#### 2025-05-31 Council - From Pretense to Purpose

Father — Yahweh (Father)

John, be strong and courageous

- It's not pretense to rejoice in the Lord
- I'm exchanging pretense for authenticity on many levels
- Faith to bring Heaven to Earth takes patience & perseverance (pretense is a shortcut)

**Mk 12:40** – who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers.

- Isa 29:13 Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, → (Religion)
  - 14) therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."
  - 15) Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?
- **Gal 6:9** And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
- **Jude 11** Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion.
  - 12) These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted;

Pretense trades your heritage in the Kingdom for Sanctified Self-Reliance

Substitute/Pretense	Why It Falls Short	Kingdom Alternative	
1) My Doctrine – the letter of the law that kills; principles, formulas, values, process, rules.	Principles without Purpose lead to lifeless religion, dead works.	Sound doctrine is the framework For God's living, prophetic words.	
2) My Identity – my rights and power as God's son to ask whatever, do whatever.	Rights become self-will without relational conversations.	Your Identity as a Son is access not autonomy.	
<b>3) My Ministry</b> – God has called me. He and you sustain my dream via offerings.	Dormant Calling is fear-driven self-preservation without renewal.	Father's Purpose is Dynamic Mercies & Manna are new every day.	
4) My Heart's Desire – God wrote the desires in my heart. He supports my dream.	Dreams assumed to be God's usually miss divine alignment.	Align Your Desires with the dynamic Purpose in Father's Heart.	
5) My Resume – God expects me to make my own decisions (Pro 3:5, 14:12, 1Cor 3:19).	Logic and trends lack Spiritual vitality, power.	Prioritize <b>revelation</b> over Human wisdom.	
6) My Church – we have 5-fold ministries to equip the saints, give us revelation.	Leaders mentor how to hear, but they don't hear for us.	Spiritual Leaders equip, not a proxy for <b>God's voice</b> .	
7) My Charismatic Crumbs – Holy Spirit lives in me, my hunches are God's guidance.	Impressions alone lack clarity and context.	HS Promptings are invitations to the Council for Conversations	
8) Man's ways— other people do it, believe it, and it makes money, so I do it too.	Following others always misses God's unique purpose, voice.	Get <b>Heaven's Strategies &amp; Tactics</b> from Wisdom & Understanding.	
<b>9)</b> Fake Faith – my positive thoughts, confession, affirmations, meditation manifest my desires.	Declarations without Conversations are Clouds without Rain.	Authentic Faith is birthed in hearing God personally.	
<b>10) Imitation</b> – I can copy false narratives, prophets, and anointings. It works!	Copying others may yield results, but not fruit that remains.	Walk in <b>authentic assignments</b> from the Council.	

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### Jesus – Immanuel, God with us, Redeemer of (My Story)

#### Lord, how to redeem Kingdom progress in People, sons? (What's my responsibility?)

- Co-labor with what Father is doing (without pretense, presumption, additions)
- Recognize spiritual warfare, roots of bitterness (use the Courts of Heaven)
- Don't react (it will feel like an attack on you, but it's not)
   (the deception is that it's all about you, it's not)

### Holy Spirit – I AM the Bread of Life, Spirit of Truth (Purpose)

Purpose is the motive for change: (Weaning people from Sanctified Self-Reliance)

- Invite people with their prophetic heritage
- The goodness of God draws them to repentance
- You yourself have to see their prophetic heritage to help them
- Kingdom is prophetic heritage, miraculous ministry, divine intervention

Mt 16:25 – For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

### Wisdom – I AM the Light of the world (Strategy)

John, always make room for Father to add

- Because he does, He can
- Man's wisdom, philosophy, logic, arguments, reasoning don't come close
- Put Kingdom 1<sup>st</sup>
- Contend for purpose; not "against" resistance

Set your heart on what Father is doing, saying

- Not what the devil is doing and saying
- Don't be ignorant of devices, yet don't be distracted by them

