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Epigraph

“I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

2 Corinthians 6:18 (NLT)

Prologue

There is a kind of love so pure, so steady, so relentless—it waits. It waits through our rebellion, our wandering, our silence. It watches through the doors of our decisions, hoping we'll glance back. And when we do, even slightly, it runs. That is the love of the Father.

Before I ever understood the depth of His discipline, before I grasped the weight of my inheritance, before I knew what it meant to cry “Abba, Father”—He had already called me His own. This mini ebook is birthed from that discovery. The realization that I am not just saved; I am adopted. I am not just forgiven; I am welcomed. And not just welcomed—but called a child of God.

I have known the ache of identity, the searching for belonging, the striving for worth. Maybe you have too. This journey into the sweetness of sonship is not one of perfection, but of position. It is about learning to live not as orphans,

*but as sons and daughters—deeply loved, deeply disciplined,
and deeply delighted in.*

*I invite you to walk with me into this holy tension of
being corrected and cherished, led and loved. To understand
the heart of a Father who gave everything to call us His own.
And to discover that being a child of God is not only a title—
it's a way of life.*

Come closer. He's been waiting.

With love and purpose,

Crystalene.

To Whom do I Belong?

There's a sweetness that comes with knowing who you are. A deep, anchoring confidence that silences the lies, stills the storms, and settles your soul. When we understand our purpose, everything changes. We live differently. We love differently. We walk differently. And perhaps most importantly, we heal differently. God's desire was never just to save us; it was to adopt us. Ephesians 1:5 tells us that God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure. That line alone—that our adoption into God's family

gave Him pleasure—should cause us to pause. So many of us strive to be loved, to be wanted, to be seen. Yet here, before we ever performed or prayed or tried to prove our worth, the Father looked upon us with love and chose us for Himself. Not reluctantly. Not out of obligation. But with joy.

As we explore the power of belonging, we discover the Sweetness of Sonship—the profound relationship with God, one that transcends gender and status, and connects us to a higher purpose. This is not just about being loved, but about becoming who we were always meant to be. When we speak of “sons” in Scripture, it is not a term that excludes women, but rather, it is a position of inheritance, identity, and intimacy with the Father. In the eyes of God, “sonship” is not about gender but about divine placement. Galatians 3:26–28 reminds us of this powerful truth: “For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes... There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or

free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.” This means that every believer, whether man or woman, is invited into the fullness of the Father’s love, discipline, inheritance, and purpose. We are all sons not in the male sense but in the sense that we share equally in the rights and responsibilities of God’s family.

It is important for us to note though that this sonship is not just a symbolic title, but rather it comes with a tradeoff of both rights and responsibilities. Romans 8:14–17 lays it out plainly: For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. We haven’t received a spirit that makes us fearful slaves. Instead, we received God’s Spirit when He adopted us as His own children. Now we call Him “Abba, Father.” There’s intimacy in that name—Abba. It’s what a child cries out when they need their parent. It’s not a formal title; it’s relational. It implies trust, closeness, and dependence. And, with this Spirit, we are not only adopted—we are heirs - co-heirs with Christ. Everything that belongs to the Son has been opened to us through grace.

While all of this is amazing though and as if the above doesn't overwhelm us enough, the verse continues with a sobering truth: if we are to share in His glory, we must also share in His suffering. This is where the balance comes in. Sonship is sweet, yes, but it is also weighty. It is not a license to live as we please. It is a call to walk as He walked. As sons, we carry His name, His Spirit, and His mission. Our Father loves us dearly and because we are loved, we are also corrected.

Hebrews 12:5–11 gently but firmly reminds us of the responsibility within sonship. “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines the one He loves.” Discipline is not rejection; it is affirmation, it is evidence of belonging. A father disciplines his child not because he’s angry, but because he sees who the child is becoming. God only corrects those He calls His own. If we were not sons, we would not be corrected. If we endure His discipline, it shows that we are His legitimate children. The

discipline of God is not a denial of our place—it's proof of it. As children of God, we are not called to comfort without correction, but to growth that bears holiness. "No discipline seems pleasant at the time... but later on, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." God trains us, prunes us, and shapes us—not out of cruelty, but out of covenant love. True sonship will always include correction because true love cannot allow us to self-destruct.

It is important not to be dismayed if sometimes, the process of growing into our sonship feels more like breaking than building. We all go through seasons where God says no. We experience times when He strips us of things we thought we needed. There are moments when the silence stretches long. Never forget that all of it is fatherly love in action. Not every open door is favor. Not every delay is denial. Sometimes, the most fatherly thing God can do is say, "Wait." Or even, "That's not for you." In those moments, we are

reminded that being a son means trusting the heart of the Father, even when we don't understand His hand.

