

# Welcome to Father God's Freedom

## The Steps and Traditions

### Instructions for steps

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You may find that you're working on multiple steps at once. You may find that God leads through the steps in a different order. This is all perfectly normal. Be aware, if you don't settle the important steps, steps 3-6, you will never really complete the remaining steps. God might not directly lead you into steps 3-5, as surrender has to be our choice. But, this doesn't eliminate the necessity, as any ex-alcoholic will tell you. You will also notice that the lack of surrender, that occurred in step 3-5, explains why most of the church flounders, lacking growth.

Many people have core lies that will prevent them from completing the steps. We often call these lies "judgments". God won't just take these away because God respects the decisions of His children, even if that decision is to believe a lie.

As you progress through each step, you will be asked to address any core lies by bringing them to God, repenting of them, and then asking God what The Truth is. This process allows us to separate from darkness and bring aspects of our nature under God's influence and authority.

This process will produce a renewed mind. A renewed mind automatically gives us access to the promises of God. You will discover that peace is your normal state, that joy is easy to access, and that you no longer have triggers. You will find it easy to encounter God whenever you choose, that you can release God's presence to others, and that answers are just a simple conversation.

Emotional triggers are simply un-dealt with fears and judgements. Fears and judgements are all based on lies we choose to believe, but they result from not having adequate familiarity with experiencing God's love and acceptance. Acting out an emotional trigger, no matter how justified, will frequently place you in the domain of darkness and allow demonic activity to try to influence you further.

A renewed mind doesn't have emotional triggers, instead it has access to supernatural power and love, allowing it to display godliness and authority in dark situations. A renewed mind is one that has learned to see life from the perspective of the dearly loved son. A person with a renewed mind will automatically live a transformed life.

As you work through each step, God will automatically renew your mind as you deal with the specific lies that have controlled different areas of your life. You will find new liberty as different areas of your life are surrendered, revealing godly nature. You will leave behind selfishness and pride and find it easy to naturally express love, even in the most horrific situation.

I personally began my journey by pursuing God to hear Him clearly, then to be free from sin, and next to live in abundance. He had to fix the corresponding mindsets and beliefs before I was satisfied. After He helped me with these areas, He told me that I could receive all the promises by continuing to seek Him this same way.

## Step 1 – Humility

- Humility – Admitting that Apart from God we can do nothing for spiritual growth and we are powerless against our own sin.

The greatest arrogance is to believe that you can fix yourself; that you don't need God. Sin plagues us night and day. It seems that every waking thought has evil just behind the door, and some unwaking thoughts too. What we want to do is so difficult to accomplish.

Let us purpose that the problem is not your level of self discipline and self control. Let us purpose that no amount of self discipline and self control can fix this problem. As soon as you find enough self discipline to fix your issues, now another issue arises, pride quickly takes root. The best we can do is replace one

sin with another. Let us purpose that the real issue is not a lack of willpower, but rather a lack of connection.

It has often been said that sin causes separation from God. Yet, Jesus (the God man) was often found eating with sinners. He preferred the company of sinners to the self righteous. Even Adam found that when he sinned, God came looking for him. Yes, it seems that sin broke Adam's connection to God... Or, did Adam separate from God in his heart before he ate the apple. This may seem like a pointless issue, this we all have believed. But, God once told me that sin does not cause separation, rather separation causes sin.

We all know that if we could forever remain in God's presence, feeling His love, experiencing His majesty, then the potential for us to sin would virtually disappear. John even says that no one who abides in God sins. We have to pull away from God in order to sin. We have to separate at the heart level before we can even move into sin.

If no amount of self control and self discipline can fix our issues with sin, then our efforts of will power must be placed elsewhere. Our effort of will power must be placed on learning how to remain in the presence of a loving God who never offers rejection. All growth must be from Him alone. He alone can cure us. He alone can set us free. The best we can do is hand ourselves to Him.

So, in step one, we admit that we are powerless to fix ourselves. We are powerless to grow ourselves. We need God. He alone can transform us. He does not fix, He transforms. He alone can complete the resurrection process.

We also admit that any self effort to curb sin is not a cure, rather it is a temporary measure until the cure can be obtained from God. This is what our salvation pays for, that by His might, He conforms us to the image of Christ as we surrender ourselves to Him.

## Step 2 – Pursuing

- Pursuing – Commit to continually come to God, He alone can change us, and we chose to remain open regardless of shame or feelings.

We are not pursuing perfection.

To pursue perfection would be meaningless. Perfection is beyond our capabilities.

We are pursuing the depth of what it means to live in Sonship with God our Father. Perfection is in God's hands. If He wants us perfect, then we will allow Him to make us so, but our focus remains on learning to be sons.

Our desire is to be His alone, so if perfection is never seen, it is also irrelevant to us so long as we become His alone. We seek to give Him access to those hidden things that prevent us from being His. He knows that in intimacy He can remove the things that keep us in bondage. In our hearts, we want no fellowship with darkness. Therefore we lay aside and repent of those things that are contrary to us and to His love. We allow Him to do the work. We allow ourselves to receive His embrace believing that He will help us receive more and more deeply.

He gives us full access to Himself. And, we want to be perfectly His. We will confront those things in us that prevent us from being perfectly His, bringing them to His feet. We will not allow fear nor resentment to keep us from receiving His love. We will surrender all these things to Him and keep allowing Him to make us into His image.

But He does the work.

Hebrews 10:14 NASBS

[14] For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

There are two sides to this. On one hand He has already perfected us in the heavenlies. On the other hand we're called to manifest this perfection on the earth. Regardless, we know our frailty would prevent our effort.

1 Peter 1:14-16 NASBS

[14] As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, [15] but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; [16] because it is written, "You SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

We take notice that "you SHALL BE HOLY" is a promise and not a command.

Since it is impossible for us to make ourselves holy or perfect, We contend that the only way we experience what is already accomplished in Christ is to submit to intimacy. That is what our experience also testifies. As we submit to letting God love us, His love does the work.

We therefore, choose to not allow shame, fear or failure to chase us out of His presence. Instead we bring our shame, fear and failure to Him so that He may speak to us about them. His love will do the work.

## Step 3 – Listening

- Listening – We became willing to allow God to personally mentor us in every area, so we submitted every belief to Him. We pressed into learning to hear His still small voice well. In humility we submitted everything we heard to the discernment of others who had gone before us. We recognized that our false beliefs were the root of our bad behavior.

## Hearing

“Listen carefully, my dear child, to everything that I teach you, and pay attention to all that I have to say.” -Proverbs 4:20 TPT

In American churches we have lost the art of hearing God speak. We prefer listening to preachers to listening to the still small voice of God. In some churches, listening to God is discouraged and some even treat it like heresy.

