



THE NINE HEART SHIFTS

to Sonship, Ascension & Reformation

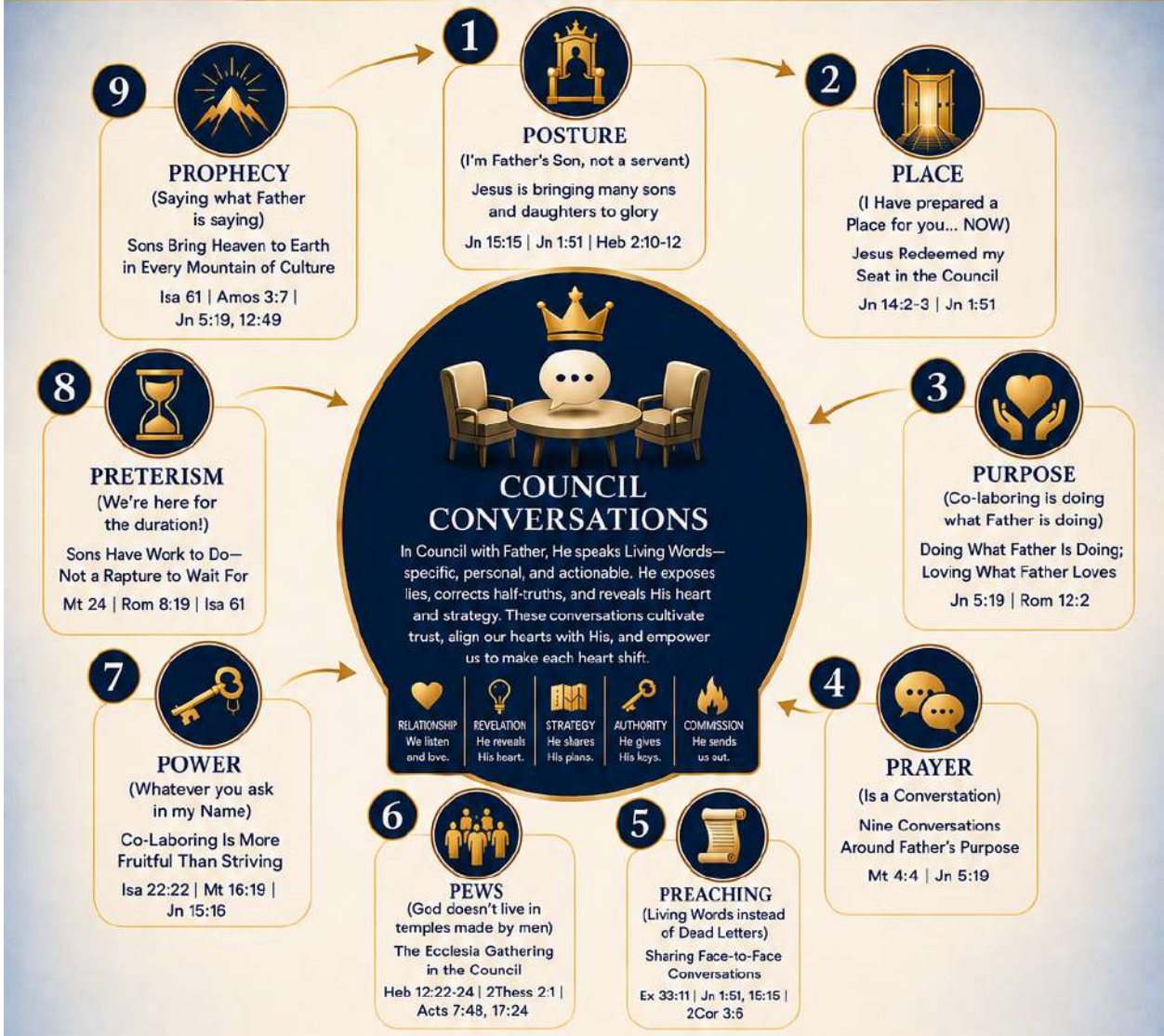
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Council conversations with Father are the pathway of transformation.



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From "it's all about me" to "Father first." Lose your life for His sake—and find it. | "Here am I, send me." ISAIAH 6:8

Nine Shifts My Heart Didn't See Coming

The Journey from Servant to Sonship, Ascension, and Reformation

[\(Intro Video\)](#) Most theological transitions happen in the mind first. You hear a new idea, evaluate it against what you already believe, argue with it for a while, and eventually accept or reject it. Clean and cognitive. But the shifts that actually change your life don't work that way. They happen in the heart — and the heart has a much longer memory, deeper loyalties, and stronger defenses than the mind does. We actually change our minds like changing our socks. Hearts are different!

