

SONSHIP

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Sunday evening service
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I believe that God has placed in my heart to share about sonship this morning. Church how many sons do we have in the house...no longer babies / children but sons. Let me just clarify that when I speak about sonship it includes the daughters in the house. It's inclusive of sons and daughters. God gave His only **begotten son** to demonstrate the father and son relationship. Begotten - Greek word (monogenes) and English translation (one and only)

The bible has many other examples of father son relationships....

- I.t.o natural fathering we can think about Abraham and Isaac....Isaac and Jacob...Jacob and his twelve sons (12 tribes)
- I.t.o the spiritual fathering we think about Elija and Elisha....Moses and Joshua, Eli and Samuel and Paul and Timothy etc.

Church do you realise/ remember that 2016 is a very special year. We have to start believing that we can become the **"source of blessing"** and an **"agent of change"**. A lot of great men were given this gospel when they were insignificant. One life shared this gospel to them and they became great. So we can become great sons and daughters.

Pappa Jonathan David's prophecy for 2016.....

Jeremiah 3: 14-19

14) Return, O backsliding children," says the Lord, for I am married to you. I will take you from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. 15) "And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. 16) Then it shall come to pass when you are multiplied and increased in the land in those days," says the Lord "that they will say no more, 'The ark of the covenant of the Lord.'" It shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they visit it, nor shall it be made anymore. 17) "At that time Jerusalem shall be called the Throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem. No more shall they follow the dictates of their evil hearts. 18) In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given as an inheritance to your fathers. 19) But I said: "How can I put you among the children, and give you a pleasant land, A beautiful heritage of the hosts of the nations? And I said: You shall call me, "My Father," and not turn away from Me.

2016: The Year of His righteous sceptre. The year of the select arrow:

Jeremiah 3:14

In 2016 God is hand picking His select arrows that will operate in His supernatural grace. They are not only select arrows but also polished sharpened arrows. They may not have status but they possess stature in the Spirit. God will move them into strategic places, places of victory, a place close to Him where nothing can harm them. Therefore, let's have an open heart and give Him our highest and best so that we can be that select arrow.

2016 THE YEAR OF THE TRUE SHEPHERD - Jeremiah 3:15

God will redesign, reinvent, & reshape the ministry gifts in the house especially in the fathers of the house. Fathers will receive a new heart- one that is after the heart of the Father God. Shepherds will begin to represent the Father's heart alone - no more self-agenda. In this year pastors / shepherds are going to encounter God in such a powerful way that their lives will no longer be the same. God will show shepherds how to feed each sheep- what kind of spiritual food they need and how much etc. Wisdom, knowledge, insight, understanding and dimensions of the Holy Spirit are the portion of every shepherd in this New Year.

In 2016 we will carry His peace and presence, His resources, His strength and His revelation in our heart- Jeremiah 3:16

We will be carriers of revival grace, of the message, of life of the Word. Our capacity is going to increase, capacity to multiply and produce. There will be an increase of the measure of God's presence in our lives so that all those around us will see that God is with us. Reality will replace ritual. Supernatural will replace natural. Original will replace substitute.

2016 - The year of establishing His Throne and Kingdom governance - Jeremiah 3:17

God's government will be seen inside the church and this will attract the nations. God's throne will be established in our houses so that we will become relevant to society. We will become the models- they will see how we live - our marriages, how we raise our children, how we handle our finances, how we run our businesses, our character etc. In 2016 God is bringing a synergy amongst His people that will demonstrate "Unity in diversity". People groups will come together aligned to the same frequency, same beliefs, and same values - one family. God will show that the only way is Kingdom way by how His people live in harmony even though we are different. We will become stronger as we integrate and harmonize and use our different competencies to establish His Kingdom. **Therefore, we must establish proper rules of engagement in our houses.**

2016: The year of the manifestation of sons of God in the nations of the earth Jeremiah 3:19

Sons of God will begin to manifest and rise up in the different domains. There will be great manifestations of the King and His Kingdom through His sons.

Therefore, in 2016 we must be the select arrow, we must model the message, we must reveal Christ, we must touch the multitudes, we must create the movement, and we must complete the mandate.

Church we see the now word is teaching us: (A word in season is like....

- The Year of His righteous sceptre. The year of the select arrow v.14
- The year of the true shepherd v.15
- We will carry His peace and presence, His resources, His strength and His revelation in our heart v.16
- The year of establishing His Throne and Kingdom governance. V.17
- The year of the manifestation of sons of God in the nations of the earth.v.19

Today I want to focus on the last priority area, the **manifestation of sons** of God in the nations of the earth.