“Fill your thoughts with my words until they penetrate deep into your spirit.”  
-Proverbs 4:21 TPT

We have a God that wants to talk to us.

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.” -John 16:13-14 NKJV

What would life look like for you if you could hear God yourself? What kinds of freedoms could you enjoy? What kind of answers could you deploy?

Hearing your Father speak is your birthright. This is why He has declared Himself to be a Father. Only bad fathers refuse to speak to their children. Good fathers not only listen to their children, they also offer needed wisdom for every situation. Scripture is not given as a replacement for God speaking to you Himself. Scripture is given as a witness of who God is.

“Then, as you unwrap my words, they will impart true life and radiant health into the very core of your being.” -Proverbs 4:22 TPT

So much of what we need for freedom is only found through hearing. Jesus even said to be careful how you hear.

“If you continue in My spoken word (Greek – something said), then you are truly disciples of Mine (someone mentored by Jesus); and you will know the truth, and

the truth will make you free. ...everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.” -John 8:31-32,34,36 NASB

Freedom from sin is directly tied to listening to the voice of God. This is the biggest reason that most Christians struggle with sin. Sons of God know their Father’s voice.

### Listeners are Mentored by God

“But when the Father sends the Spirit of Holiness, the One like me who sets you free, he will teach you all things in my name. And he will inspire you to remember every word that I’ve told you.” -John 14:26 TPT

What would your life look like if Jehovah God, creator of the universe, took you under His wing, and mentored you Himself into the fullness of being like Jesus? This question is exactly what we are proposing as the steps we need to be a fully awakened son. God Himself wants to mentor you just like a master craftsman will mentor an apprentice. We believe that you can receive personal instruction, through intimacy with God, that will awaken you into your destiny. Every one of these steps are about building that connect so that you can hear God as a Father, Mentor, and Teacher.

‘Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “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; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.”’ -John 5:19-21 NASB

This is the pattern of Jesus’s life. He was mentored personally by God. God is offering the exact same opportunity to you. The Holy Spirit comes to us so that He may speak directly into your hearts what He hears the Father saying, and to teach us all things in Jesus’s name.

Will you say ‘yes’ and allow God to mentor you?

## Learning to Hear

When Holy Spirit speaks, He speaks directly to our spirit. Because your spirit man and your soul are intimately linked, your mind perceives the words coming to you as echoes in your brain sounding very similar to your own thoughts. As you grow in sensitivity, you will discover that the words of Holy Spirit carry a different feeling about them than your own thoughts. You will often feel love, acceptance and peace attached to these words. One person describes them as the first words that come, and the words that still linger.

Because the words of Holy Spirit often sound so similar to our own internal conversation, we must learn to distinguish His voice from our own. Utilizing a close friend, group sponsor, or personal minister, to help you learn to discern is paramount. Do not lean upon individuals that lack experience with the voice of God, they will often hinder your progress rather than benefiting it. We suggest you utilize a group sponsor at this stage.

Many people struggle to hear God's voice at first, so God has given me two questions that you can ask yourself. These will immediately launch you into hearing God's voice.

- Does God love me enough to talk to me?
- Does God love me enough to make sure I hear Him correctly?

Once you settle these two questions in your heart you will discover that you immediately can start hearing God. The reason that these two questions have such an impact is because the only reason you can't hear God it's because we need to exercise faith to hear. These two questions cause you to put your faith in the right place. Saved and unsaved alike can hear God. For this, the baptism of the Holy Spirit is not actually required. But, once you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you will find your capacity to hear God's voice greatly enhanced.

Because the voice of God is usually interpreted by our brain, there is a great opportunity for us to twist what we hear until we are more seasoned in the



practice. Therefore it becomes vitally important that we compare what we hear to what other people are hearing.

There is a specific tone and character about the things God says. There are personality qualities that show up when He speaks. A person that has spent quite a bit of time hearing their Father will recognize His words with ease. His words also carry the anointing. Someone who is used to spending time with Father will recognize the presence of God on words that He has spoken to someone else.

Because of our capacity to misunderstand what we are hearing, and our ability to add our own ideas, there is a great need for these words to be confirmed by other believers who are familiar with the voice of God. Jesus says that every word should be established in the mouth of two or three witnesses. This requirement never disappears. Any person who is unwilling to allow what he hears to be challenged and confirmed, has already been deceived.

As you work through the process of learning to hear God's voice, get in the practice of submitting everything you hear to those who trust. Submit them to the group. Figure out who has history with the voice of God, specifically those who are walking in Godly character and freedom resulting from their time with Father. Anyone who has surrendered their very core to God's mentoring, will demonstrate a transformed lifestyle.

- You can find specific techniques on how to get the voice of God in the section titled "How to Hear".

## Step 4 - Exposing

- Exposing – We allowed God to speak to us about the things that keep us from Him and keep us in sin. We chose to expose our darkness to God, even with another person. Mercy and Grace covers every struggle as we learn deep surrender.

There are many who will try to skip this step. If you truly want to experience the freedom and power of being like Jesus, then treat this step, and the next, like it is the most important. You may have to stay longer than you think ought to be necessary. But, remember that the greater your surrender, the higher God can take you.

Contrary to popular belief, God is not into exposing us to shame. Rather, He tries to gently walk His children out of darkness as they are ready.

To the heart that is hiding, confrontation sounds like accusation, exposure, and risk of shame.

God, on the other hand, gently highlights areas of darkness and waits for us to bring them to Him, with our hands and hearts open wide. The choice to expose our darkness is ours alone; no one should force you to do it. If we are to ever be truly free, we must commit ourselves to taking an honest inventory of any dark thing that takes over our emotions, feelings, and behaviors. If we have something that you wouldn't see in the life of Christ, then it is something that we should bring to Christ that we may surrender it.

It is extremely helpful to have the assistance of those who have gone through this step already. Oftentimes we will try to short change ourselves because we are afraid to face the things we have been hiding. We know from experience how intimidating this step is. We know how scary it can be. Also, we know how much of God's love and grace you will find during this process. Lean upon a close trusted friend, group sponsor, or personal minister. You are not alone in this.

Remember, you are not your sin. You are not defined by the darkness you have lived in. We only sin because we don't know who we really are. We sin because we cannot see how deeply loved we are.

How you get free in step 4 is by choosing to bring your struggles to God and allowing Him to talk to you about the reasons behind the things you do. You must be able to hear His voice. You cannot use scripture as a substitute for not being able to hear when doing this step. This is not a formula; what motivates you is personal. You have to hear Him speak to your heart.

- Every area of darkness is coming from the fear that you might not matter, that you have no value.

This fear is a direct result of being born separated from God, not knowing how He feels. Demons then come and lie to us, over and over, reinforcing this fear until it becomes part of our subconscious identity. How we cope with this fear is what produces sin and darkness in our life. You are not your fear. You are not your sin. You are a person who cannot see your own worth.