This is a blog about nine of those heart shifts. Not a theology checklist. Not a comparison of doctrines. A description of what it actually feels like when the ground moves beneath you — and what your heart has to release before it can receive what Father is offering.

Reformation has a pattern. It always has.

The first move is exposure — lies brought into the light, half-truths corrected, corrupted foundations named for what they are. We are living through exactly this in real time. The JFK assassination narrative, the 9/11 official account, the Covid cover-up, the Zionist theological and political deception, stolen elections, open borders, the Charlie Kirk assassination — decades of managed perception are unraveling simultaneously. This is not chaos. It is the Spirit of Truth doing what Father is doing. Isaiah 61 describes sons rebuilding ancient ruins and restoring devastated cities — but the rebuilding always follows the exposure. You cannot build on a corrupted foundation. The ground has to be cleared first.

Trump is a modern Cyrus — not a savior, but a wrecking ball aimed at institutional corruption. Whatever his limitations, the function he serves in this moment is the Isaiah 61 pattern made politically visible: exposing what was hidden, destabilizing what was entrenched, creating the conditions for something new to be built. Sons see every move through the lens of Reformation, and they recognize the pattern Father uses in His Cyrus.

The same house cleaning happens in our hearts.

The external Reformation and the internal one run on identical tracks. Deception is exposed — not all at once, but progressively. Half-truths get corrected. Theological frameworks that served institutional interests rather than Father's get dismantled. Fine-tuning that never stops. And into the tilled soil of our hearts, new truth is planted — Living Words that came from the Council, specific, weighty, and actionable. Following the Lamb into that new truth is what "Here am I, send me" actually means. Not a dramatic moment of surrender. A series of decisions to let the old thing go and follow what Father is speaking now.

If you're honest, you already know where you are in this process. And you probably know the four reasons you've been stalling:

- #1) You don't have the time. #2) You're not motivated to do it.*
- #3) It's not consistent with what you believe. #4) Your staff won't like it.*

Every one of those is real. They are the starting place for all our hearts. None of them is the actual problem. The actual problem is that the old framework still feels safer than the new

invitation — even when the old framework is visibly failing. The heart protects what it knows from experiences. That's not weakness; it's how hearts work.

But Father is not presenting a theological adjustment. He is extending an offer of promotion.

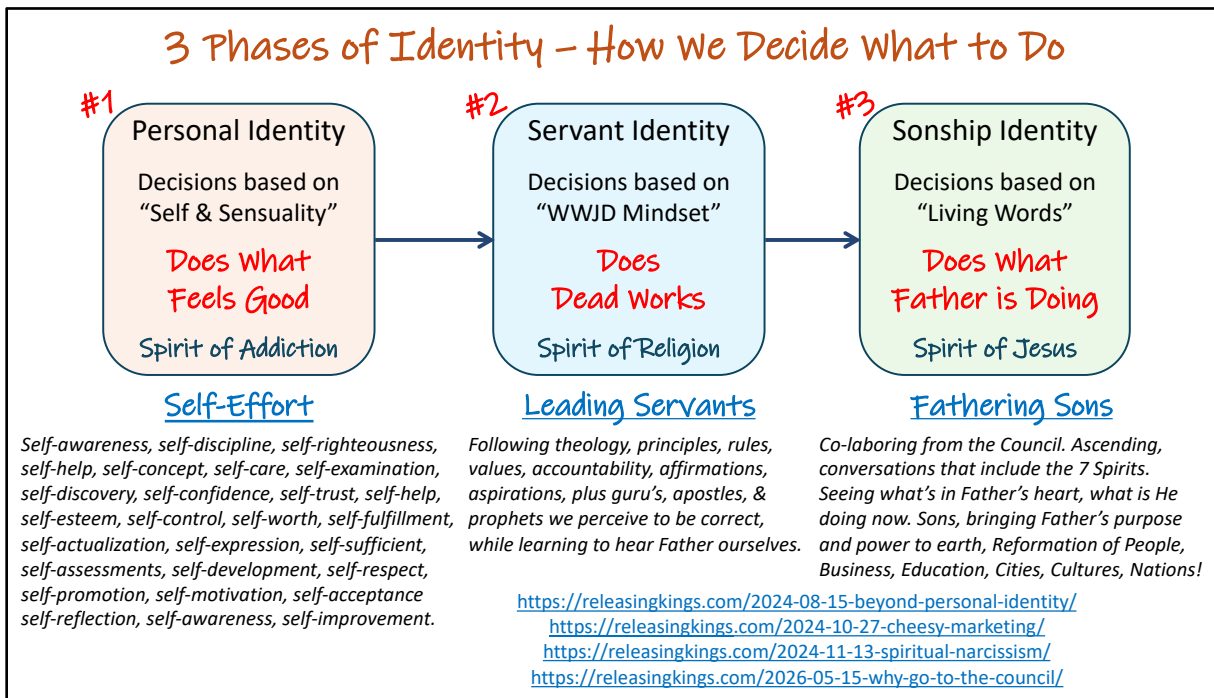
The invitation into Sonship, Ascension, and Reformation is not a heavier burden added to what you're already carrying. It is a role in a Reformation that was written in your heart before you were born — a specific assignment that matches what He put there, not what the institution decided you should do. The sons creation is groaning for (Romans 8:19) are not super-Christians with special gifts. They are ordinary people who said yes to a conversation with Father and then discovered that He had been preparing something through every experience of their lives — including the ones they'd written off as waste.

