

-It's not about being right – it's about a heart attitude of meekness and humility.

6. Renounce Inner Vows

-“I'll just do it my way”
-“I'll not trust again”

7. Expect a Homecoming

-The Heavenly Father and the Son will make their home in you.

John 14:18, 23 AMP – (18) I will not leave you as orphans (comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless); I will come back to you. (23) If a person really loves Me, he will keep My word, obey My teaching; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.

-Father will come running; He will leave the house to come to you as the father did with the prodigal son.

Luke 15:20 AMP – So he got up and came to his own father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity and tenderness for him; and he ran and embraced him and kissed him fervently.

8. Sow into your Inheritance

-Begin to sow back into spiritual mothers and fathers
-Sow into those who have poured into your life- by doing so you are sowing into your inheritance
-How can I serve them?
-How can I bless them?
-How can I help support them?
-How can I pray for them?

9. Receive Your Inheritance

-The favor of God will pour out on you as you begin walking in submission and sonship – that's where the inheritance flows
-Orphans do not have legal rights to the inheritance
-It is reserved only for sons and daughters

OVERCOMING THE ORPHAN SPIRIT

Part 3 – Embracing Sonship

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REVIEW

Orphan Spirit: The feeling that you don't have a home; a safe and secure place where you are affirmed, protected and comforted in the Father's heart.

Spirit of Sonship: When we place ourselves underneath another's mission and do all we can to make them successful, knowing that as a son/daughter, there is an inheritance that lies ahead.

Basic Trust: Is the capacity to hold your heart open to others, especially if you believe another's motives or intentions are not pure.

Submission is to get underneath and push up. Submission means you are going to get under someone and lift them up and as you do so you are also lifting yourself up.

PHASES OF SONSHIP

1. Positional Sonship
2. Relational Sonship
3. Manifested Sonship

THE FIRST ORPHAN

-Who was the first orphan? Satan!
-He gave into rebellion and ceased being in submission
-Satan lost his inheritance and he wants to make sure we do not get ours
-Jesus came to restore
-He took sin upon himself – those acts of rebellion by mankind and thereby he felt the weight of the orphan spirit

Matthew 27:45-46, NIV – (45) From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. (46) About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” - which means, My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

TWO FATHERS

1. Father of Creation

-God has revealed Himself as the Father of creation.

2. Father of Lies

John 8:38,44 AMP – (38) I tell the things which I have seen and learned at My Father's side, and your actions also reflect what you have heard and learned from your father. (44) You are of your father, the devil, and it is your will to practice the lusts and gratify the desires which are characteristic of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a falsehood, he speaks what is natural to him, for he is a liar himself and the father of lies and of all that is false.

-Whose voice are you being fathered by???

John 5:19 - The Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

Ask yourself:

1. Is my love growing and becoming softer, more tender, more gentle, more visible, expressive and affectionate? Is my ability to receive His love, submit to love, lower the walls, receive and give away love – is it increasing?
2. Is my love becoming more guarded, less open, less vulnerable, less available, more calculated? Is it isolated, insecure and uncomfortable with love?

STEPS TO EMBRACING SONSHIP

1. Acknowledge Our Need

Luke 15:14 AMP – And when he had spent all he had, a mighty famine came upon that country, and he began to fall behind and be in want.

1 Peter 5:5 NIV – Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

2. Giving the Gift of Forgiveness to Parents

-Forgive your parental influences for misrepresenting the Heavenly Father's love
-It means that you release them even if they never come to you

3. Seeking Forgiveness from Parents

-At some point we made a decision to cease being a son or daughter
-We need to seek their forgiveness
-We caused them pain when we rejected their parenting

4. Forgiving Spiritual Authorities

-Basic trust has been broken with many pastors, employees, authority as a whole
-We must forgive them for misrepresenting the Heavenly Father's love
-When we don't our hearts remain guarded in church life, with pastors, leaders etc – just waiting for them to burn us

5. Seeking Forgiveness for Rebellion

-Seek forgiveness for our rebellion against spiritual fathers
-You may not rebel, or argue, but you close your spirit off and they will feel it even if you are doing all the “right things”
-You either adopt the house vision or you cause di-vision
-Many times it's not intentional; it's an unconscious grasping within us for position and recognition