## Understanding – I am the Door (Tactics)

#### Lord, show me how to contend for Sons you're giving me?

- 1) Hear their hearts plus Father's heart for them (Purpose)
- 2) Help them see and make progress on their heritage
- 3) Help them unveil pretense, embrace the new (Warfare)
- 4) Take them with you, show them how
- 5) Let them drive Father's car (Lu 10:17-20)
  - **Lu 10:17** he seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!"
    - 18) And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
    - 19) I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.
    - 20) Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

## Counsel – I am the good Shepherd (Heritage)

- 1) Show them prophetic heritage (Pro's and Con's: their way vs Father's)
- 2) Let them make choices (Choose Father's heart)
- 3) Let them reap the consequences, or the rewards
  - a. Consequences help them pick up the pieces
  - b. Rewards Be the first to celebrate with them

## Might – I am the resurrection and the life (Courage)

- Allow sons to experience death and resurrection as normal
  - they will make mistakes
  - They will experience warfare, setbacks
- Let their expectations be real (warfare and failure)
- Warriors are not Pollyanna's (overly optimistic, Naïve, gullible)

## Knowledge – I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (Clarity)

John, coaching is really the job of Holy Spirit

- He is the guide (it has to be prophetic)
- Results are not in your hands (Don't own their unresponsiveness)
- You are a tool, spokesman for the guide
- Let your suggestions always point to him

People are connecting with their heart and Father's (to become themselves)

- **Jude 11** they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain
- **1Tim 3:3** not quarrelsome, not a lover of money
- **1Tim 6:9** But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.
- **2Tm 3:2** For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant
- **Titus 1:7** not self-willed, ...not greedy for money
- Heb 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

## Fear of the Lord – I Am the vine (Culture)

Help people avoid abandoning themselves, Jude 11 (their heritage)

Able to discern Soul (Desires of my heart) and Spirit (Desires in God's Heart)

- Help them put Kingdom 1<sup>st</sup>; self 2<sup>nd</sup> (Mt 16:25)
- Help them store treasure in Heaven
  - Co-laboring in Father's purpose
  - Not just creating wealth
- **Heb 4:12** For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit (Discerning), joints and marrow (breaking); it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
  - 13) Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. (The Kingdom value for Transparency) Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

# What Sons Bring Back to Business From 9 Conversations in the Council

God's Council	Transformations from Conversations	God's Answers	Your Story
Father	→ Identity – The sense of being Chosen, having access to Father		
(I AM Yahweh)  Jesus (I AM Your Redeemer)	→ Story – Redeeming my past and leveraging it for the future	Who Am I? Identity as Son	How it Started     Personal Passion     Problem, Mentor
Holy Spirit (I AM Bread, Truth)	→ Purpose – Knowing my role, Father's brand, values, priorities		What it Feels Like     Personal Benefit
Wisdom (I AM the Light)	→ Strategy – I have a plan that implements <i>our</i> mission and vision	on	5. Value to Others
Understanding (I AM the Door)	→ Tactics – I have a tactical advantage, Co-laboring with Father	Why AM I Here? Purpose via Ascension	6. Biz Model, Plan - Biz Upside
Counsel (I AM Good Shepherd)	→ Heritage – I know what Father has given me to own, develop	·	- Biz Downside
Might	→ Courage – It's natural for me to be heroic, an overcomer		7. Vision for Kingdom
(I AM Resurrection Life)  Knowledge (I AM the Way)	→ Clarity – I can clearly articulate where I'm going and why	Where Am I Going? Passion for Reformation	8. How It Helps Others - Marketing Offer - Value, Transformation
Fear of the Lord	→ Culture – I see what people carry, Biz Ecclesia = shared purpos	se 🗸	9. The Tribe, Culture
(I AM I the Vine)	3 Examples - Purpose Profile, Aspirations	John's 7-Spirit Profile	John's Story