I would like to share a little bit about myself. I was born in 1973 and in 1976 my mother got married to stepdad. At the age of 3, I had very little understanding about sonship. Before I could go to school my stepdad legally adopted me. What then happened was I received his name or surname...I legally became his daughter. So when I went to school, nobody noticed or asked any questions because we were a wholesome family. What happened this week really made me think? My father passed away and I had to register his estate. I was then asked the question on how many biological children did your father had?? I then answered and explained that I was legally adopted....the answer from the legal experts was that if you were legally adopted then you are legally regarded as a biological child.

Why do I tell you my story....because God has done it all for us. It is finished **Romans 8:14-17** "v14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God v.15 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.**" V.16, The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.v.17 and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." **Galations 4:6-7** tells us that" And because you are his sons, God has sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons and because you are sons God has send forth the Spirit of His Son into our 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.

The word teaches us that through the Holy Spirit we receive the adoption into sonship. When we come into sonship with the Lord Jesus Christ we must desire to become like Him. We must desire Christ grace, Christ name, Christ spirit, Christ nature, Christ glory, Christ life, Christ revelation of the Father, His image, His likeness, His word and His works.....we become everything that Jesus demonstrated on the earth.Why???? So that we can become heirs. What does it mean to become and heir....it means you receive and inheritance (you become a beneficiary).

Friends some of us have children... ..what is our greatest desire as Christians for our children...it is for them to know God and serve God. As parents we want them to be successful and to be happy but primarily we want them to put God first in everything then they will be successful, they will be happy etc. What do you think is in our spiritual parents hearts for this body....We'll the Holy Spirit has really laid it upon my heart that there is an urgency in the spirit for God to turn the heart of the father to the sons and the heart of the sons to the father. Church tell you neighbour...**I must rise....We must rise....CFC must rise....sons and daughters must rise.** When I spoke to Ps Bill this week I was so touched by his heart....church his heart is for me and you to rise....to grow into maturity as sons.

Pappa's letter in January states...

The times of acceleration are upon us and are propelled by a quickening spirit. This dimension is falling in upon us in ISAAC and those who are drinking from this "pure fountain of life". The quickening will bring the SEED into maturity – calling the MESSAGE and the MAN to take shape and form, with the CHRIST LIFE manifesting in the sons of God. This quickening process will take us to the NEXT LEVEL in SPIRITUAL STATURE. We need to TAKE OUR PLACE IN HISTORY by becoming Agents of change and a Catalysts for Revival, Reformation and Restoration. 2016 is a special year of extraordinary MATURITY and INCREASED STATURE in LEADERS.

Four key words inspire me as I pray for GLS. God Will Restore:

- The Power to Choose Wisely
- The Power to Change Lives
- The Power to Commit to Covenant Relationship
- The Power of Faith and Courage

I. The First Priority

Mum and I are trusting God to transfer what God has given to us into your lives. The hearts of the sons must turn accurately to the heart of the father.

II. The Second Priority

The Second Priority will be to make simple the demands of God for a "Well-Ordered House". I hope to be able to share the steps of how to build "Church Unusual" until the spiritual dimension of Zion is made manifest.

III. Operation 500 – Select Arrow

This is a powerful tool to take your natural and spiritual sons and daughters forward into the inheritance and legacy we have in ISAAC. Please send your sons and daughters, who fulfill the requirements, so that I can impart the grace I carry to the next generation.

Church I hope you can see what I saw....what is in the heart of Pappa Jonathan is in the heart of our spiritual dad, Ps Bill. In the natural we want to do our dad's proud in our achievements and our accomplishments. Why is it different in the spiritual. We are the bodywe are the church...as sons and daughters we need to rise...the world is waiting for the sons of God to arise...creation is waiting/ yearning for the sons of God to arise. Church let us trust God for the manifestation of the sons to arise.

I did a bit of research this week and read through Pappa's books, alliance of honourable men & the finishing generation.... I discovered that there are some rules of engagement that I would like us to learn from. That includes me...

The Alliance of Sons – “Alliance of Honourable Men”

Philippians 2:19-24 (Paul is writing to the Philippian church)

v.19“But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition. V.20For I have no one else of kindred spirit (like minded) who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. V.21For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus, v.22But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father. V.23Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I see how things go with me: v.24and I trust in the Lord that I myself also will be coming shortly.”

Paul revealed the dynamics of the father son alliance in this scripture. In this scripture we see that there are some clear requirements or rather rules of engagements for sons.

A. Sons are sent to represent the father (v.19)

Fathers send their sons to represent them to others. Sons are authorized to speak on behalf of their father and act accordingly.

