

## I AM WRITING TO YOU FATHERS

1 John 2:14 Notes by Franklin

The LORD has spoken to one of His prophets a message for His church leaders and those in authority in all areas of the Kingdom. A message for the day we are living in.

The Lord's Word to the church:

A great **outpouring** is coming with even **more** of My **power**. I am calling the **leaders** of My Church to be **FATHERS**.

I am calling you to **GIVE** your **wisdom** and **revelation**, your **authority** and **knowledge**, your **guidance** and all you have gained through experience, to those that **I will show you**.

**Lay your hands** on them and **call them out and up** into their **destinies** and **inheritance**. **FATHER** them and **make a way for them** in this transition. **Lift them up**. **Raise them up**. and **Release them** to MY Calling and their ministry.

Give away with **dedicated purpose** what I have given you. Begin **now** to **raise up leaders** for the coming outpouring.

It is an intentional **release** an extravagant **giving away of inheritance** and a **pulling up** of those who I say are ready to **partner with you** in the transition. You always receive more of what you give away in my Kingdom.

The Lord is preparing the **next generation** for the coming outpouring: the **release** of His **SONS** and **DAUGHTERS** with **Power**.

Romans 8:19 The creation **waits** eagerly for the revealing of the **SONS and DAUGHTERS of GOD**

- HE is waiting on HIS present leadership. Hebrews 10:12-13

It will be a Great and Powerful move of The Spirit as they are released in every nation across the globe. Your **agreement, participation** and **choice** is necessary to **father, raise up,** and **release** them to avoid a tearing separation to free His **Sons & Daughters** to HIS calling.

The LORD is wanting us to **focus** and **purpose** on bringing forth **SONS & DAUGHTERS** to **MATURITY** as soon as possible to prepare them to stand Victorious in the Warfare of the last days (2Tim.3:1).

As was said of the ministry of John the Baptist (Luke 1:17) this coming outpouring of The Holy Spirit is for the purpose of sending forth His **Sons & Daughters** before **HIM** in the **Spirit** and **power** of Elijah, **to turn the hearts of the FATHERS back to the children,** and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, **to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.**

Let us consider our levels of Maturity:

Hebrews 5:12-14 For though by this time you should be **teachers,** you have need again for someone to **teach you** the **elementary principles of the oracles of God,** and you have come to need **milk** and not **solid food.** For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the Word of Righteousness, for he is an **infant.** But solid food is for the **mature,** who because of **practice** have their senses trained to discern good and evil. Galatians 4:1-7

As teachers – a father is a teacher – we must be continual learners, as this verse shows it is possible to slip back in maturity, all the way back to an infant.

- When we are born again we are an **infant** and must be taught.

They will not seek – they must be sought.

They will not come – they must be brought.

They will not learn – they must be taught.

**1 John 2:12-14** I am writing to you, (1) little **CHILDREN**, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.

- An **infant** becomes a **child** when he learns that his sins have been forgiven.

(2) I am writing to you, **young men (Son's & Daughters)** because you are **strong**, and the **Word of God** abides in you, and you have **overcome the evil one**.

- **Sons** and **Daughters** obey the LORD Luke 6:46
- And, **Do not give the devil an opportunity** Eph.4:27
- **Love & Pray for their enemies and Judge not.** Mt.5:44; 7:1

(3) I am writing to you, **fathers**, because you **KNOW HIM** who has been from the beginning.

- Father's KNOW His Heart, His Will, His Love for His children, and will do everything for their best. Teach them, train them, protect them, give them whatever they need, lead and guide them, pick them up when they fall and encourage them to try again, give them opportunity to minister, and support them and release them into their ministry, all with intense dedication.

Ephesians 4:11-16 **And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,** [and what is the goal of these five ministries all working together??] **12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry,**

- If the question were asked in your church, "*will all the ministers here hold up your hand?*" How many would raise their hands??

Are you teaching the truth that all believers are ministers??

2Cor.5:18-21    1Peter 2:9    Rev.5:10

What is the **work of the ministry?**

- the **building up** of the body of Christ;

- Bringing in new members and bringing them to **maturity**.

Example: Numbers 11 Moses adds 70 elders to his ministry

13 until **we all** attain to the **unity** of the faith, and of the **knowledge of the Son of God**, to a **mature man**, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the **fullness of Christ**.

14 **As a result**, we are **no longer to be children**, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but **speaking the truth in LOVE**, we are to **GROW UP** in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being **fitted** and **held together** by what **every joint**, (**every member**) **supplies**, according to the **PROPER WORKING of each INDIVIDUAL PART, CAUSES THE GROWTH of the body for the building up of itself in LOVE**. Philippians 3:13-14 **forgetting . . .**

- The above verse shows the critical need for pastors to bring all of his people to an ever increasing maturity **in LOVE**. **Eph.3:16-19**

1 Cor 4:15-16 You may have many **teachers** in Christ, but you **do not have many fathers**, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me. Why???

- Being a father requires: (1) **continual study and growth**. And (2) living a life of **integrity**, being an **example** of Christ for those you are fathering.

