2026-11-09 Council - Leadership Roots

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Father – Yahweh, Father (My Identity)

Lord, What's on your heart?

John, Tell me what's on your heart

1) Justin's progress, Tonia, Joel, Mark
2) Our finances, income streams, coaching
3) Ukraine, Iran, Poland
4) Cabal, principalities, propaganda, Election, confusion
5) Duane's invitation?
6) Sue, motivation, purpose
7) Blog reach, sonship movement
8) Gary Hulse, Boomer, Galbraith, Lini

Thankful for:

1) Conversations in the council are amazing, Blog, Graphics, Clarity
2) Health, weight, Jogging
3) People open to sonship (Justin, Mark, Tonia, Joel) – Fellowship & Progress
4) 4 Kids and 7 grandkids, Sue

Lord, what's the balance between my initiative and your purpose?

- Independent initiative
- Vs. waiting for your guidance

John, it's Conversations (deciding together)

Isa 1:18 – *Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD*

Isa 43:26 – *Review the past for me, let us argue the matter together; state the case for your innocence.*

Jn 5:20 – *For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does*

- Father's heart isn't orders, laws, rules, guidance, control, stewardship
- It's family, fellowship, co-laboring, shared hearts, and fun
- Ecclesia is Shared Purpose

What is Father doing that we can do together, with Him
(Because we want to, choose to, are ignited by it)

Jesus – Immanuel, God with us, Redeemer (Of my Story)

Lord, I want to:

- #1). Decide what to do (Via laws, values, character, rules), Or
- #2). Be told what to do (Charismatic guidance)

I have no grid for conversation, family, co-laboring

No natural appetite for ascension

Accusation – You're a sheep not a son
You are your own King, or you want a king (not a Father)
You don't communicate your heart or hear others

Cross – Father, I agree, I have no grid for fellowship, Ascension, 7 Spirits
- I am taking this "mechanic" to the cross
- Breathe life into me (transparent heart)

Roots – you have not experienced the "Love" of "Inclusion"

- Father takes you with Him
- Loves you as a son and show you everything He's doing
- Your father didn't have a father
  - I hate rambling conversation – don't trust it to land
  - Why I resist Duane's retreat

Cross – Lord, I'm taking this root of being unheard to the cross
Lord, you see my heart, hear my heart

Decrees

1) John, I love you, show you what I'm doing
   a. I invite you to co-labor
   b. Ask you what's in your heart, that you can create, contribute

2) I am inviting you to share your heart

   1Jn 1:3 – *so that you also may have fellowship with us.*
   And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.
   Koinonia – Sharing, participation, Contribution

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

Lord, show me the connection with Engagement (with hearts at work)

1) Teach sons to engage in conversation – not rules, laws, theology, principals
   a. When their hearts engage with Father's Love and Purpose
   b. Then they will co-labor (Engage in work from the heart)

2) Teach them the "experience" of Father's love
   a. That shows sons everything He is doing (Jn 5:20)
   b. That invites fellowship (Share their heart, ideas, creativity, Ecclesia)

3) Council Conversations and co-laboring → improvements at work
   a. Release Father to add his portion, join the effort

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

It's Father's purpose that prevails

- As you grasp it in Conversation, fellowship
- You can contribute to it, expand it, co-labor with it

Your relationship is no longer binary

1) Lord, here's what I want, want to do
2) Or, Tell me what to do

Now it's:

- What is Father doing that we can do with Him?
- What is He showing us in Heaven that we can bring to Earth?

Understanding – I am the Door (Tactics)

1) See what Father is doing (Jn 5:19-20)
2) Have the co-laboring conversations
    a. What do you want to contribute?
    b. What ignites you… to volunteer?
    c. What can you add to the conversation?
    d. What value can you ad, create for the work?

Counsel – I am the good Shepherd (Heritage)

Presumption is imitative without conversations in the Council

- Father loves initiative
- Pointed in the right direction (toward purpose)

Father Loves being invited to "add" to "purpose"

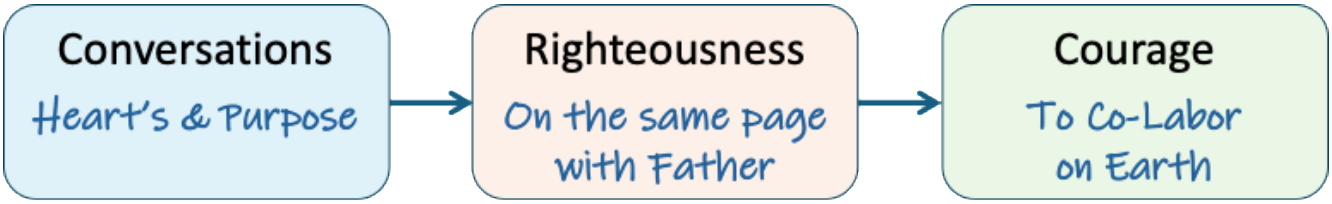
- It's not just what can you do?
- It's what can Father do through you?