When you break down step four and really look at it, it is not really about exposing our sin to God, it's really about allowing God to expose the lies behind our sin and replace those lies with His love. You are not your sin.

- Behind every addiction is a core lie.

How sin enters the life of a person starts with the fear of insignificance. As the person wrestles with this fear, they begin making judgments about themselves, about God, and about those around them. These judgments are meant to help us navigate life. We are attempting to order our universe, and prevent pain. These judgments become the rules we live by. Because these judgments are not in agreement with how God feels, they bring chaos instead of order. They bring sin instead of holiness. These judgments are how we often protect ourselves from rejection, shame, and our insecurities. They often form as resentments and unforgiveness. They can also cause us to hide and feel worthless.

Because of our unique position as sons of God, God honors every judgment we make. Jesus said, "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven. Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Our judgments are how we bind and loose. God will not take our judgments from us, to do so would be to undermine the position He is trying to get us to stand in as sons of God. Instead He has to get us to change our judgments to ones that agree with Him. He has to get us to confess the wrong judgments, and repent of making them.

It is an interesting Bible study to note that Jesus never asked us to repent of sin. Instead He says repent so that your sins will go into remission. If it's not sin that we are repenting of, then what are we repenting of. Repentance means to change the way you think. Because judgements form the foundation of how we

think, I believe that we are to repent of our judging, our judging without God. I believe we are to repent by turning ourselves towards God. We have been doing this whole thing without Him. Now He invites us into union.

Without God's heart involved, without the love of God as our source, every judgment we make will in fact become our own bondage. This is why unforgiveness, resentment, and bitterness are so destructive. But, we are also making judgments against ourselves. Now you can see why shame, condemnation, and guilt will keep us from stepping into our full sonship with God as our Father.

All of these need to be brought to God so that He can change our bad judgments into judgments of righteousness that have the heart of God as their source.

#### Practicals to doing step 4

We are asking you to see past your darkness, past your failures, and past your sins. Rather than being focused on the symptoms, we want you to see the root so you and God can remove it. You are not designed to carry fear, unforgiveness, resentment, shame and the like. You were designed to be full of God's love for you and His life. By letting go of the things that you were not designed to carry, the real you will begin to emerge. You are not sin waiting to happen. You are not failure waiting to happen. You are a son of God waiting to happen.

If you are struggling with an addiction, then the 12 step program you are a part of will often bring you through the process of dealing with the step 4 of our program.

Some of us have used a ministry called "Sozo," from Bethel, which is focused on hearing God so that you can forgive those in your past and bring healing to your relationship with God. There are in fact many ways to accomplish this step, so long as you're releasing the bad judgments and receiving the truth from God's perspective.

Step four is really about walking out this scripture. "If you continue in My spoken word (Greek – something said), then you are truly disciples of Mine (someone mentored by Jesus); and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

...everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.” -John 8:31-32,34,36 NASB

The bad judgments we make are founded upon lies that we believe. When you bring your judgments to God, He will expose the lies you believe and ask you to accept His truth in their place. His truth is the only truth that is real. The lies you believe are based upon how you cope with your core fears. Your core fears are how you personally believe the fear of insignificance. In step four our goal is to deal with the judgments that keep us in bondage to sin. In the following steps we will deal with our core fears and the lies that destroy our identity.

In the above scripture Jesus is saying that as we hear His voice and allow Him to mentor us, this process will expose the lies we have believed and He will give us truth that sets us free from the sins that have controlled our life.

In this step, and the next, we are striving to solve the issue of “seeking to save our own life.” When life squeezes us, we often begin defending and justifying. In these moments we often prove how little we have surrendered and how much we are still alive.

How do we get to the place where we no longer seek to save ourselves? The answer is to surrender our motives and triggers until all that is left is His motives and triggers. We give Him our judgements and lies, and He replaces them with His love and value. Here, we finally find life, life that is free from self.

God will never take your judgments from you. You must give them to God, learn how He sees, and make new judgments based upon the truth that He shows you. You must learn to judge according to God’s heart. Instead of hating the person who has wronged you, you will learn to see them as a lost son with a destroyed identity. You will learn to see them as someone God desperately wants to love on.

### How often and when

Utilize this step whenever you discover something negative in your life. You don’t have to go searching for negative things. It is not your job to root out every

negative emotion and feeling that might be buried below the surface. As negative things come to the surface, deal with them then. You can use this step as often as is necessary regardless of where you are in this 12 step process. When we start this step, oftentimes we have a list of things we need to get out of our life. As you continue through the process of removing each one, it can be tempting to see something negative behind every door. Resist the urge to be a detective. In general, we are just trying to get the big stuff out of the way, the stuff that makes our relationships hard and keeps us in bondage. You will discover that much will fall off of you as you continue onto steps 5 and 6.

## Step 5 – Ownership

- Ownership – We also exposed our secret condemnations and allowed God to speak to our condemnation identity and triggers. God gave us back ownership over our lives. We renounce our old identity.

A son of God in process is still a son of God.

By now you should have some decent experience with hearing the voice of God. You will probably have noticed that there are some topics He likes to talk about on a regular basis: how much He loves you; what He thinks about you; your destiny, potential and purpose. You may have also started to wonder why your heart wants to pull back as God talks to you this way. The answer is you already have an identity but it is contrary to what God is saying to you. It's called the Condemnation Identity.

Step five is about receiving back the power to decide your own life. You're not taking back this power from God, rather you're taking it back from the darkness that has pushed a wrong identity upon you. The Condemnation Identity is not something you were born with, rather it is something you have received as a byproduct of living life separated from God's immense love and acceptance of you as His child. Instead of knowing God, you have been taught and trained by life and demonic influences to see yourself in a certain way. The way we have

seen ourselves is directly contrary to God's word over us. This false identity is something we have all grown up with, and struggled with.

The first time I ever started to understand the Condemnation Identity was when God started speaking to me in a prophetic Bible study about 2 Corinthians chapter 3. Step five is about rejecting the false identity so that we can receive the identity that God has prepared for us, so we can receive the truth about who we really are. Let me show you what God revealed to me about 2 Corinthians 3.

For as he thinks within himself in his heart, so is he... Proverbs 23:7

But be transformed by the renewing of your mind... Romans 12:2

2 Corinthians 3:7, 9 tells us that the ten Commandments and the old covenant was a ministry of death and a ministry of condemnation. Jesus says in John 3:18 that those who love darkness rather than light are under this condemnation from the law already.

You will remember that in the previous step we discovered that humans use judgment and rules to order their lives. This is because we were designed to live from love, but when we grow up lacking the depth of love we were designed to live in, we have to substitute it with rules to govern our behavior, because love is not governing us, and love is not fulfilling us.