Psalm 15:1-2 O Lord, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? He who walks with **integrity**, and works **righteousness**, and speaks **truth** in his heart.

2 Tim 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself **approved** to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling the word of truth**.

- Being a father requires much time & commitment

- A pastor cannot “father” all of his flock, but he must “father” some -> those that he sees have a calling, a passion, a commitment and obedience.

## The LORD GOD FATHERED HIS SON JESUS:

John 5:19-23 Truly, truly, I say to you, 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. For The FATHER loves The SON**, and **shows Him** all things that HE Himself is doing . . .

- The **Motivation** for the SON or DAUGHTER to follow and do what the Father does is **LOVE!** Not demands or laws, that is for training children. For **sons & daughters**, demands & laws without love produces **Rebellion**. When a Father loves his Children, they want to please him. Then their motivation is LOVE and not Fear.

1 John 4:14 And in the fullness of time . . . **The FATHER sent The SON** (released HIM into Him ministry) **to be the Savior of the world.** Earthly fathers must do the same.

JESUS, with dedicated purpose, FATHERED twelve disciples.

HE **showed** them and **demonstrated** how to heal the sick, give sight to the blind, cleanse the lepers and raise the dead. Then He **released** and **sent** them out into their first ministry.

- Pastors, fathers MUST do the same.

Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and **gave them authority** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. Matthew 10:1

10:5-9 after instructing them . . . 7 And as you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.

The Apostle Paul FATHERED many disciples:

- Barnabas / Timothy / Tychicus / Epaphroditus / Mark / Onesimus / Luke / Gaius & Aristarchus Acts 19:29

Very few believers, percentage wise, have had this kind of fatherly training and therefore “the whole creation is waiting eagerly for the SON and DAUGHTERS of GOD to be revealed”. Romans 8:19

WHY is FATHERING important for you to pursue ? ? ?

- Isaiah 5:13 My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge
- Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Therefore:

- 1 Tim 4:11 Prescribe and teach these things.
- 2 Tim 2:2 to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

**Why????**

The World needs and must see: MATURE SONS and DAUGHTERS with Power, Wisdom and Integrity.

1 Cor 4:20 The **Kingdom of God** does not consist in words but in **power**.

Paul said: 1 Cor 2:4-5 my message and my preaching were **not** in persuasive words of wisdom, but in **demonstration of the Spirit and of power**, <sup>5</sup>so that **YOUR FAITH** would **not** rest on the wisdom of men, but **on the POWER of GOD**.

- **Many people come to “Faith” by seeing signs and wonders**, dreams, visions, healings . . . more than through argument or debate.
- But after becoming a believer -> to GROW & MATURE THEY NEED TEACHING ! They need FATHERING !

## Now Lets talk about SONSHIP.

- This use of "SON" is NOT speaking of gender but MATURITY !!!  
You become a SON or DAUGHTER only through a process of MATURING.

Romans 1:3-4 concerning HIS SON <sup>4</sup>who was **DECLARED the SON of GOD with POWER** by the resurrection from the dead  
JESUS Christ our LORD

- JESUS is declared to be, and has the testimony and the proof -> that **HE is, THE SON of GOD with POWER.**
- He healed the sick / sight to the blind / raised the dead / cast out demons / calmed the wind / walked on water / multiplied food / turned water into wine / and . . .
- **We also** are either **children of God** (Galatians 4:1) or **sons** [mature ones] **of God with power**, and also **have been raised from the dead** with CHRIST. (Ephesians 2:5-6 & Romans 6:4)

Galatians 3:26 For **YOU ARE ALL \*SONS OF GOD** through faith in Christ Jesus. \*Greek for mature kinship

- When we believe -> and Receive Jesus -> the HOLY SPIRIT comes **within us** -> and we are **born again** and **all** (male & female) are **children of GOD** in need of MILK and SOLID FOOD to grow and mature. 1John 3:1 Behold what manner of Love . . .
- Many places in the N. T. "SONS" is not speaking of gender but MATURITY.
- **We** are considered **children** because we have just been born again and the SPIRIT OF GOD comes **within** us to **teach** us, **lead** us and **show** us the "things of GOD." [John 20:21-22 & Luke 24:45; Acts 1:2-8]

JESUS was born of The Spirit and went from an INFANT to a CHILD and **as a SON** at the age of 30 HE was Baptized in water and then the HOLY SPIRIT came upon HIM anointing and empowering HIM for HIS Ministry. (Luke 4:18).

- We have No Excuse to remain children unless we are “quenched\*” The HOLY SPIRIT (\*1Thes. 5:19) living in the wilderness and going around the same mountain again and again refusing to “cross the Jordan,” to enter the “promised land” and defeat the giants as **SONS & DAUGHTERS**.
- 1 Corinthians 10:11 The Old Testament was written for our admonition and learning. The LORD GOD redeemed Israel by the Blood of lambs and brought them out of Egypt, baptized in the water of the Red Sea, trained them as Children of HIS power and provision then sent them through the Jordan river – a picture of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit to empower them – to fight and win the battles in their promised land. BUT THEY REFUSED and spent another thirty eight years in the wilderness until that generation died.

