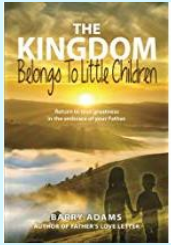




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Still Hungry For More?



We felt led to highlight another book in this Love Letter that goes along so well with being childlike! Barry Adams has written a book, **The Kingdom Belongs to Little Children**. In the book Barry shares his own story of becoming childlike and explores the qualities of what it looks like to live our lives as a son/daughter to our Father. It is a book I have gone back and read again. Barry helps us see the Kingdom of God through a family paradigm. He says, *"If God is indeed Father and we are His children, family rules take precedence over secular rules, corporate theories... and power structures."*

If you live near us and don't have a copy, we have copies of Barry's book available for a bit less than Amazon. Give us a call or send us an email to arrange getting a copy of his book. But if you live some distance from us, they are available on Amazon either in paperback or as a Kindle version. May your hearts and spirits continue to be stirred to walk with Him more closely as you read these books!

Barry, over 20 years ago, authored the Father's Love Letter that has touched millions of hearts and been translated into 116 languages. He has several websites that are impacting many people around the world. He has also written a few other small books, some that are available in pdf versions that you can download and a couple that you can also purchase on Amazon.

You might enjoy checking out one of his websites:
<https://www.fathersloveletter.com/>
<https://www.fatherheart.tv/>
<https://www.abbaskids.com/todays-cartoon/father-really-cares-about-your-life>
<https://www.fatherlovestheworld.com/daily-declaration>

Humility, a Key to Sonship-Part 2

In last quarter's Love Letter, I shared about how pride and being focused on self is the opposite of humility. When we think we know what to do, independence and pride take over and we don't ask for Father's help. If we fail to be aware of Him and what His Word says, we can become self-centered rather than looking or depending on Father as a son/daughter. Or if we don't think Father is there or that He cares, we are prone to taking charge of our lives and live as self-reliant orphans. We were never meant to live as self-contained power sources. Many of us grow up learning to do life on our own and getting our identity from what we do. He loves us, wants us to depend on Him and get our identity from being His son/daughter. **To live in sonship requires true humility which is a sense of our nothingness and seeing God is all and in all!** Andrew Murray says, *"Humility brings us to the place of depending on the all-inclusive grace of Christ!"* Our part is to do nothing apart from our Father and just be so Father can be all!

We can see how to walk as a humble son by looking at Jesus' life. He humbled Himself and lived as a son depending totally on His Father. He lived in close fellowship with His Father saying, **"I can of Myself do nothing...I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me."** **John 5:30** Pride came from Adam; true humility must come from Christ. While Jesus was the Son of God, He never exalted Himself but humbly said, **"My Father is greater than I."** **John 14:28** The intimacy and oneness Jesus had with His Father allowed them to flow together as a **Father-Son** operation. He desires that we walk that way too! Jesus tells us to take up His yoke and learn from Him, knowing He is gentle and lowly of heart and we will find rest for our souls. **Matt. 11:29** Learning to walk humbly with our God like Jesus is the key into a greater place of sonship! He highlighted a few characteristics to me of what it looks like to live as a son like Jesus! I pray He shows you where He wants to adjust your heart so you can become more like Him!

Resting in Our True Identity

Sonship is a way of living, not something we earn or achieve by our own efforts. The world has programmed us to assess who we are by what others say about us whether good or bad, but that isn't how Jesus lived. Jesus knew and walked the earth as a son to His Father. We can too!

Acts 17:28 TPT says, **"It is through Him that we live and function and have our identity."** Our true identity is "being" a son/daughter of our Father! Identity is ***something you are***, not something you do. When a baby is born into this world there is nothing that baby has to do to be a son/daughter to his/her parents. They take on the last name of their parents and become a part of the family. Our Father wants us to see ourselves having a place in His family and feeling at home knowing we belong! When we know in our hearts the reality of our sonship, we can come to a place of rest. Jesus died not just for our sins but to give us a permanent place as a son in the family forever!

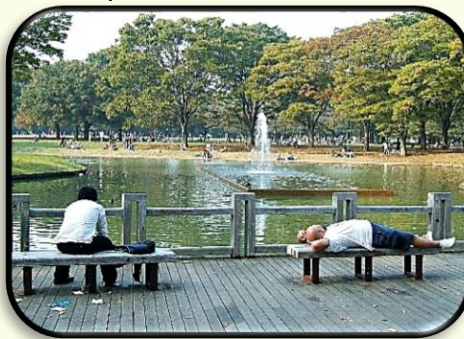
John 8:35 TPT There is a security that comes from that truth.