This use of judgment and rules to order our life is exactly how the ministry of condemnation works. We have been in fact embracing the ministry of condemnation because our identity is that we are already separated and condemned.

Any man who refuses to face his own darkness, does so because he is still under the ministry of condemnation. These men are afraid that they will find rejection if they expose their darkness. This fear of rejection is exactly what we need to bring to God. Can you see that this fear of God rejecting us is just another manifestation of the fear of insignificance?

God has created you to live without the use of rules and judgments. He created you to live in the abundance of His love. This abundance of His acceptance

becomes a law of life over you. The veil they put over Moses's face, as a result of their Condemnation Identity, kept them from seeing the glory of God. It kept them from seeing the true nature of their Father. "But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away," -2 Corinthians 3:15-16 NKJV.

The Condemnation Identity will always keep you from being able to perceive and receive the glory and love of God. It is not a coincidence that you were probably thinking about the marriage veil. True intimacy cannot take place until the veil of separation is removed. When we turn to Jesus, He lifts the veil so that true intimacy can take place. Second Corinthians goes on to say, "[18] But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." Paul tells us in verse 17 that the lifting of the veil and the transformation that occurs is for the purpose of producing liberty.

Very few people have been willing to receive fully of what God has to say to them because of the veil that lies over their hearts. They have been living under the ministry of condemnation for so long. To receive God's goodness feels scary. In order to progress through step five we must allow God to remove the veil of condemnation. We must repent of the identity of condemnation that we have lived in agreement with. As I've said before, the Condemnation Identity is not from God. It has been ministered to us through our failures to keep the rules that we've tried to adhere to, and the resulting condemnation that demonic forces have pushed upon us.

Father has told me that condemnation is "anything that lowers your value below the level that He has decided to be." If you haven't fully embraced His value for you, then you are certainly struggling with condemnation. In step five we are rejecting the condemnation of shame, the condemnation of failure, the condemnation of never being good enough, the condemnation of always being a mistake. We are in fact repenting of the right to judge ourselves without God's agreement.

There are some who will not believe this step applies to them because they have not seen failure, specifically in ministry. Success itself is a trap. Many who experience it will claim their success as their identity and believe that they're



doing well. But they're still selling themselves short of their true potential as a son of God. Those who have a five fold calling often are particularly vulnerable in this area. Their calling becomes a fake identity and a mask they wear. A few, who have become particularly enamored by their own success, had to separate themselves from their calling for a season so they could discover what the identity of Sonship really looks like. Would you still matter to God if you didn't produce, or do you matter to God because you are His son?

Ask the Lord to reveal to you the false identity that you have embraced. Then, out of your mouth tell the Lord that you are repenting of this false identity. From this point forward, any time the false identity tries to rear its head, all you must do is merely repent again. Use your mouth to reject the feelings and thoughts of the false identity.

You should also do Step 6 at the same time, confess what God says about you until it becomes a foundation for your emotions.

It should also be stated that the person you're trying to convince is you. Demons can only push lies that have a place to land in your own soul. If there's no place for those lies to land, then those lies become meaningless. Many Christians do warfare against demonic spirits not realizing that the real battle is to change the way they think so that the enemy has no place in them.

## Step 6 - I Am Love

- I Am Love – We allowed God to replace our identity and mentor us into the identity of being “Love”. We learned the power of “giving ourselves away to everyone”. We confess our new identity over ourselves

\* Many people want to be recognized for the work they've done or the understanding they carry. This is a false identity that will keep you veiled from receiving the fullness of God's love. If you have reached this step, yet you still find yourself needing validation from people – recognition, approval, or any type

of acknowledgment – then you still need to do some work in Steps 4 and 5. Utilize Steps 3, 4, 5, and 6, until you find that you carry a constant feeling of being satisfied and fulfilled by God’s love. \*

Most of the revelation we have about who God is in Scripture comes from men and their experiences with God. Only a few times has God chosen to define Himself. The first time was when God called Himself the “I Am”. This was significant because it told the children of Israel that there was no limitation on who God was on their behalf.

In the New Testament God chose to redefine Himself. In fact, He went to great efforts to display this new definition. It was quite controversial, the way Jesus addressed God as His Father. Yet, Jesus declares that God is also our Father.

The apostle Paul takes this a step further when he says that the Holy Spirit who is given to us, cries out within us “Abba Father,” Daddy. God has gone out of His way to reveal that He wants a relationship with us as our Papa.

The second instance where God defines Himself is through the revelation of the apostles as they declare that He is Love. Paul demonstrates that love is the ultimate pursuit, that we are destined to look like love, and that this is God’s true nature. John the beloved goes even farther to declare that God is Love.

If God is Love and He is our Father, then love is our true identity. The second greatest aspect of our identity is that we are His son. The combination of these two identities will produce holiness (otherness). Any person who lives from these two identities will display God-like nature without struggling, without even trying. They will naturally act like their Father. These two identities, when they have become concrete within us, produce a godly lifestyle like no other. They automatically display the glory of God. This is who you truly are, a son of God, and love incarnate.

Now the challenge is to get this new identity to become the only lens we see through. Many have tried to convince themselves of this new identity, but to little effect. The identity you live from will ultimately be the one you believe in your heart. But, your heart won’t just believe anything you tell it. Your heart requires an

authority greater than you, an authority not prone to mistakes. Your heart needs to hear from Father.

In this step we are going to agree with God and speak forth God's truth about us. We are going to confess out loud the things God has been sharing with us in our listening times.

If you find your heart pushing back against Father's identity for you, then you may need to do more work in the previous steps. Often we short change ourselves, because fear keeps us hiding from the real issues. A stronghold that is not fully dealt with, a hidden insecurity, a false identity such as pride not submitted; all these will make it hard for our heart to fully believe what God has said. These are the voices of doubt and disbelief that often shout in our ears. It is easy to fix, just go back to the appropriate step and allow Father to speak.

Another complication that can arise is if we attempt to confess something too big for our heart to handle. God will stretch us, but many people try to do this stretching themselves without God's direction. Speak what Father speaks, and if your heart pushes back, simply ask Holy Spirit to tell you why.

We often find we need to keep repeating this step, all the while revising the other steps as struggles come to the surface. This is normal. Human emotional growth is frequently two steps forward with one step back. Don't take it as a sign that there is something wrong with you. Developing a rock solid identity based on Christ alone is a process that demands for us to surrender our fears and doubts.

There is an end. Trust what God says rather than getting discouraged if it doesn't feel fast enough. One day the whole thing will break wide open and you will be staring at blue skies with new eyes. God knows who you are. Lean more and more into that as you confess God's reality into being.

