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Worthy As His Child

As I look across the nations, I see a vast crowd of people who desire to walk with God. There is a hunger stirring around the globe for a relationship with God that is real and authentic. People are no longer satisfied with simply doing things to please God. They are longing to know Him from the depths of their heart. I myself was one of these people, longing for an authentic and intimate relationship with a Heavenly Father. However, in all of my attempts to please Him and earn favor with Him, I always longed for more.

Romans 8:15-16, *“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”* I understood from scripture that God desired to walk with me as a Father would walk with His child, but how do I make that happen? Can a person like myself, who never had a great experience with a natural father, ever learn how to walk with God as my Father? I hungered more than anything to enjoy each moment of my day, knowing that I actually have a perfect Father - one who loves me and believes in me and who will never give up on me. I wanted to know these things, deep within my heart of hearts, not just in my mind.

I desired a sense of peace in my heart towards God, but instead, I had an emptiness inside me that had to be satisfied each day by my works for Him. I would give Him offerings of my holiness, and my good works, as a way of getting His approval. However, even if I had a good day and felt like I pleased Him enough, I would still need to do it again the very next morning. So many believers are losing their heart to be with God because their relationship is stuck in this place. We are not a religion, but we are a family. *“I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty,”* 2 Corinthians 6:18.

I would watch children playing with their father and being complete by his love for them. They felt safe, protected, and provided for, simply because they were with their daddy. I would see in my own children the satisfaction that a hug from me would give them and how it would fill their hearts with safety and joy. This is what I longed for with my Heavenly Father: a relationship built on love and not on works.

I served God faithfully for most of my life, and I never felt safe just being with Him. I found myself constantly trying to give Him something or prove something to Him. I never felt at peace with simply being with Him. I kept looking and searching for what I needed to know about God. What was I missing about Him? Was it the way I said His name? Or maybe the way I worshiped Him? Was it a secret code in the bible, or perhaps the lack of holiness in my life? Why couldn't I enjoy God as my Father?

It wasn't until the day I discovered what I was really searching for. I had found the secret ingredient that was always missing. It had nothing to do with my understanding of God, but it had everything to do with the way I looked at myself. Praying in the Holy Spirit helped me to discover who I was as God's child. My story is how a simple man transformed, from walking as a servant of God, into someone who now walks each day as a son of God. Every day I wake up, and I am at peace with my Father; my heart is full of His love for me, and I am satisfied. When I go to sleep at night, I feel safe and protected because I have found that when God became my Father, I also became His child.

If I asked for a show of hands from a crowd of Christians who believed that God is a healer, most of them would raise their hands in agreement. If I then asked, “who of you believe that God was a provider?” then those same hands would go up. I could continue to ask about the Love and Faithfulness of God; then, those hands would be raised again. Yet, if I were to meet those same people outside of the church and asked them privately if they believed that God was their personal provider, healer, and deliverer, I would get a different answer. Most people would tell me how they believe that God is all of those wonderful things, but for them, they would not trust that they were worthy. Unworthiness is a plague in our churches today. It condemns us to look at our weaknesses and struggles instead of looking at God’s greatness and His love for us. It is a never-ending treadmill of striving and struggling to perfect holiness and earn acceptance from God. This is what religion and unworthiness have done to many believers.

If we build our relationship with God based on our ability to do things for him, then we will never be worthy enough to receive something from Him, including His love. We can see from Galatians 4:6-7, *“And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”*

God’s deepest desire in your life is for you to allow Him to Father you. He moved heaven and earth just to make it possible for you and me to be born into His Family. We were born the first time to our earthly parents, but we were born again to our Heavenly Father. We are no longer a slave to sin, but we have been born in Him, with His nature inside of us. We are no longer of this world, but now we call heaven our home and God as our Father.

You are an heir of God now, and you are free to receive all that heaven holds, into your life, not because of how perfect you are, but based on if you can believe that you are who He says you are. I trust that you believe that He is who He said He is, but will you accept who He says you are? You may be able to list all of your faults and weakness on a piece of paper as reasons to see yourself as unworthy, but because you are now His child and His heir, then you are free to receive. You are free to receive because of who you are and not what you do.

When He looks at you, He always sees who He made you. He believes in you and believes in your future. Can you accept who He made you instead of who your flesh says you are? Can you embrace the beauty of God’s spirit, which is in you? If you do, you will find that the peace, love, and joy that you’ve been searching for is already in you. You are His child. Accept it.

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