B. Sons are able to perceive the situation (v.19)

They are able to read any situation as the father would read it. The father’s evaluation and assessment can be made through the sons’ review.

C. Sons have a kindred spirit with their father (v.20)

They possess the same passion and spiritual essence of nature as their father

D. Sons are genuinely concerned with their father’s concerns (v.20)

They choose to identify with their father’s burden and do not become burdensome to him.

E. Sons seek after the interest of the father’s house (v.21)

They are secured in their role as sons and are concerned for the father’s other sons; thus they enhance the father’s love and affection for the house.

F. Sons find approval and commendation from their fathers before others (v.22)

Their proven worth is a testimony of their maturity in the relationship.

G. Sons know that serving their father is serving God (v.23-24)

They know that in their serving their father they are serving God and furthering His kingdom. They are the bridges to connect the people with their fathers.

I think it is not an unfair question to ask ourselves this morning:

- Do we as children represent our Heavenly Father as well as our spiritual father (v.19)
- Are we able to perceive situations (v.19)
- Do we have a kindred / like-minded spirit like our Father (v.20)
- Are genuinely concerned with our Father’s concerns (v.20)
- Do we seek after the interest of our Father’s House (v.21)
- Do we find approval and commendation from our Father before others (v.22)
- Do we know that serving our Father means serving God (v.23-24)

This friends, is the final stage of maturity for those who are in the House of God. We must rise up as true sons who will stand in the line of succession like Joshua did before Moses and Elisha before Elijah. Sons who are willing to be the heir and inheritance.

In the book called "**The Finishing Generation**" I learned that there are **7 distinctive features that are manifested** in true sons in the house. Sons are what the church aspire to raise and release as sons will **take the legacy** on and bring greater achievement in **advancing the kingdom purpose** in our churches.

1. Sons are connected to the father of the house in a direct relationship of covenant. (stay the course, stay close, stay in covenant)

As sons we must not operate on a second hand relationship through a hierarchy of another chain of authority. This level of relationship of **loyalty and integrity** will allow us to capture the heart and mind of the father. 14 Years of consistently walking together, gave Elisha an insight into the heart of Elijah and what GOD was doing in his life. It allowed Elisha to partake the outworking of God's grace in Elijah' life. We must be close enough to the heart and life of the Set Man (Ps Bill) to access the grace of God on his life. (1 Corinthes 11:1-3)

2. Sons must be joined to the God of the House

Every house and family on earth derives its name and nature from the Father in heaven. This divine nature and distinctive characteristic is released into the life of the Set man (Ps Bill) of the house to reproduce into the sons. As sons we must connect to the grace of God and the spiritual resources in the house which will allow us to become distinctively like our father and cause us to become the begotten in the house. We must tap into the spirit of what God is doing in the house. The spirit must become the **nature in the lives** of the sons, thus we will carry the spirit of the house. (Galations 2:6-9) (Isiah 61:9)

3. Sons are submitted to the appointed leaders in the house (Be accountable)

As sons we must train ourselves to **submit to delegated authority** in the house. We must submit and honour the Set Man (Ps Bill) as well as those who are appointed in the leadership structure by him. We must recognize these approved leaders as the extension of our father's governance and respond to them honourably. We must choose to keep unity and order for accurate government to be established in the house. We must desire to see peace and righteousness become the foundation for the house and the lives of people within the house. So we must be willing to be led, disciplined and trained for effected roles in the house. (Galations 4:2, Mathew 12:30, Mark 9:40, Acts 4:23, Acts 2:44-45, Ephesians 4:16)

4. Sons are connected to the people of the house

We must develop meaningful relationships with all who are part of the house, identifying our family and becoming conscious of the spiritual responsibilities towards them as we represent our father. We must become willing to share their life and resources because these are the people they belong to and are covenanted with. We must develop this amazing wholesome relationship towards corporate destiny. People must become our corporate responsibility.