## Step 7 – Inheritor

- Inheritor – We accepted that God always treats us as equal to Jesus

If you have spent an amount of time listening to God speak to you, by now you will have noticed how much dignity with which He addresses us. You will also have noticed that He doesn't emphasize the negative things that we always focus on. He seems to treat them as insignificant. He seems to always treat sin and failure as if it doesn't matter; with value and identity as the most important thing. The reason for this is because God is focused on the truth and not the lies we have been believing. We only need to focus on lies only long enough to drive us to fully surrender them. Then we can stay focused on His truth without lies diverting our attention. From God's perspective, sin is not your problem; the fact that you don't know who you are, that is your real problem. Those who know who they are in Christ will find it easy to live free from sins control.

A proper identity will also carry with it a significant amount of self-worth. This transition of understanding our value in God's eyes is so significant that, for the son of God, he will no longer be concerned about whether or not he's worthy of what God offers. God has made a choice, and that choice is you. He has determined value for you. If you are overly concerned with your lack of worth then you will be dismissive of the value that God is giving you by making you His choice. You are no longer a failing human being in the eyes of God. Now you are the choice of God, a son of God. Accepting this as your new reality will allow you to step forward in the authority in which God wants you to function. If you continue to wrestle with the idea of your worthiness, it will prevent you from moving forward into the full dimension that God has called you to.

In God's eyes, having worth has nothing to do with behavior. In our eyes, having worth has everything to do with succeeding and not failing. In God's eyes, worth is a byproduct of what is inherent within. God is looking at legacy and inheritance, because you are from the same bloodline as Jesus. When you dismiss the value that God gives you, you are effectively saying that your bloodline connection to Jesus is worth less than your performance. This is a very destructive mentality. God doesn't need you to be successful to say that you are worth the blood of Christ. All He needs you to do is just say "yes" to being His.

"I love each of you with the same love that the Father loves me. You must continually let my love nourish your hearts. If you keep my commands, you will

live in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands, for I continually live nourished and empowered by his love." -John 15:9-10 TPT

What are His commandments? Believe on His name and be love (1 John 3:23).

When we accept fear, this is contrary to trust. When we choose selfishness, this is contrary to love. Both fear and selfishness will pull you to separate yourself from God, making His love and His peace difficult to believe. Abiding is the emotional and mental state or resting in God's trust and love. God wants you to live in continuing awareness of His love, approval, and affection for you. This is life outside of condemnation.

Loving and believing have now become the most natural state for you. They have become your default and automatic reactions.

- Why did Jesus keep His flesh?
- Why did He receive a glorified body?

We are not God, but Jesus is. He didn't need a body before His incarnation and He doesn't "need" one now. The answer to these questions is that we are predestined to be conformed to His image. (Romans 8:29). Jesus maintains the image that we are to be conformed to. God's intention is that He makes you into a manifestation of the image of Christ on the earth. Your perfect expression of love will demonstrate that you have been with Jesus and are His personal disciple.

You can expect to become perfect in motive and perfect in tranquility. Even if you still make mistakes, or mistakenly cause offense. We believe that this is the perfection the Bible speaks about. Perfect in motive, producing purity of behavior; but not all knowing.

As you step fully into Christ likeness, you will realize that there is no limitation that God puts on you to how much of Christ you can display. This will include purity of heart, displays of authority, and the demonstration of supernatural power. God sees you for who you really are and He has decided to treat you as equal to Jesus. It does not matter that we see this as impossible. We must learn to accept that this is a fact. And we must learn to lean into it. God wants to use

His children as displays of His glory on the earth. He wants the world to know who Jesus is, and He has chosen to use us. Take the limits off your mind and choose to believe that God can take you all the way into the Christ-like dimension. Do not worry about whether or not you will actually reach the destination. We believe that the more we surrender, we will be surprised at just how close God can get us to the image of Jesus.

## Step 8 – Empowered

- Empowered – We discovered that we were now Empowered to make decisions

Proverbs 16:32 NASBS

[32] He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit (life), than he who captures a city.

“spirit” – ruach (in the Old Testament and pneuma in the New Testament) is the spirit, the breath, and occasionally the soul, but ultimately it is life force.

Inner dominion empowers outer victories.

One of the greatest lies that has brought the church to its knees is the belief that God is controlling everything. A second lie that has made the church powerless is that you have to be in God’s perfect will to be blessed.

Through surrender, a son of God will become the embodiment of the will of God. God’s will is that you become love just like He is. What job you take, and what state you live in only matters is they affect your level of surrender. Otherwise they don’t matter. You becoming like Jesus is the biggest thing in God’s heart.

Why does God want you like Jesus? Our old mentalities suggest it has to do with sin, but we contend that God wants to have the same intimacy with you that He has with Jesus. This is the real reason that God wants you to be like Jesus.

This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. -John 17:3 NASB

As you experience the love of God, His love will overtake your nature and you will become like Him. Righteousness in the new covenant means that you are a son who always has access to his Daddy's love. Your true nature is love, and because you are a reflection of your Father, you have become the will of God on the earth.

God makes decisions based upon His nature which is love. Because you have become the manifestation of God's love on the earth, your decisions are a reflection of His heart. Your heart to love, to bless, and to honor, means that every decision you make is stemming from the heart of God without you even trying. God is now able to trust you to make decisions that are perfect reflections of who He is.

You will discover that God begins to challenge you to decide who you're going to be and where you're going to go. He will also begin to challenge you to begin dreaming for yourself and your family. Then, He will challenge you to make those dreams even bigger. You will notice that ambition to be something is no longer driving you, because your identity is no longer tied to what you do. You are free from all those efforts. You know who you are, and you know Who you belong to.

God is challenging you to act as He does. He has recognized your pure heart and your identity of love, and is now wanting you to stand in a place of dominion over your own life and atmosphere. He's challenging you to stand up into a position of authority. You will discover that as you do so, blessings will seem to inhabit every decision you make. You will no longer be moving from a desire to be something, now your decisions are a reflection that you have become something, a son of the Most High.

In a world where it's common to believe that everyone has a Darkside, where under the right circumstances any person might give in to temptation, it becomes difficult to believe that there could be a person who will always act with virtue. Yet this is exactly what we believe we are being changed into. Not only do we suggest that it's possible that we become such a person, if you've been paying

close attention to your Quiet Times and your Prophetic Bible Studies, then you know this is exactly what God believes too.

God not only knows who you really are, He believes this is what is rising to the top of your identity. The real you is a person He can trust. The real you is someone of tremendous virtue. He knows that His nature has been implanted into the very core of your being. Now He is saying that He can trust you to take control over your own life and make decisions for your destiny.

Not only can you make decisions for your destiny, but He is eager to see what you come up with. You will display your incredible uniqueness as you step into the position of a son of God. We have been telling you that He has respect for your decision making. Now believe that He sees your decision-making as a reflection of Himself.