Eph 3:20 – *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,*

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

Transparent heart conversations = vulnerability (Courage)

- Your ability to hear Father's heart
- Your courage to share your own heart in Conversations in the Council



I'm no longer substituting the Law for conversations
(Rules, theology, principals, character, integrity)

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

Lord, show me "control" vs "conversational" (becoming like the God we serve)

Leaders Lead People the Way They Believe God Leads Them

The way a leader perceives God's leadership becomes the model for how they lead others.

This is a powerful connection between Sonship, Ascension, and Reformation because it explains why a leader's theology eventually becomes an organization's culture.

- A leader who perceives God as distant may become independent and self-reliant.
- One who sees God as principled and performing may become controlling.
- One who experiences God only through occasional spiritual impressions may struggle to provide direction.
- But one who knows Father through conversations in His Council can lead with purpose, courage, clarity, and shared ownership (Ecclesia is shared purpose).

How I Perceive Myself	How the leader perceives God	How the leader leads people	How staff responds	Resulting Culture
1. Independent — No Council conversations	God is distant; I'm responsible for figuring things out	My way or the highway; self-reliant, directive	Comply, resent, or leave	Compliance, isolation, dependence on the leader
2. Servanthood — By the Book	God's word gives commands, rules, and standards	Authoritarian, controlling, monitoring performance	Servants: do the minimum, hide mistakes	Fear, conformity, limited creativity
3. Following — Spirit-led Breadcrumbs	God occasionally Leads / guides, one step at a time	Reactive, hesitant to commit, waiting for the next word	Confusion, drift, no direction	Uncertainty, lack of strategic direction
4. Son who Ascends — Council Conversations and Co-laboring	Father shares His heart, purpose, wisdom, and plans	Inspirational, motivational, empowering, courageous	Sons & daughters: ownership and initiative	Ownership, creativity, initiative, multiplication

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

Leaders create Kingdom culture by experiencing it first – in the Council.

7 Spirits	*Leadership expression*
Spirit of Truth	Purpose that inspires
Wisdom	Strategy that gives direction
Understanding	Tactics that make vision practical
Counsel	Heritage that builds identity
Might	Courage to take initiative
Knowledge	Clarity that creates confidence
Fear of the Lord	Culture that multiplies Kingdom values

More helpful graphics here and *https://shorturl.at/oXfVr*

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

Have the faith (purpose) and do the work (e.g. like practice for professional golfers)

Have the Conversations in the Council

1) See the purpose (What and why) — (Have your Identity, Story, & Purpose)
2) Work, be engaged and motivated
3) Plan the Approach, How? — (Know the Strategy, Tactics, & Heritage)
4) Make the mid-Course Corrections, Learn to Follow the Lamb — (Get the Courage, Clarity, & Culture)

In Writing

Pro 3:14 – *for she (Wisdom) is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.*
15) She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.
16) Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.

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

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Who Am I? Why Am I Here? Sons With Purpose
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How Lord? Ascend and Align
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Where Am I Going? Passion for Reformation

God's Council	Topics	9 Fruits from Conversations
Father (I AM Yahweh)	→ Identity	I'm Loved as a Chosen son, a Solutionary; Overcomer
Jesus (I AM Your Redeemer)	→ Story	I'm Rejoicing – My past, present, & future are redeemed
Holy Spirit (I AM Bread, Spirit of Truth)	→ Purpose	At Peace; in step, in sync with Father's purpose, engaged
Wisdom (I AM the Light)	→ Strategy	Patience – Living Words release Father to *add "Life"*
Understanding (I AM the Door)	→ Tactics	Kindness – Living Words release my creativity, initiative
Counsel (I AM Good Shepherd)	→ Heritage	I can see the Goodness of where my purpose will take me
Might (I AM Resurrection Life)	→ Courage	Faithful to defeat Accusations in the Courts of Heaven
Knowledge (I AM the Way)	→ Clarity	Gentleness in bringing Heaven to Earth (Reformation)
Fear of the Lord (I AM the Vine)	→ Culture	See Strength in people, *Ecclesia@Work* = shared purpose