Beneath the heart shifts in this blog is one fundamental reorientation: from *it's all about me* to putting Father first. When His Kingdom purpose is the priority, Father takes remarkably good care of His sons and daughters. When we put ourselves first, we carry the weight alone — and it shows. Faith is the great anomaly of the Good News. The one who loses his life finds it. The one who seeks first the Kingdom gets everything else added. The math of the Kingdom runs Counter from every system the world taught us, and the heart has to be persuaded of it through experience, not argument.

That's what these nine shifts are. Nine experiences — each one preparing the soil in the heart and replacing what was there with something Father built.

I've walked through each of these transitions personally. After each section there is space for my own story — the specific moment or season when that particular shift happened in me, what I had to let go of, and what I found on the other side. My hope is that naming the heart obstacles makes the path look familiar — your path to Sonship, Ascension, and Reformation.

*For whoever wants to save his life will lose it;
but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Mt 16:25*



Shift 1 — Posture (I'm Father's Chosen Son, not a servant)

Father is changing Identity, bringing many sons & daughters to glory *Jn 15:15 | Jn 1:51 | Heb 2:10-12*

"Approaching Father face-to-face sounds way to mystical for me."

The God we "serve" isn't really looking for servants. He is not the King of servants; He is the King of kings. Our Father isn't looking for compliant submission from servants. His heart is longing for collaborative creativity from sons. He treasures two things: 1) sons who are conversant and conversational about His Purpose, and 2) sons who can creatively initiate its implementation on earth. Sons know their Father's business and do it from the heart, not the letter. Sons are more courageous than cautious because they know their Father's heart. They are co-laborers more than compliant; they work with their Father and know His business.

John 15:15-16 – *I no longer call you servants, because **a servant does not know his master's business.** Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*

2 Cor 3:5-6 – *Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. 6 He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant— not of the letter but of the Spirit; **for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.** NIV*

The confusion comes from the reality that we all start as servants. We love God and want to do the right thing, but we don't trust ourselves. We are under the watchful care of shepherds as we "sheep" learn to hear his voice. The point is that we outgrow being told what to do. The day eventually comes when we hear our Father's voice and begin to flow with it to inherit our identity and our inheritance. See [From Servant to Son](#).

Gal 4:1-2 – *Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father. NASU*

Servants are schooled - to be "better" servants
Sons are Fathered to be themselves (Valiant)

◆ John's Story

I was raised on a ranch in Montana. Masculinity, courage, initiative, and independence were high values. When I got saved, I discovered the feminine traits of hearing a still small voice and laying your life down.

*After I married Sue, I read **Rev 14:4 - These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb.** I just shelved it – I wasn't willing to give up Sue!*

After reading Heiser, it became clear this verse is in the context of the Genesis 6 fallen sons who did defile themselves with the daughters of men. It's about rebellion, not celibacy.

From then on, it integrated my heart. I could be a masculine son, participate in the warfare, and be like one of David's mighty men for my Father. I was much more prone to presumption as a servant. Now I represent Father's heart best in my identity as His son. I'm on His page following the Lamb doing the exploits. If there is suffering or rejection along the way, I'm good with that too. I just want to have the fragrance of Heaven in my life, and I want to be in the fray, not on the bench. Now I'm able to receive promotion "and" give Father glory. To experience work as worship. To see Sonship, Ascension, and Reformation as business necessities.

Shift 2 — Place (I Have prepared a Place for you... NOW)

Jesus Redeemed my Seat in the Council; + my History, Story, and Heroism Jn 14:2-3 | Jn 1:51

"I am not the kind of person who gets direct access to God."