Inner dominion empowers outer victories.

### A Word of Caution

You will struggle to move into this step until you have completed the other steps of surrendering your hidden fears and your false identity. This step is not one you enter into lightly. Many in arrogance have tried to claim this step as an act of faith and found their faith wanting.

For some, it might not be that their faith was wanting, but rather that they had not gained the trust of God. God does not answer the self-seeking nor the double minded. This is why the previous steps need to be worked through. This is why we wait until God challenges us to take this step.

If God is speaking to you about making decisions, then He is saying that you are ready. Step boldly forward. God is encouraging you as you grow into Sonship. If you are struggling, take another look at step 3 through step 5.



## Step 9 – Emboldened

- Emboldened – God gave us access to the power to say “No”. We realized that we are anointed to say “No”.

All our lives we found that at times we were under the power of emotions, thoughts and passions that we hated. We were driven. Every slight, every offense was an opportunity to be stuck in the spin cycle of wrestling with thoughts and emotions. The greater the offense, the harder it was to break free. Some of us found that we were driven into sin that further enslaved us. Others found themselves retreating into the shadows or struggling with resentment or woundedness.

What if troubling moments had no power over our emotions? You have already discovered the power of surrender. How by surrendering the things that used to trigger us no longer have power. Many have discovered that they no longer feel abandoned, rejected, or ashamed. Others discovered that they didn't need pride as a defense. What if we had the power to never lose our peace?

Not every thought belongs to you. You have the power to choose your thoughts and by proxy, you can even choose your emotions. But you will have noticed that there are some thoughts that seem to haunt you like a poltergeist. Someone who miss understood you or wrongfully accused you, or a temptation you can't shake. You then spend hours doing mental gymnastics searching for an answer to fix this problem. You carry out arguments in your head hoping to find a foolproof way to change this situation.

Instead, now you can just say, “no.”

This is a spirit who is badgering you. It is tempting you to sin, but it is outside of you trying to pretend that these are your thoughts and your emotions. If it can get you to agree, it will be successful in tricking you into sinning.

John 14:30 NKJV

[30] I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

Here, Jesus is talking about going to the cross. And, you have been coming to the cross for a while now. Every time you have surrendered something to God, you then found new freedom. When you realize that God has set you free from who you used to be, you will start to experience the power to say, "no." These spirits are only trying to get you to come back into bondage. But you do not belong to them. You belong to Papa.

Practice saying, "no." There is much to which you can say "no."

You don't have to say "no" to people, rather say "no" to any temptation that tries to pull you from the joy of the Spirit. Say "no" to sin. Say "no" to anger. Say "no" to pride. Say "no" to self justification. Say "no" to mental arguments and external arguments.

As you say "no," you will feel the agreement of God wrap around you reinforcing your "no."

You have the power to say "no." If at any time you find that you are powerless against sin, you know what to do (Step 4). You can find why this spirit has a hook in you, and as God exposes this lie, you can surrender that ground back to God. Then the next time that wicked spirit tries to tempt you, you will be now able to say "no."

### Quiet Time from Paul

Hello my child. When you say no to temptation it is futile; UNLESS! You say it from the position of A son of God. From that position dragons are slayed and giants fall. When I said be in the world but not of the world I really meant live in the world as a son so then you will not be of the world. Live your life as my son. Use my authority that I give freely to my children. Use my love that I have given freely to my children. Receive from me as my child and all authority is yours. I love you. So refuse to act like a hired hand and know I am your Father.

love always, Father God

## Step 10 – Abiding

- Abiding – We allowed God to teach us how to abide, knowing that the swirl of Holy Spirit is the wellspring of life.

Abiding is the promised rest of Hebrews 4. It is your secret garden, your safe place, your heart hidden in God. Abiding is a place of immense protection where the enemy can't touch you, where offenses and accusations can't move you, and where your life stays in perfect peace and joy. Abiding is one of the greatest commandments of Jesus, for He says, "abide in my love." Abiding is where you sit down inside Jesus's love, become deeply aware of it, and never leave again. Abiding allows you to become filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:19.

Abiding is the source of Jesus's power, resting in His Father's love, he continually allowed Holy Spirit to rest upon His shoulders. All the steps up to this point were to get you into the arms of your Father. Abiding is psalms 91 becoming a reality. Abiding is union with God. Abiding is how we become one with Him.

Abiding is the true goal of these 12 steps. From it flows all the remaining steps.

Abiding is the emotional and mental state or resting in God's trust and love.

"spirit" – ruach (in the Old Testament and pneuma in the New Testament) is the spirit, the breath, and occasionally the soul, but ultimately it is life force.

Like a city that is broken into and without walls is a man who has no control over his spirit. -Proverbs 25:28 NASBS

I want to propose to you that your soul and spirit are like a great city inside your being. At salvation, we as lords over our city are declaring that we are bringing our city under Jesus's government. We are still the mayor, but Jesus is the

governor. When we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, it is as if we surrendered our city to the atmosphere of the Spirit and He attempts to sweep over the entire city, blowing through like a great wind.

There are elements of our city that are ruled by outside actors, demons, who have authorized influence. They are like special interest groups that we the mayor have yielded to. How have we yielded? By agreeing with the emotions of darkness: bitterness, anger, frustration, resentment, unforgiveness, etc.

In the previous steps we have dealt with much of this problem. Now we realize that we have access to the constant presence of God. You see, in the previous steps we have dealt with the causes that kept us incapable of remaining in the present God. We have dealt with the hidden shame, fears, and insecurities. We have dealt with the things that we never repented of before. Now that they are gone, we can learn to enjoy the presence of God continuously.

You have probably noticed by now that peace seems to be something that never leaves you. You have also probably noticed that you are no longer triggered like you once were. But there still remains a choice in front of you. Now you must choose to let the love of God you have been experiencing remain upon your shoulders.

This is in fact something you have to practice, because we are not used to living this way. Some find it easy; others will find it more difficult, since they have had more experience with frustration. This is how we learn to rest. You see, on the other side of this choice is the life of joy. "You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever." -Psalm 16:11 NASBS

In this step we are yielding to Holy Spirit. We are allowing Him to breathe across our entire city. We are giving Him full access to every nook and cranny so that joy will flood our streets. This is the life flow of God. This is how we become ambassadors of life. The one who lives saturated in the Spirit is always capable of giving Him away. Thus, you are allowing yourself to become the fountainhead of God.