We also **should have this same testimony**. Our lives should **DECLARE** that we are **“SONS & DAUGHTERS with POWER”**

What ways do our lives DECLARE we are Sons & Daughters . . .  
Matthew 5:39-48 Romans 8:14 & 19 1Peter 2:21-23

How can this come about? It is answered by:

- A Father bringing us to a place of Maturity to know:

Who is **in & on** You. **Acts 19:11-17 “Who are YOU?”**

John 14:20 **In that day** (when we come to maturity and know we are SONS & Daughters) **you will know that (1) I AM IN MY FATHER, and (2) YOU IN ME, and (3) I IN YOU.**



- We are in Jesus / Jesus is in the Father / therefore we are in The Father / and Jesus is in us.

How awesome is that??

- Therefore: **I CAN DO ALL THINGS** through **HIM who strengthens me.** Philippians 4:13
- For **nothing** will be **impossible with God.** Luke 1:37

John 14:23 **If anyone loves Me, HE WILL KEEP MY WORD; and My FATHER will love him, and We (JESUS and our FATHER) will come to him (to us) and make our abode (literal -> residence or mansion) with him.**

- We become the RESIDENCE, the HOUSE, where The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY **lives** !!!
- This is who You were created to be ! The Temple of the MOST HIGH GOD! ! !

1 Corinthians 3:16 **DO YOU NOT KNOW** that **YOU ARE A TEMPLE OF GOD** and **The Spirit of God dwells in you?**

- See also: Ephesians 2:19-22 and 1 Peter 2:4-5

JESUS asks us a Good Question:

John 14:10 **DO YOU NOT BELIEVE** that **I am in The FATHER, and The FATHER is in Me?** The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but **The FATHER abiding IN ME DOES HIS WORKS.**

- With the Holy Spirit of The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY in us, makes it **possible** that **The words we say are not from our own initiative . . .** This is where prophecy, words of knowledge & wisdom come from.
- The Father **abiding in us DOES HIS WORKS,** or **wants** to do HIS WORKS in and through us.

**11 BELIEVE ME** that **I am in The FATHER and the FATHER is in Me**; otherwise **BELIEVE BECAUSE OF THE WORKS** themselves.

- Be a BELIEVER !!!
- The Signs and Wonders, or The Works, are Very important in bringing a person to Believe in JESUS. Arguments and debates rarely ever do.
- And JESUS says: **as the Father has sent Me, I also send you** (John 20:21) With The HOLY SPIRIT of GOD ALMIGHTY in us!

**12 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, THE WORKS THAT I DO, he WILL DO ALSO** Because it is The FATHER and The HOLY SPIRIT OF JESUS IN US. and **greater than these he will do**; because I go to The FATHER. **13** Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, **so that the FATHER may be glorified in the Son.**

- This is what we were created for !  
Matthew 10:7-8 **And as you go, proclaim, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.** Freely you received, freely give.

Acts 1:4-8 He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, **5** John baptized with water, but **you shall be baptized** in the **Holy Spirit** not many days from now. **8** **You shall receive POWER when the Holy Spirit has come UPON YOU**; and **you shall be witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

- The **POWER** of The **HOLY SPIRIT UPON** - which is the baptism of the HOLY SPIRIT - IS NECESSARY "TO BE HIS WITNESSES."
- To baptize is to "immerse into" Luke put it this way: 24:49 **And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you**; but you are to stay in the city until you are **\*CLOTHED WITH POWER** from on high. **\*enduo** in the sense of putting on a garment; to be clothed in The HOLY SPIRIT.

Who was the first one given the gospel ???

Galatians 3:8 The Scripture, **foreseeing** that God would **justify the Gentiles** by faith, **preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham**, saying, "all the nations will be blessed in you."

The LORD chose the people of Israel to take the good news of who The LORD GOD is and His salvation, to the people of the world.

When JESUS came He was **angry** with Israel because they were not taking the good news to anyone else. Instead they were saying "we are God's chosen people, He loves us and no one else."

Read the parable of the landowner in Matthew 21:33-43 & 23:37-38

If I should visit your church and ask "How many ministers are here?" Who and how many would raise their hands???

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 God reconciled **US** to Himself through Christ and gave **US the ministry** of reconciliation, 19 namely, that God was in Christ **reconciling the world** to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to **US the word of reconciliation**. 20Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

It has been more that 2,000 years and we still have not finished our work !!!

- We are not teaching The LORD's people that they are ministers.
- And we are not **fathering** those He shows us !!!

Where is Jesus today?? And what is He doing??

Hebrews 10:12-13 He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of GOD, **WAITING** from that time onward until his enemies be made a footstool for HIS feet.

Who is HE waiting on ? ? ? **FATHERS** to raise up and then release **SONS** and **DAUGHTERS** with POWER into their ministries. and then . . . [The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.](#) Romans 16:20

If our people lack an understanding and knowledge of The LORD and His Word, they will be easily led away astray.

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