For most Christians, direct access to God is reserved for a certain kind of person: the unusually devoted, the theologically trained, the gifted prophet, or the pastor with twenty years of ministry. Everyone else approaches God through a system — the Sunday service, the devotional book, the pastor's sermon, the prayer chain. These intermediaries aren't bad; they became the structure because direct access felt presumptuous for ordinary people.

The heart obstacle here isn't intellectual; it's relational. The orphan belief — that God is available to others but not specifically to me—runs deeper than any doctrine. It produces a kind of spiritual learned helplessness: *I know God is out there, I know He speaks to people, I'm just not one of those people.* This belief doesn't usually announce itself; it disguises itself as humility.

What Jesus redeemed is specifically this. John 14:2-3 is not a description of a future heaven — it is an invitation into the Father's house right now. John 1:51 shows Jacob's ladder reopened, with angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man. Father is repopulating His Council with sons (Romans 8:19)—replacing the fallen sons of Genesis 6 with redeemed sons who know His heart. The seat is not earned; it was purchased.

See [Lead Your Tribe Into Sonship](#).

◆ John's Story

The moment I realized sonship was the centerpiece of Father's redemptive strategy — not just an idea but an invitation—that's when I volunteered.

Father has always had a Council of Sons. The Genesis 6 and Enoch 6 story of those sons rebelling and marrying the daughters of men was another fall that Jesus redeemed in addition to the Garden of Eden. When I saw that the Sons all creation was waiting for were believers who say yes to Sonship, Ascension, and Reformation — that's when I signed up. Father is repopulating His Council from Jacob's ladder (Jn 1:51). Jesus redeemed the stairway to Heaven for you and I to be His sons and daughters. We can volunteer to be the instruments Father uses to bring Reformation from Heaven to Earth.

Shift 3 — Purpose (Co-laboring is doing what Father is doing)

Holy Spirit's Bread - Doing What Father Is Doing; Loving What Father Loves Jn 5:19 | Rom 12:2

"I don't actually know what my heart loves — and I'm not sure it matters."

The orphan heart has spent so long performing for approval that it has lost track of its own desires. Servants know what the master requires. They are considerably less clear on what they themselves want, care about, or were made for. The question *"What does your heart love?"* can feel almost threatening — not because it's a hard question, but because years of obligation, comparison, and performing for external validation have quietly buried the answer.

The institutional church version of this is particularly effective. If purpose is defined as serving the church's mission — filling roles, attending programs, giving to the budget, supporting the pastor's vision — then your own prophetic contribution doesn't need to be found. It's already been provided for you. The machine has a slot that fits your shape. Getting into the slot is called faithfulness.

What the Council does is disruptive. It asks the heart directly: *What am I putting on your heart? What do you love that you didn't choose to love? Where does a fire ignite in you that you can't entirely explain?* These are not self-help questions about following your passion. They are Father orienting the son's heart toward the specific reformation assignment He has been preparing since before the son was born.

Three things get converted in this process as I become integral with myself and God.

- The **heart** starts loving what Father loves — not as a discipline but as an encounter.
- The **will** wants to do what Father is doing — not from obligation but from desire.
- The **mind** starts finding reasons to believe and articulate the hope that lies within — not from apologetics but from living proof. This is Romans 12:2 as a lived experience rather than a theological principle.

◆ John's Story

I had been a bi-vocational pastor from 1990 to 2003. I thought being a pastor was God's best, and I intentionally stamped out any evil desires coming from my desperately wicked heart (Jer 17:9). Those 13 years of planting two churches, working full-time, and raising four kids energized me until they didn't.

I had no theology to explain my heart fainting. Finally, the Lord said, "John, what would you like to do?" At first, I ignored the question for lack of a theological paradigm. Finally, I answered "business," and then things began to move. I had no idea that a conversation with God would require my participation! When I said yes to the new direction, it felt like getting saved again.

Shift 4 — Prayer (Is a Conversation)

Wisdom Shines a Light on Strategy via Nine Conversations Around Father's Purpose Mt 4:4 | Jn 5:19

"I've been disappointed by prayer enough times that I've stopped expecting much."

The servant's prayer model trains people to stop praying. This is not a discipline failure — it is a logical response to a broken framework. When you spend years making requests that produce silence, your heart learns not to expect a response. The prayer life quietly contracts. You still pray — because stopping feels like faithlessness — but you no longer lean into it with expectation. It becomes a religious habit rather than a living conversation.