The word of God has delivered life to you. Now it becomes a wellspring. “My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them And health to all their body. Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.” -Proverbs 4:20-23 NASBS

Abiding is the source of our power. By it we remain under the shelter of His wings. By it we discovered deep intimacy with Jesus and the Father. By it we go from glory to glory as we gaze deeper into the face of Jesus. Learn to hear Father daily. Learn to allow the Spirit of joy to kiss your emotions moment by moment. Learn to allow Papa’s love to saturate your being. Now you become a tree of life, so give yourself away. Give your life away for it is now full of His love.

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city. -Proverbs 16:32 NASBS

## Step 11 – Mantled

- Mantled – Christ Mantle (give yourself away): Letting others experience the benefits of our relationship with God, gaining the ability to release God’s glory to whomever we choose. We let God unveil us, recognizing that those who hold onto a veil do so to hide their wickedness, but sons are no longer such. The veil of shame belongs to and is a tool of those condemned, not to those made righteous.

What is our “Why”?

We are here to tell people that God is knowable and by knowing Him we become like Him. The degree that we know Him determines the degree that we reflect Him.

As we lay down ourselves to know Him deeper and deeper, He grants us the privilege of carrying His name and His honor into the world.

The purpose of Life is connection. Deep connection produces deep reflection. What does God desire for us? His heart is that we know Him and that we become a reflection, sons that look like their Dad.

Without intimacy, what motivates us becomes self effort and pushing ourselves to be more determined, with better obedience.

Let us say this clearly, God doesn't need your service. He desires that you receive His love and learn to stay there.

Luke 10:22,41-42 NKJV

[22] All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him." [41] And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things (serving). [42] But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part (sitting at the feet of Jesus), which will not be taken away from her."

When we sit at the feet of Jesus, we become like Him. Then, Father will ask you "what is in your heart to do." With this question, if you desire to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, then you will be encouraged to pick up the Christ Mantle.

The Christ Mantle is the power of God resting upon your shoulders. Ask yourself. "Why does Jesus, who is God, need to be anointed with the Holy Spirit?" Answer: He was anointed with Holy Spirit because He became in all ways like us, and we need to be anointed with Holy Spirit. This is the Christ Mantle.

The Christ Mantle is always focused on giving. This mantle can never be focused upon itself: building ministry, performing, worrying about success. The Christ Mantle is full of confidence yet fully focused on releasing love.

Luke 4:18-19 NASBS

[18] "The SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM

RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, [19] To PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.”

Notice the confidence in these verses. Jesus knows who He is and why He is here. Now notice the level of self-sacrifice the Christ Mantle requires.

Luke 9:23-24 NASBS

[23] And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. [24] For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.

The difficult processes of steps 4 and 5 brings us through the challenge of self denial and deep surrender so that on the other side of these steps we can easily embrace taking up our cross.

The revelation that “you already carry the Christ Mantle” will naturally occur as you allow yourself to sink deeply into the new identity that Father has been giving you, and you learn to enjoy the place of abiding in His love. Because it happened so naturally, the only thing that is needed from you is the decision to step boldly forward and begin practicing to release the confidence that has been growing inside you.

You have in fact been carrying the Christ Mantle for a long time. Now you find just how easy it has become to give the kingdom to all you choose to.

This may sound hard, but you have been enjoying the presence of God regularly in your intimacy with Him already. You have not realized it, but you have actually been enjoying the anointing that has been resting upon you as a son of God. You have always had the capacity to release this anointing in the form of the manifestation of God’s presence. Just as you enjoy His presence in your quiet times, now you can give people access to His presence.

How do you do this? Just enjoy Him in the moment, give love away, and speak FROM Life into their being.

The process of releasing a miracle is simply a matter of enjoying the intimacy of your relationship with God, and then speaking from that place. You speak from Life, who is the Holy Spirit. You are allowing others to experience what you live in as you rest in God's love and speak. As you do this, the Holy Spirit will flow out of your inner most part and flood their atmosphere. Just stay right there, giving them more and more of His love until it overwhelms their situation and drives out any evil spirits.

You stay until the miracle is complete. Ask the person you are ministering to for progress updates. No progress only means a spirit is resisting you. Worsening means a spirit is frightened. Small progress means a spirit is giving ground hoping you will be satisfied.

## Step 12 - Authorized

- Authorized - Accessing authority over life and death. One who judges from God's heart: judging to life

1 Corinthians 2:15-16 NLT

[15] Those who are spiritual can evaluate ("judge" in the NKJV) all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others. [16] For, "Who can know the LORD's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?" But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

The more time we spend in the Spirit, the more our spiritual senses will be sharpened, provided we have dealt with the darkness that pollutes our vision. We can live a life fully awakened to the heart of God in every moment. We can learn to see by the Spirit. We can learn to express the flow of His Spirit into every atmosphere, bringing each atmosphere into the dimension of God's heart. We can learn to be the gate of Heaven.

Imagine accurately seeing the darkness of another person and having the authority to bring change, illuminating their atmosphere and releasing the



miraculous. What would your life be like if you were intimately aware of the flow of the anointing and God's heart for each situation, and you knew how to cause God's heart to manifest into the physical realm?

God trusts those who have an identity that matches His own. God is calling us to be the manifestation of Christ on the earth. The transformed identity of being "love" empowers us in our abiding and allows us to move in the nature and image of God, being fully alive to His heart.

Romans 8:29 TPT

[29] For he knew all about us before we were born and he destined us from the beginning to share the likeness of his Son. This means the Son is the oldest among a vast family of brothers and sisters who will become just like him.

Jesus Christ is the definition of you.

Because this is true, because this is God's design and plan for us, the authority that Jesus walked in over life and death has also been granted to the sons of God. We are trees planted by living waters whose leaves bring healing to the nations.

Psalms 1:3 NLT

[3] They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

Ezekiel 47:12 NLT

[12] Fruit trees of all kinds will grow along both sides of the river. The leaves of these trees will never turn brown and fall, and there will always be fruit on their branches. There will be a new crop every month, for they are watered by the river flowing from the Temple. The fruit will be for food and the leaves for healing."

Revelation 22:2 NLT

[2] It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations.

You are God's answer to the nations. He has placed His fountain of life within you. "But if anyone drinks the living water I give them, they will never thirst again and will be forever satisfied! For when you drink the water I give you it becomes

a gushing fountain of the Holy Spirit, springing up and flooding you with endless life!" (John 4:14 TPT)

## God's Plan

There is a season of Sonship coming upon the earth in the very near future. At the climax of this season, sons of God will talk just like this:

John 5:20-22 TPT

[20] "Because the Father loves his Son so much, he always reveals to me everything that he is about to do. And you will all be amazed when he shows me even greater works than what you've seen so far! [21] For just like the Father has power to raise the dead, the Son will raise the dead and give life to whomever he wants. [22] "The Father now judges no one, for he has given all the authority to judge to the Son,

This new season of Sonship will mark the next great awakening. It has been prophesied many times over the past 40-50 years. Many people all over the globe will reach a point of deep surrender to the love of God and begin walking in His eternal plan to demonstrate the name of God all over the globe, and release His glory across the planet. This Age of Sons will bring about a restoration of God's glory on the earth itself as the whole earth shifts into alignment and creation finally finds the liberty promised it. This is what Paul prophesied about in Romans 8:21.