Allow me to explore with you a time when Jesus told a parable that revealed both the sweetness and the struggle of sonship. In Luke 15:11–32, we meet two sons. The younger demands his inheritance and squanders it in wild living. The older stays home, dutiful and bitter. One is rebellious, the other is resentful. And yet, both misunderstand the heart of their earthly father. The younger son ends up living in a pigsty and when he finally comes to his senses in the pigsty, rehearses a speech to beg for a servant's position in his father's house. He thinks his mistakes have made him unworthy of being called a son. When he eventually decides to return home, at his mere sight, even while he's still a long way off, the father runs to him, embraces him, and restores him with a robe, a ring, and sandals. These weren't random gifts—they were symbols of restored identity. The robe covered his shame. The ring reinstated his authority. The

sandals reminded him he wasn't a servant. He was still, and always would be, a son. How amazing is that!

On the flip side, there's the older brother. When he sees the celebration, he refuses to go in. He's angry that grace was extended to someone he deemed unworthy. He says to his father, "All these years I've slaved for you... and yet you never gave me even a young goat to celebrate with my friends." His words are revealing. He lived in the house but carried the heart of a slave. He performed for approval instead of resting in identity. He forgot that everything the father had was already his. The father's response to this is tender and direct: "My son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours." You see folks, it's possible to be in the Father's house and still miss the sweetness of sonship. It is possible to still serve without joy. It is possible to still obey without intimacy. It is possible to still work without resting in love.

This parable is personal for many of us. Some of us have wandered far, thinking our failures have

disqualified us. Others have stayed close, thinking our obedience has earned us something. Both need the same revelation: we are loved, not because we get it right, but because we belong. We are not defined by our past or our performance. We are defined by His promise.

It is here that I'll put in this plug though that sonship is not a passive identity. It is an active call. It comes with access, yes—but also accountability. We have the right to call God, our Father, to receive His Spirit, to walk in power and purpose. But with this, we also have the responsibility to submit to His leadership, reflect His character, and extend His love to others. We are not just sons in blessing; we are sons in bearing. Sons carry legacy. Sons represent the house. Sons build, protect, and steward what has been entrusted to them. We are not just called to enjoy the Father's love—we are called to reflect it.

There is healing in this identity. For those who never knew a loving earthly father, the tenderness of

Abba heals wounds that run deep. For those who were rejected or overlooked, adoption into God's family silences every lie that says you are unwanted. For those who have felt like outsiders, this sonship brings you home. It anchors you in the truth that you are chosen, accepted, and beloved. This identity cannot be taken away from you.

There is the sweetness of the sonship. We were not just saved **from** something—we were saved **for** something. We were brought into the family of God, given His name, His Spirit, His authority, and His mission. We were once orphans, but now we are heirs. We were once wandering, but now we are walking with Him. We were once broken, but now we are being built into the image of the Son who made it all possible. And in every moment—whether rejoicing or repenting, rising or returning—we are still sons. Still daughters. Still His.

This sweetness that flows from being a child of God is a deep, unwavering sense of belonging that

anchors the soul even in the fiercest of storms. This sweetness isn't built on fleeting feelings or shallow affirmations—it is rooted in the eternal decision of God to adopt us into His family through Jesus Christ. When God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ as told in the above referenced scripture, Ephesians 1:5–11 (NLT), this was not a spontaneous or reluctant act. It was His good pleasure. It brought Him joy. And imagine, it was always His plan! How mind-blowing is that!

I emphasize again though that this adoption is more than just a spiritual label. It's a transformation of identity. We become sons and daughters—not in theory, but in truth. “So now we can praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son” (Ephesians 1:6). We were chosen, redeemed, and forgiven, and this redemption includes a complete change in our spiritual status. The sweetness of this sonship is found in the knowledge

that we were not just rescued from sin, but brought into a royal household.

What therefore is our identity now? It is an eternal position that calls us into a present lifestyle. John 1:12 declares, “But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God.” There is a divine authority wrapped up in our new identity—but notice how it begins: belief and acceptance. The door to sonship swings on the hinge of surrender. It is not demanded, it is received.

Romans 8:14–17 draws us deeper into this identity: “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.” Being children of God isn’t a matter of words or ceremony—it’s a matter of being led. We are no longer controlled by fear, but we have received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” This cry is not distant - it’s the cry of intimacy, the desperate, holy sound of a heart that knows where it belongs.