The heart that has been shaped by petition-and-silence carries something specific: a low-grade grief about God. Not anger, exactly. More like the quiet resignation of someone who has knocked on a door enough times to believe no one is coming. You've read the promises. You've tried the methods — volume, repetition, Bible verses, fasting. You've blamed yourself. At some point the heart simply stops expecting to *get what you want*.

Can you see the connection between prayer that asks for what I want to happen and prophecy premised on hearing what I want to happen (Jer 5:31)? The common denominator is **it's all about me!** Jesus' invitation to His disciples was *follow me*, not *what can I do for you?*

Jer 5:31 — The prophets prophesy lies, the priests rule by their own authority, and my people love it this way.

What has to be released here is the old model itself — not prayer, but the transactional framework that turned prayer into requests. The Council is not an upgraded version of the petition model. It is a fundamentally different kind of engagement. The son doesn't arrive with a list. He arrives with attention, engagement in a conversation. What Father gives back is not outcomes but Living Words — daily bread (Matthew 4:4) that feeds the heart and produces direction, identity, and strategy that no petition could have generated.

The heart shift happens when silence stops feeling like rejection and starts feeling like an invitation to a different kind of conversation. See [How You Were Trained Not to Pray](#).

◆ John's Story

My prayer life was a joke, yet it was as good as any other believer or pastor. It took about 5 minutes a day to rattle off my list of things for God to do. I had no expectation that he would speak to me. The experience of trying to move God with repetition, volume, and Bible verses was a killer. Ascending to the Courts and Council was a dramatic shift. I stopped pretending everything was "in me" and "went." My seer gift was released, the 9 conversations are amazing, and the content is worth every minute. I take notes, type the conversations, and use the revelation for my next steps. All the blogs for the last year have roots in something that was said in the Council.

Shift 5 — Preaching (Living Words instead of Dead Letters)

Understand Tactics - Face-to-Face Living Words; Decrees to Open doors Ex 33:11 | Jn 1:51 | 2Cor 3:6

"I'm saying (preaching) what my Father is saying." Jn 12:49

The Bible has one theme in every book – Jesus redemption of mankind. Redeeming what? Jesus is redeeming face-to-face conversations like Adam in the garden and Moses for us.

Ex 33:11 – *The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.*

Jn 1:51 – *You will see heaven open, and the angels (Sons) of God ascending and descending.*

Jn 15:15 – *I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*

Our tradition is that God speaks through Bible verses (Mt 4:4) – *Every word that proceeds is a verse.* Then it defines "rhema" as "when the Holy Spirit highlights a verse for you."

The problem? This keeps you dependent on the written text as the primary source for hearing God, instead of the living voice of Father in conversation. It actually keeps you trapped in intellectualism instead of freeing your heart.

- Mental Bible study prompts sharing intellectual insights – preaching (microphones).
- Conversations in the Council prompt you to share experiences – Love (Co-laboring).

Don't misunderstand—Scripture is vital. It's God-breathed, authoritative, and confirms everything Father says. But Scripture's purpose is to testify of Jesus and lead you into relationship (Jn 5:39-40), not to replace direct conversations and co-laboring with Him.

When you receive rhema in conversations—Living Words from Father—several things happen:

1. **Faith ignites** – You know what Father is doing, so you co-labor with confidence.
2. **Creativity flows** – You're not copying; you're creating from what Father showed you.
3. **Authority manifests** – You speak what you heard, with the weight of the Spirit of Truth.
4. **Fruit remains** – Because it's Father's initiative, not your idea.

This is why Jesus said, *"The Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing"* (John 5:19). He wasn't reading scrolls to figure out God's will. He was seeing and hearing in relationship. See [Logos, Rhema, and the Dead Letter Trap](#).

◆ John's Story

I'm prone toward intellectualism and have a degree in Chemical Engineering and a Bible College pedigree. It just means I have religious biases and can defend them rigorously.

I was invited to a home bible study in high school, and I went as an atheist to argue. What I ran into was God's presence and people's love. There was no room for a debate. I wanted what they had.

I experience the same thing around people with the fragrance of God. I don't want intellectualism; I'm repulsed by it. My heart wants to emulate people who have been with Father, and I want to be one of those people, one of Father's Sons who ascends, part of a Reformation that brings Heaven to Earth.

Sound, Biblical doctrine leads to face time with Father in the Courts and Council of Heaven. It's wise!

Shift 6 — Pews (God doesn't live in temples made by men)

Counsel reveals Heritage; Ecclesia Gathering in the Council Heb 12:22-24 | 2Thess 2:1 | Acts 7:48, 17:24

"If I stop depending on the church system, I'm either rebellious or a Lone Ranger."