One of the most significant things that these sons will become known for is their authority over life and death. They will function with the authority of Christ to declare life in any dark situation according to their own desires. They will reveal the heart of God to be a heart of love. They will bring restoration to families. They will speak transformation into dark situations. They will call the dead back to life. They have authority over every disease. We believe that governments will even seek them out for counsel and yield to their decrease. Because of them the name of God will become honored once again, and the whole earth will know that God is real.

We are experiencing the first fruits of the next great awakening even now. Sons of God are beginning to awaken and step into their true destiny. We are already seeing the miraculous as our spirits come alive. We believe that you can become one of these sons. There is no need to wait, for God is not waiting on a certain time. But, He is waiting for the faith of His children to arise. We surrender even further, seeking to know Him and His ways. We give Him permission to train us into authority over life and death. Just as Jesus was trained by the Father to release life, so we yield also to the Holy Spirit to release us in the same level of training.

Isaiah 60:1-2 TPT

[1] "Rise up in splendor and be radiant, for your light has dawned, and Yahweh's glory now streams from you! [2] Look carefully! Darkness blankets the earth, and thick gloom covers the nations, but Yahweh arises upon you and the brightness of his glory appears over you!

# Our Traditions

- **Opening prayer:** Father God, we commit this meeting to you. We give you complete permission to move as you see fit in this meeting. Let us refuse to quench the Holy Spirit. In Jesus name, Thy will be done. Amen

These traditions are ways of governing the groups and keeping them pure and unencumbered. They allow us to keep the main thing the main thing.

1. “If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” -Jesus. The first two instructions are about putting others first. Respect and elevation of our fellow believers does much for our own growth. We suggest that the FGF groups be focused upon the corporate unity and let each individual desire to bless their fellow man. Group unity will encourage the individual in his personal pursuit of God.
2. Our greatest hunger is to know God at every level, that we find deeper levels of surrender. So we surrender the FGF groups to God so that we may know Him as a family experiencing Father’s love together.
3. The heart of the FGF groups ought to be the desire to become like Christ. Any individuals who desires to pursue this endeavor should be freely accepted with no other requirements placed upon them. This pursuit is an individual pursuit, so we welcome them with hearts open wide. Conformity is not required. Money and dues are not required.
4. Father God’s Freedom Groups are not to be affiliated with any church or denomination. Other than the Nicene Creed and the limited few doctrines declared within our documentation, we do not endorse nor reject any doctrine of any denomination. The doctrines we include have a direct relevance to stepping into full Sonship, but fully agreeing with even our limited declared positions is never required. The discussion of other doctrines will be discouraged unless they are specific to an individual’s growth. The arguing of doctrines is highly discouraged, even of those doctrines specified in our documentation. Each individual is responsible for their own conscience. Each individual group is also responsible only to

their own conscience and should remain independent of any outside organization.

Any FGF group that decides to form a church, may do so but must change their name, demonstrating they are separate from FGF. They may however continue to utilize the benefits found in FGF and even declare that they continue to use our approach, so long as they understand that we are separate from them and will never endorse their unique doctrines. They may also never claim to be directly affiliated with FGF groups, other than that such a group may meet in their building.

5. The FGF groups have one purpose and that is to provide a safe environment for growth into Sonship. To that endeavor the groups ought to provide this benefit in three ways:
  - a. Encourage each person to press in more while finding brothers and sisters to run with.
  - b. Allow opportunity to expose dark areas of our lives and find acceptance, encouragement, and unity with others who have struggled, and with those that have overcome. Finding a personal Sponsor within the group is recommended.
  - c. Encourage seekers to not short change themselves or do the steps half heartedly.
6. Let nothing divert from the goal of Sonship. Each FGF group should seek to stay away from establishing any partnership in an official capacity with any outside group. FGF is an independent organization that does not desire to get entangled with outside organizations or controversies. Such organizations can freely use FGF concepts and approaches, but they must still remain separate from FGF.
7. We recommend that FGF groups meet in houses and churches so as to not incur cost. If a group desires some other accommodations, let it be sustained by voluntary contributions of the members. Care should be taken to not allow such treasury accounts to over accumulate beyond the base needs of the group such as maintaining the accommodations.

8. Each FGF group should seek to stay away from establishing themselves in an official business or religious capacity. The goal of group unity is to build the individual rather than building an organization.
9. FGF Groups do not require leaders. Due to the human tendency to fear failure and use leaders instead of pursuing God, the FGF groups are best run by consensus. Each individual is solely responsible for their own growth. Others should not try to become responsible for another. Nor should a member seek to lean upon another's maturity instead of seeking God themselves. These groups provide the benefit of encouragement and confirmation. The steps outlined will provide the guidance necessary with God Himself providing the bulk of mentorship.

Please note that a seasoned member who functions as a personal sponsor, will at times bring correction. They may inform a seeker that an understanding, belief, or a word believed to be from God, is in fact incorrect or even detrimental. In these moments, it is recommended that the seeker listen with humility and then seek further wisdom and confirmation. There may also be other times that a sponsor suspects a seeker may be under the influence of a demon. Let any ministry released be done according to the wishes of the seeker and also with confidential confirmation. Confirmation is important. The whole group may only assist if the seeker wishes it. Protecting a seeker from shame is paramount.

10. FGF does not have political opinions or religious opinions; nor does it seek to take a stand on cultural issues. It's role is to produce Sonship in willing seekers. Members and FGF groups should refrain from taking a stand on behalf of FGF. FGF does encourage its members to follow their conscience and even take stands for the sake of righteousness, so long as FGF is not implicated in that stand. We welcome all who desire to become like Jesus.
11. FGF desires that our expansion result from our passion for what God has done in us, rather than by sensational advertising. True moves of God result when He brings the harvest as we bring our passion for Him. Let those who desire to join our ranks do so because they have seen something in our lives and because they want to also reflect Jesus. There is a distinction between advertising yourself to gain self promotion and

advocating for something greater than yourself. We recommend advocating for intimacy and advocating for Sonship rather than advertising just to grow a group.

12. FGF groups are here to protect the individual seeker. Never should a person face shame, rejection, or condemnation. Let love be poured out on all that come and all that leave. Let confidentiality be our demonstration of love. Let us not expose anyone to scorn or gossip. What's said here stays here. Let each group function as if they are accountable by law to keep the confidentiality of each individual (with the exception of imminent harm to another).