He wants us to relax and rest knowing in our hearts that we are loved despite our actions! It is easier to write these words than to walk in them every day. For years I lived from performance and got my identity from what I did. Over the years I have been hard on myself and hard on others too. Recently Father spoke to me saying, "Be gentle with yourself as that is who I am!" Wow! He revealed His love and grace towards me! If God loves me, I need to love me too! Living from our senses can trip us up as we don't see things through Heaven's eyes, but we see things from the way we are on the outside. While writing this article, Father has been working in my heart to continue to remove my orphan tendencies to look at self instead of seeing myself "in Christ!" In Stephen Hill's book, *John*, he says, **"Maturity in sonship is becoming able to receive and live out of love."** It has challenged me to be a better receiver and live in His love each day!

Our Father wants to lead and show us how to live. He's teaching me to be childlike again, not childish. A little child looks to and totally depends on his parents. Also a little child doesn't know everything and knows they need help. I am letting Him father me by getting His thoughts, words, and way of seeing things. I want to spend more time with Him and see how He does things so I can "be" like Him! **Jesus said, "If you have seen Me, You have seen My Father!"** Why not ask Him to open the eyes of your heart and get a more complete image of who your Father is and who you are? May you each rest in your true identity - His child!

Union and Grace

True humility comes when we ***see and know Him as the source for all of life and that He is all and in all!*** Check out: **Rom. 11:36; 1 Cor. 15:28; Col. 1:17; Col. 3:11.** We were never meant to initiate or originate anything on our own, but live from Him! What an awesome Father we have that desires to be and supply all that we need. **John 15** gives us a picture of us being like branches receiving everything from the vine. Jesus tells us that without Him, we can do nothing. **John 15:5** Remaining in life-union with Jesus and letting His love nourish our hearts is the way Jesus lived, receiving what He needed from His Father. There is a heavenly supply always flowing. Our part is to continually look to Him as our source and open our hearts to receive from the One that holds us, cares for us, and is greater than us! The more I see real life comes from Him, the more I want to become small in my eyes, admit my weaknesses, die to my ways and efforts so His life can flow in me and through me!



Grace flows and increases to those who humble themselves. **Proverbs 3:3** says **"He gives grace to the humble."** **1 Peter 5:5-6** says, **"...be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time."** He is the God of all grace, yet as I shared already, to experience more of His grace, we need to be focused on Him as our source, not ourselves. There are many definitions of grace, but I like Graham Cooke's. He says, **"Grace is His empowering presence within you to become the person He sees when He looks at you."**

When we grasp that He gives grace because of who He is and because Jesus lives in us, our hearts will be forever thankful! May we rest in the truth **"... from His fullness we have all received grace upon grace."** **John 1:16** Let's live with childlike hearts under a waterfall of grace no matter what comes our way!

Honor and Glory

The Bible tells us to **"Honor your father and mother ...that it may go well with you and you may live long on the earth."** **Eph. 6:2** If honoring our earthly parents promises we'll be blessed, I see how much more we will be blessed as we honor and highly value our Heavenly

Father! Jesus lived His life to honor His Father, so how much more should we. **John 8:49** It is too easy to take Father, His gifts or grace for granted. The Apostle Paul, despite all the revelation he received said, **“I have nothing to boast of...” 1 Cor. 9:16** and **“I am nothing” 1 Cor. 13:2**. Walking in true humility as a son means being comfortable with being the clay pot that we are, yet also being comfortable with **the exceeding greatness of the power of God** living within us. **2 Cor. 4:7** It’s about Him, living His life in us!

What was the result of Jesus humbling Himself, doing His Father’s will, and becoming obedient even to death? His Father highly exalted Him and gave Him a name above every other name! **Phil. 2:8-9** Humbling ourselves allows Him to exalt us in due time! In **John 17:1** Jesus prayed to His Father saying, **“Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You!”** Later He says, **“... I am glorified in them.”** Our Father always planned to have a big family and Jesus came to bring us back to the glory that was ours in the beginning. **Hebrews 2:10** says He **“is bringing many sons to glory.”** Paul wrote, **“It is Christ in us the hope of glory!” Col. 1:27**

We were made to glorify our Father, but it’s not up to us. Our part is to keep looking at Jesus and Holy Spirit will transform us from glory to glory! **2 Cor. 3:18** Enjoy the adventure of becoming more like Him! It’s not hard to be a son!



Father’s Blessing for Humility

I bless you to walk in a new depth of understanding about the peace of God in your heart. I bless you to experience His peace and rest as you let go of the cares and negative emotions in your life. May you open your heart to receive His peace and enter into a deeper, sweeter intimacy and fellowship with the Father. May the Father’s comforting love wash over you and overwhelm you with His peace as you lie down to rest at night and rise up in the morning. I bless you to have greater trust and assurance in your Father’s love that gives you the confidence and peace to face each new test and trial that tries to come against you. I bless you to walk into your future and His plans for your life with His peace and rest guiding you every step of the way. May you be filled with all the fullness of God in every area of your life!