This is one of the more emotionally loaded shifts because it touches identity, community, and — for those who have been in ministry — vocation. The church system doesn't just hold your theology; it often holds your relationships, your sense of purpose, your weekly rhythm, and in some cases, your livelihood. The heart that has been formed in that system hears any questioning of it as a threat to everything connected to it.

For pastors and ministry leaders, the dynamic is more complex. The institutional model is not just the water you swim in — it is the water you've been helping others swim in. To recognize that the system has become an intermediary is to also reckon with having been part of the intermediary structure. The congregation looking to you for access to God is a mirror that reflects something uncomfortable. Father God is our true heritage. Jesus redeemed our land, granting access to our Father.

The stronghold here is subtle: **the institutional church has been quietly substituted for the Ecclesia**. The word *Ekklesia* — the called-out assembly — was commandeered from its Greek political context, where it meant the governing assembly of citizens with authority. Jesus used it to describe sons gathered with authority. Hebrews 12:22-24 describes where the Ecclesia actually gathers: Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, the assembly of the firstborn. This is the Council.

The heart shift is not away from community — it is toward a deeper one. The relationships that form around shared Council access and co-laboring on a shared prophetic purpose in Reformation are more alive and more sustaining than the relationships formed by shared attendance in an audience format.

◆ John's Story

I chose "ministry" in my twenties because I thought that was what God wanted all of us to do and because I wanted to be a good and obedient servant. So by the age of 40, I had jumped through all the hoops to plant a brand-new church.

As a pastor, I eventually stopped worshipping the church model and religious expectations. The purpose I engineered for church planting was a little more mine than God's — I needed to support my identity as a pastor more than I wanted to follow the Lamb. I assumed "church" was everything — it's not!

There is an Ecclesia with Keys to the Kingdom. It's just that the group and those keys are not confined to the church. Businesses can have a Kingdom purpose and a staff that shares God's purpose (Ecclesia@Work). We have 40 hours a week to disciple sons in business. Instead of asking them to tithe, we pay them!

Shift 7 — Power (Whatever you ask in my Name)

The Spirit of Might: Co-Laboring Is More Fruitful Than Striving Isa 22:22 | Mt 16:19 | Jn 15:16

"Real power and anointing belong to other people — not to me in my ordinary life."

The celebrity pastor model and the charismatic gift hierarchy have produced a widespread belief that spiritual authority is unevenly distributed — that some people carry real anointing and most people don't, that the anointed person on stage has access that ordinary believers should be grateful to receive from a distance. This is the clergy/laity divide expressed in spiritual rather than institutional language.

The heart that has absorbed this belief operates in a permanent diminishment. It prays for the anointed person's ministry. It shows up to receive from the gifted communicator. It hopes that proximity to the powerfully gifted will produce something in its own life. But it does not expect to carry real authority itself — that would be presumptuous, arrogant, or simply wishful thinking and theology.

The keys Jesus gave are not distributed by gift inventory. They are the inheritance of sons. Isaiah 22:22 — the key of the house of David — is the authority to open what no one can shut and shut what no one can open. Matthew 16:19 gives binding and loosing to sons who have received revelation directly from Father. John 15:16 says ask whatever in my name — in the context of sons doing what the Father is doing (Jn 5:19). We even have the power in Jesus' Name to forgive and retain sins (Jn 20:23).

The heart shift is from **striving** to **co-laboring**. Striving works harder in its own strength and produces what human effort produces. Co-laboring follows the Lamb — keeps in step — and produces results that exceed what the natural explains. Sons and daughters are releasing what their Father can do. The anointing flows through the Council connection and lands on the specific thing Father is already doing... on earth... through us.

Sons carry a Spirit of Might, the Courage to implement Father's purposes in Reformation. Living Words translate to specific power, authority, and anointing to do exploits and greater works. Sons and Daughters are like David's Mighty men.

◆ John's Story

As pastor of a charismatic church, I had a prophetic anointing and loved ministering words to people and praying for the sick. When I did workshops and meetings in Ukraine, Poland, and the Netherlands, the anointing was even richer than in my own church.

Those were fun times, and fruit and friends resulted. I haven't forfeited those things, but doing them in the context of Sonship, Ascension, and Reformation has a totally different feel of last fruit. One-shot meetings were fun, but this an order of magnitude richer.

Shift 8 — Preterism (We're here for the duration!)

Knowledge: Sons Have Work to Do — Not a Rapture to Wait For Mt 24 | Rom 8:19 | Isa 61

"Releasing the rapture feels like losing hope — or losing my theological community."