The Holy Spirit Himself, testifies with our spirit that we are children of God. It is a testimony that silences the accusations of the enemy and reassures the trembling heart. Remember that we are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ! That alone should humble us, but it doesn't end there. "If indeed we suffer with Him, so that we may also be glorified with Him." While the sweetness of the sonship does not remove us from the path of suffering, it redefines it. We share in the inheritance, but we also share in the shaping as we can't have one without the other!

Galatians 4:4-7 echoes this inheritance with clarity. "But when the set time had fully come, God sent His Son... to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship." And here's the beauty—"Because you are His sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.'" This intimate cry is not born of doctrine, but of experience. It's the natural language of a soul that knows it is no longer a slave, but a son. And if a son, then an heir through God.

And so, sonship calls us to separation—not isolation from people, but consecration to God. “Therefore, come out from them and be separate,” says the Lord. “Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you will be My sons and daughters” (2 Corinthians 6:17–18). The sweetness of the sonship is not found in blending with the world but in standing apart, set apart. The Father calls His children to live in a way that reflects who they belong to.

Before Jesus began His public ministry, before He performed a single miracle, the Father declared something that still echoes today: “This is My dearly loved Son, in whom I am well pleased!” (Matthew 3:17). That was the Father’s affirmation of identity—not based on works, but on relationship. If we are in Christ, that same declaration rests upon us: we are loved before we achieve, and we bring joy to our Father simply by being His. That is the sweetness of the sonship: security, identity, love.

It is this identity that empowers us to live in alignment with the heart of the Father. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9). The sons of God are marked by their pursuit of peace. Not passivity, but peace—the kind that speaks reconciliation into chaos and love into division. Our identity should show up in how we handle conflict, how we respond to adversity, and how we represent our Father’s nature in a broken world.

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He began not with title or demand, but with relationship: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name...” (Matthew 6:9–13). He invited them—and us—into the posture of sonship. We do not approach God as strangers or beggars, but as beloved children. We ask for daily bread, not because we are greedy, but because we are dependent. We ask for forgiveness and give it because we belong to a forgiving Father. We resist temptation because we want to honor our Father’s name. Every part of that prayer flows from the root of relationship.

And what kind of Father is He? Jesus asked, “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?... If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!” (Matthew 7:9–11). The Father’s generosity is not transactional—it’s relational. He doesn’t give to impress us but to care for us. He delights in doing good for His children.

And there is more! Revelation 21:7 gives us the final promise: “The one who is victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be My children.” The sonship begins now but will be fully revealed in eternity. We walk as children today so we can reign as children tomorrow. The inheritance is sure, the promise is sealed, and our place is eternal.

What does all this mean? It means we live in the tension - in the sweetness and in the seriousness. We are loved but also led. We are cherished but also chastened. We are heirs but also students. This is the

balance of sonship. It is not a light thing to be called a child of God. It is a calling, a comfort, and a commitment. It is a gift and a guiding truth. It is identity and invitation.

The sweetness of the sonship lies not just in being loved by God—but in learning to live like His child. Are you a child of God? If you're reading this and you've already a part of His sonship, then awesome! But, if you aren't sure and your heart is stirring, and you've never truly known what it is to walk as a child of the Father—this invitation is for you. Sonship is not something we earn. It's not about religion or rituals. It's about relationship. It's about receiving the gift that God has offered through His Son, Jesus Christ.

God longs for you. You're not reading this by accident! He is not distant. He is not silent. He has been calling you all along, gently nudging you toward the truth that you were created for Him—to be loved by Him and to love Him in return. The inheritance of

the Kingdom is not reserved for the perfect, but for the willing. It is for those who believe and receive!

Jesus died on the cross for your sins, for my sins, for our sins! He rose again in power, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father—interceding for us, even now! Through Him, you can be forgiven, restored, and adopted into the family of God.

If your heart is ready, say this prayer with sincerity:

A Prayer to Receive Jesus:

Heavenly Father, I come to You today knowing I need You. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe He died for my sins and rose again, so I could be forgiven and have eternal life. I confess that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I receive Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. Make me new. Teach me to live as Your child—to walk in Your love, Your truth, and Your purpose for my life. Thank You for saving me. I am Yours. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Welcome home, beloved! You are now a child of God. Heaven rejoices over your decision, and the journey of sonship begins here—with grace, growth, and the sweet assurance that you are forever His! Congratulations to you on the best decision you've ever made in your life!

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