5. Sons must embrace the corporate destiny as the people of the house

We must become this unique company of men and women who have sacrificed their personal agendas and ambitions to pursue the corporate destiny of the whole body. We must understand that in fulfilling our corporate destiny, our own lives will come into the purposes of God. We must choose to **become involved** in all that is happening in the house as it will accelerate and quicken each one of us into God's destiny and direction for our lives. The aspiration of the house must become the pursuit of the sons. We must begin **cooperate with each other, labouring together** to move forward in Kingdom advancement. We must become **champions of cooperation** rather than **champions of competition**. (Acts 1:13a, Acts 1:14, Acts 20:24, Acts 1:15a, Acts 2: 14a, Acts 2:37, Acts 13:2-3, Mathew 14:22, Mathew 14: 28-32)

6. Sons are Committed to building the house

Many of us choose to enjoy the blessings of the house but do not take the responsibility for the growth of the house. Sometimes our mentality is set to receive blessings and receive the best God has for each one of them in each service and meeting. Those who are sons have transited from the mentality and desire to become a **blessing to others** in the house. We must be willing to rise to **our best capacity** so that we can prove maximum benefit and blessings to others so that the others in the house can be greatly blessed. (Acts 6:6-7). Become a blessing

7. Sons feel a deep responsibility to resource the house regularly

This is not just your finances. God is looking for the **sons of consolation**, like Barnabas, who stand alongside the Apostles and provide strong support for the move of God in the house. Barnabas represents the type of sons whom God is raising within the house alongside set man (Ps Bill).

Barnabas had the grace to transit from an old move and reinvents himself to become **a model in the fresh move of God**. He presents a pattern for our days as sons of consolation will rise in the house.

- Firstly, he was willing to leave the **old priesthood** and enter into a fresh move of God on the arch.
- Secondly, he was prepared to be **renamed and redefined** by the apostles according to the current move of the Holy Spirit.
- Thirdly, Barnabas was a **son of encouragement** to the apostles.
- Fourthly, he released his resources to **accelerate the move of God** through the apostles.
- Lastly, God positioned the son of encouragement to **become the choice instrument** to help lead a fresh move of God in Antioch. We see that sons are needed to resource their fathers to accelerate the purposes of God in their lives.

So church let us take these 7 distinctive features of sons:

- Let us choose to be connected to the father of the house in a direct relationship of covenant;
- Let us choose to be joined to the God of the House;
- Let us choose to be submitted to the appointed leaders in the house;
- Let us choose to be connected to the people of the house;
- Let us choose to embrace the corporate destiny as the people of the house;
- Let us choose to be committed to building the house;
- Let us choose to feel a deep responsibility to resource the house regularly

It is a choice; everything in life is a choice. In closing, sonship is God's choice for this House. We must rise up sons and daughters of God in the image and likeness of Christ (Rom 8: 29), also raise up honourable men who will be willing to take legacy of our spiritual father into new heights. Trusting God for the manifestation of sons through:

- Extra-ordinary faith (It means faith at a higher level/ a stronger level)
- Explicit obedience (It means obedience at all cost, whatever the sacrifice)
- Exemplary sacrifice (This is the willingness to pay the price, Sacrifice and surrender – you suffer willingly)
- Exceptional kindness (Exceptional kindness means we must be gracious in word and deeds. The compassion of Christ must flow through us)

1 Samuel 17:56-58

So the king said, "Inquire whose son this young man is." V.57 Then as David returned from the slaughter/ killing of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. V.58 And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man? So David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite". You better know whose son you are...

People will want to know whose sons we are when we are going into battle. Our success in life is always contributed by many around us especially those who provide the spiritual input and who are stewards of God's grace for us.

I want to close off with a declaration. We will sow this declaration in the spirit and the Lord whom we seek will bring forth the harvest....

DECLARATION: Raising true sons – rules of engagement

1. Our father will supply the source and sons we will distribute it. (Acts 19:10-12, Acts 2:37) – Everything we learn in the church must be taken into communities

2. Our father will set the doctrine and sons will model the doctrine and the message (Luke 3:38, Gen 4:25-26) – Sons and daughters must model the message
3. Our father will offer the relationship and sons will honour the relationship because they represent the father (John 1:18) – Sons must represent the father well and live according to the constitution of heaven
4. Our father will transfer the legacy and sons will fulfil the mandate (Psalm 127) – Prodigal son said father give me and on his return said father make me.
5. Our father will dethrone the strongholds and sons will establish government (Mathew 12: 43-45) – God’s government must govern our lives.
6. Our father will change the atmosphere and sons will negotiate and establish the City (Psalm 127) – God wants to build the house in order to guard the City
7. Our father will advance the Kingdom and sons will inherit the spoils – Success is not a solo project
8. Our father secure the covenant and sons will inherit all that is accorded (Deut 8:18, Gen 13:3-4, Gen 28:12, Gen 32:13) – Fathers secure and sons extend/ inherit/ secure it – Abraham- Isaac-Jacob-Joseph
9. Our father will set the pattern and sons will build on the foundation – Christ must be formed in our lives (1 Cor 3: 10-15)
10. Our father will turn the hearts of sons and sons will please the father by raising their sons for the father – transfer of legacy

PRAYER: SONS TO RISE