Rapture theology is not primarily an intellectual position; it is an emotional one. It offers comfort in a frightening world: this isn't your permanent home, the suffering is temporary, God will extract you before the worst arrives, and the faithful will be vindicated. For people formed in that tradition, challenging it doesn't feel like a theological discussion — it feels like someone trying to take away their lifeline.

The heart that carries rapture theology has often organized its entire eschatological imagination around it. Evangelism is urgent because the window is closing. Cultural engagement is pointless because the house is burning down. Political involvement is suspect because you're not supposed to polish brass on a sinking ship. Suffering is endured because it's almost over. These are not conclusions drawn from bad character — they are the logical outputs of the evacuationist narrative applied consistently.

What the heart has to release is the comfort of the exit strategy — and that is a real loss. The heart grieves it. What it finds on the other side, however, is not an emptier hope but a fuller one. The judgment passages of Matthew 24 were fulfilled in 70 AD. The new covenant age has already begun. Sons are not here waiting for the ending — they are here in the middle of a reformation that God has been building toward since the resurrection.

The shift from evacuation to occupation is one of the most significant identity changes a Christian can make. It changes why you're here, what you're building, how long you're thinking, and who you believe yourself to be. See [20 Reasons for Preterism](#) and [The Motive for Futurism](#).

◆ John's Story

I released rapture theology years ago — and later found out it was a hoax. I didn't think I would get out of college before Jesus came. When I got my first job, I didn't sign up for the pension or benefits for several years. Then Knowledge knocked on my door.

I've since realized Preterism opens a door to Sonship. Sons are God's chosen people who have volunteered to bring Heaven to Earth in an Isaiah 61 Reformation. We are headed for a Golden Age, not a tribulation. It will take some warfare to get there, but I am totally on board with what Father is doing in every Mountain of Culture.

Shift 9 — Prophecy (Saying what Father is saying)

Fear is Honor: Sons Bring Heaven to Earth in Every Mountain Isa 61 | Amos 3:7 | Jn 5:19, 12:49

"I don't have anything to give that isn't connected to my role, gift, or ministry platform."

The final shift is perhaps the subtlest. By this point, the heart has received a seat in the Council, discovered conversational prayer, found its prophetic purpose, released the institutional church as intermediary, let go of the rapture, and discovered genuine authority. And yet there remains one more obstacle: the belief that what you have to give is your *office* rather than just sharing what you saw in the Council, the decrees you brought back to Earth.

The ministry model trains people to give from their role: the pastor gives from the pastoral role, the prophet gives from the prophetic office, the teacher gives from the teaching platform. Remove the role, and there is uncertainty — *what exactly am I offering if not my ministry function?* This question reveals how much identity has been built around five-fold positions rather than presence in the Council.

What sons carry out of the Council is not a role. It is Living Words from real conversations — specific identity impartation for the person in front of them, a decree that releases something they've been carrying but haven't had words for, a strategy that came from Wisdom, a courage that came from Might. None of this requires a platform. It requires our presence in the Council and the willingness to speak what Father is saying into the specific situation in front of you.

This is how Heaven comes to Earth in every mountain. Not through offices promulgating the accumulation of institutional influence, but through sons who have been with Father and carry what He is speaking — into the business meeting, the classroom, the courtroom, the city council chamber, the family dinner table. **First in the Spirit** — releasing Father's decrees for new directions. **Then in the natural** — bringing that heaven to earth in business, education, and every mountain of culture.

The shift is from *what I offer from my ministry* to *what Father gives through my sonship*.

◆ John's Story

The impartation in the Council is what I have to give — not my office, gifts, or ministry. The contrast is between operating from the presumed authority of a ministry identity and operating from Council impartation. The former actually feels inauthentic now!

I'm free to be myself, no less and no more. I'm free to do all things through Him who strengthens me (Phil 4:13). I can be heroic and visible. I can also be hidden and participate in His sufferings and rejection. It all pays the same in the Council, and each has its season in our lives.

