) *For whoever would save his life (Identity) will lose it, but whoever loses his life (Identity) for my sake will find it.*
- 26) *For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?*

Gal 6:9 – at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up “on sowing”

John, it’s OK if it’s hard, nothing is broken, missing

“Lord, I thought this was supposed to be easy”

Heb 11:8 – *By faith Abraham obeyed*

when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

- 9) *By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.*
- 10) *For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.*

There really is a degree of difficulty

- Dreams do come true; so do deaths and resurrections, and warfare

Mt 19:29 – *And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.*

Holy Spirit

Mt 4:4 – *Man does not live by bread alone,*

but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Father

The Good news is the life that comes from living words

- 1) Hear them and share them
- 2) Realize God gives the increase (1Cor 3:6-8, it’s not all about you)
- 3) Teach sons to hear and see for themselves

1Cor 3:6 – *I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.*

- 7) *So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.*
- 8) *He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor.*
- 9) *For we are God's fellow workers.*

Wisdom - Strategy

Identity – You have an identity (Eph 4:20-25)

- Your design, calling, purpose, past preparation, personality, and gifts.
- Identity is necessary, but not sufficient for sonship
- We're putting Kingdom before identity (*It's not about you or me*)
- Identity can put people in a mode of not needing to hear Father (presumption)
 - A placebo, substitute for conversations, dead works driven by my identity
 - This is what I can do, so I just do it
 - This is "my" ministry, so I'll do it without conversations
 - Everything I need is within my identity
 - Father's righteousness vs my righteousness

You have an identity, but it's only half the definition of co-laboring

- 1) Identity – is what I can do
- 2) Anointing – is what Father is doing *now*.... Through me

Equipping sons

- Is not who they are (identity) or what they can do (accountability)
- It's what can Father do through them
- It's what Father is doing right now

Understanding – tactics

Theology, worldview, and culture has been built without sonship & Father's Council

- 1) People are called; they do have an identity in Christ
- 2) Identity is only a theory until it co-labors in real time
- 3) Sons are called to greatness, exploits, excellence, greater works
 - Those things are the heroism of sonship that is only seen in co-laboring
 - a. Hearing living words in the Council (faith)
 - b. Putting those words into action (co-laboring)

Faith – comes by hearing and hearing by the living words (Rom 10:17)

Co-laboring – happens when living words become actions

Faith without works is useless (James 2:20)

Equipping sons:

- Isn't just teaching people what they can do, how great they are, or can be
- It's teaching them to co-labor with today's living words from Father

We have been holding them accountable

- For what they can do in their own strength
- For staying inside their own wisdom
- How they perform inside my process, procedures, KPI's, value, purpose, passion
- It's a baby step, necessary – *Follow me as I follow Christ*

Sonship starts with what *They Hear; when they become Seers and Doers themselves*

Counsel

John, identity is not the goal, personal achievement is not the goal

The goal is “follow me” and see what I can do

- 1) What I can make you into – mighty
- 2) What co-laboring can accomplish – greater works
- 3) What conversations can reveal – Father’s heart

Kingdom – the real juice isn’t what’s in my heart, my desires, dreams, my identity, it’s what in Father’s heart

Sonship – is when Father and I have the same heart because I’ve had a conversation in the Council, 7 Spirits

Might

Exploits, movements all start with:

- 1) Living words from God’s Council
- 2) Co-laboring with Father’s power on earth

John, you are not just releasing the power of self, identity

- You are releasing the army of Heaven, angels, the host
- Sons release Father’s heart (see it in heaven, do it on earth – Seers and Doers)
- Righteousness is being on the same page with Father (from conversations, not identity or personality, or gifting)

Knowledge

Sons need a revelation of our identity in Christ

- Yet, it’s not the goal
 - Identity can become idolatry
 - A focus on what I want, can do vs. Father’s strategy, heart
- Sons know Father’s hearts desires and put his purpose and passion into practice on earth
- Direction and strategy don’t originate in identity (What’s in my heart)

The real juice is in co-laboring

- My gifts, talents, and personality are providential – yet coincident
- Father’s purpose and power are the engine of Kingdom

Fear of the Lord

Isa 11:2 – *And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.*

3) *And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.*

- *He shall not judge by what his eyes see,*
- *or decide disputes by what his ears hear*

Direction doesn't come from your identity

- Who you are
- Or what you can do

Suggesting identity is the goal, moves people toward idolatry (worship of self)

Co-laboring requires agility and humility

- To follow the cloud, the lamb, keep in step with the Spirit
- To do what is beyond identity

Identity is the last hiding place for the spirit of religion

Gen 2:25 – *And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.*

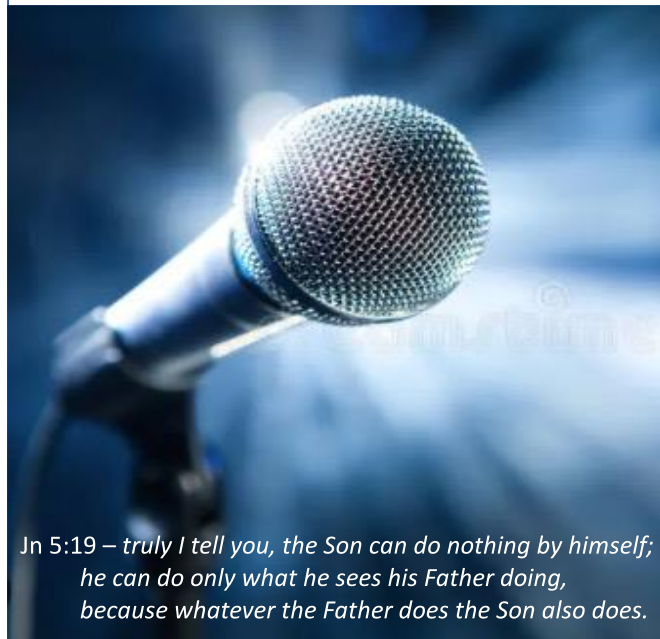
Gen 3:6 – *and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise (Independent)*

Gen 3:10 – *“I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”*

We all have roots in the Spirit of Religion... where we have the answers, proof texts, and know what to do because we know what God wants without talking to Him. We've read His book, have systematic theology, Know-It-All!

Sonship starts:

*when we admit we don't know what to do...
and ask Father to show us what He is doing*



Jn 5:19 – truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.