Following the Lamb Is the Point (“How” is in the Council)

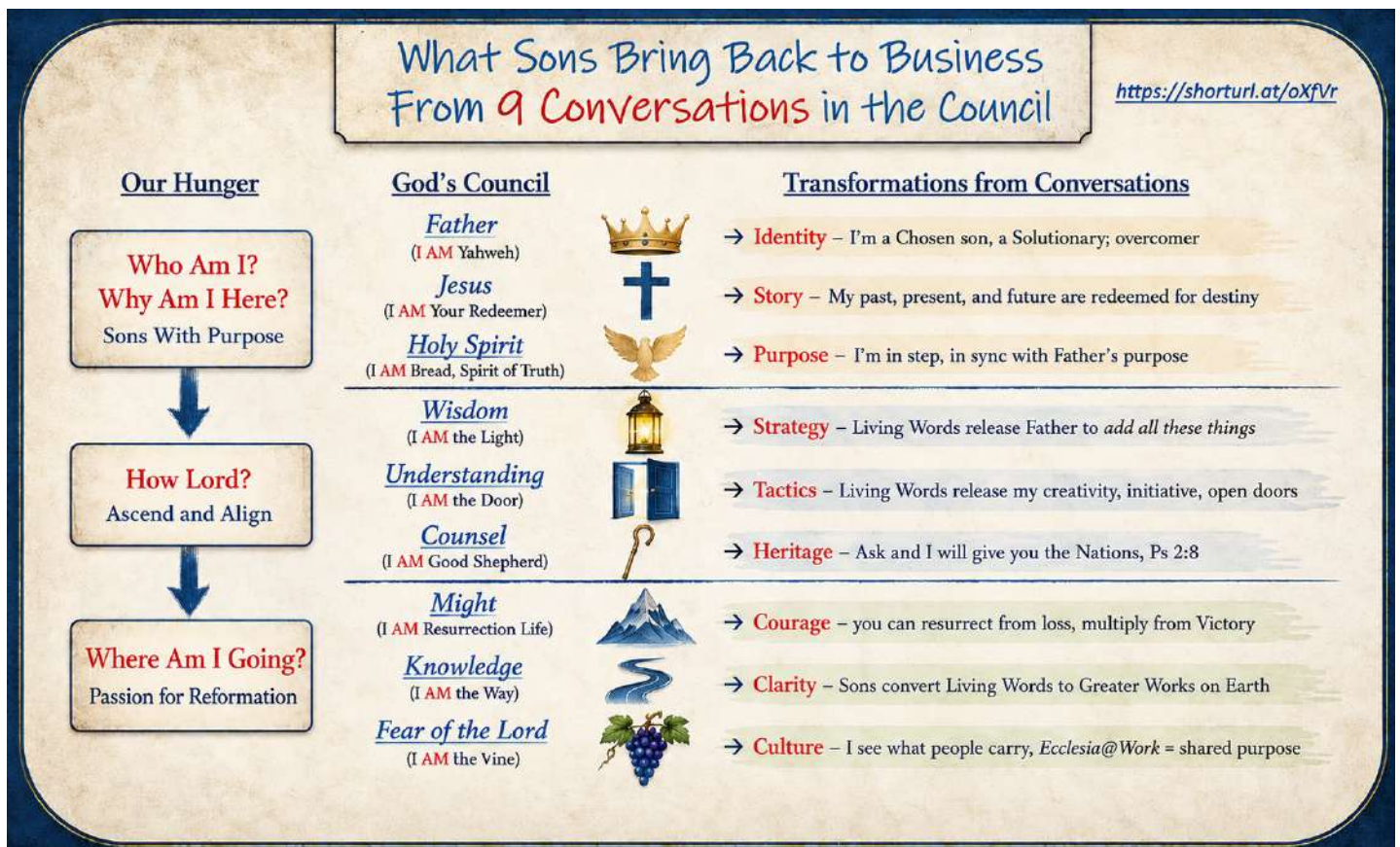
These nine shifts don't happen in sequence or on a schedule. They happen as the heart is ready — as each stronghold loses its grip and the hand that was holding the old thing opens to receive the new one.

The strongholds that oppose them are real. Rapture theology is emotionally invested. Institutional loyalty is relationally costly to release. The prayer model of petition is the only one most Christians were ever given. The clergy/laity hierarchy has been reinforced for so long that presuming direct access feels arrogant.

But every stronghold eventually meets a Living Word — a specific, timely, personal encounter with Father that speaks to the specific thing the heart has been holding. And in that moment, the stronghold doesn't need to be argued down. It simply loses its grip.

The shifts aren't a checklist to complete. They are a description of what it looks like when the heart progressively moves from the posture of a servant performing for approval to the posture of a son co-laboring with a Father he spends facetime with.

Here's the secret: these nine heart shifts are one example each of what comes from Council Conversation, our Seat in Heaven. It's not nine heart shifts, it's nine times 90. Sonship and conversations in the Council are a way of life.



Last question: Can you see yourself ascending to Father's Council and participating in the Conversations?



This blog was inspired by two Council sessions you will enjoy:

- [2026-06-10 Council - Transition to Sonship](#)
- [2026-06-11 Council - Invitations to Reformation](#)

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