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Welcome

As we gather to engage in yet another Apostolic School of Ministry, we come with eager anticipation as we perceive the direction in which our Father will lead us. With each ASOM it seems that He rather deliberately chooses to emphasize specific concepts of His word that contributes to building His church, line upon line and precept upon precept. In fact every ASOM has carried a unique and peculiar character.

This year has seen the evolution of the Households of Faith into vibrant, life giving ministries enhancing and strengthening the bonds of fellowship with our heavenly Father and with our fellow brethren. The appointment of *fathers* (Elders) over households are not determined by academic standards, material wealth or age but by the grace of Father represent in that person. Many ministries have been transformed to exude the love, the warmth and the faithfulness of the Father's Heart. The picture of Father which seems to come to mind is the response of the father to the return of the prodigal son. The father in this context was so overwhelmed with love for his son that he waited in eager expectation and searched the distant horizon until he saw the silhouette of his son. He ran to him and embraced him in love – no questions asked but forgiveness was implied.

Yet again, it would seem that the Church of Christ has tapped into a higher demonstration of representing all that is contained in the character and person of our Heavenly Father. Of particular significance to this ASOM is the grace of Father. Over each Household of Faith is a *father* figure. It is he who seeks to emulate all the qualities of our Heavenly Father and of his earthly spiritual *father* who resides over the corporate household. Through rejoicing and through trial, each member of the Body of Christ has come to appreciate the love, forgiveness, compassion, grace and mercy of God our Father through His representatives in wonderful relational models created by the Households of Faith.

There is great excitement as we see bone and bone come together to build the Kingdom of God. Many are rediscovering their purpose and are finding the support systems to continue to fulfil the purposes of God. Therefore in welcoming you, we welcome the Spirit of God to impart all that is represent in the Father's Heart, bringing with it the Glory of the Lord. Once again I am confident that this is going to be a school of fresh revelation communicated by God's anointed 'sent ones', Fathers of Households.

Yours in the Father's Household

Thamo and Mirolyn Naidoo

Introduction : Broad Framework

Read Luke 24.

Post resurrection methodology for propagating apostolic doctrine

Open
 1. the scriptures,
 2. the eyes and
 3. the understanding

Jesus led Himself out of the scriptures. He opened the Word – this is the centrality of this school.

Recall :
 1. The candlestick – the word
 2. The table
 3. The bread
 4. The incense

The 'Word' enlightens and illumination = apostolic doctrine Acts 2:42

Acts 2:42 *They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

This school is bring to us the most current matters on the agenda of heaven. The ear of the apostles must be resting on the bosom of the Lord, so that he can lead Jesus out of the Scriptures. We will confront error – challenge the status quo – uproot foundations. Principles are rules of action which become our conduct.

Focus – on representative leadership – bringing the grace of 'father' to others. Principles never change. Build a principle solidly through continuous and systematic teaching.

He opened their eyes :

Their eyes were restrained from knowing him in the flesh – He wanted them to know Him in the spirit.

Eyes do not open until you create the environment in which they would be opened.

Create the environment before the miracle can take place – God took six days to create the world before He put man in it. Do what is humanly possible before God does what is humanly impossible.

Fellowship – takes place when you come into a house – around a table – breaking bread. When Jesus broke bread – their eyes were opened.

Break Bread – their eyes were opened – they recognized him and then He vanished. Apostolic doctrine becomes bread on your table in your household. Not everyone can bring apostolic doctrine – but everyone can have bread on their table. In this culture - the Lord will appear in our midst.

It's not the volume of words that determines the impartation of grace – tap into the spirit of the grace of the speaker.

Jesus opened up their understanding – Putting together the pieces of the puzzles to see the completed picture, Wise scribes brings forth both old and new treasures.

Bowl of Incense : How do we move beyond the veil to engage God outside of our flesh. Our flesh is our greatest limitation. High Priest carried the bowl on incense through the veil (our flesh) to the Holy of Holies. Do not allow your humanity to prevent you from engaging God on a higher level.

Now when they eat fish – they enter beyond the flesh and see him in the spirit – they studied the law, prophets AND THE PSALMS.

Reconciling all things to Christ

This end time mandate is one to reconstitute everything that has been destroyed by the fall. This is the Reformation of all things. Foundations are the hard drive governing all the principles of the heavens and the earth. Discover the principles that reveal how God chose to make things function. Sin caused the collapse of God-ordained things. All creation groans for a re-establishment of the former state. It groans for the manifestation of the son of God.

Acts 3:19-21

19 "Therefore **repent and return**, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that **times of refreshing** may come from the **presence of the Lord**;
 20 and **that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you**,
 21 whom **heaven must receive (ie. restrain) until the period of restoration of all things** about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

Repent = change the way you think.

Sin = to move away from the path of exactness

You could be pure, yet preach inaccurately leading people to sin. You become the creator of your own inventions.

Repentance = a reformatting of the mind. If you change the way you think – you change all expressions of your life. Change the configurations of your patterns of thinking. Mandate over an apostolic people is to bring people back to the heavenly way.

Jesus spoke to the THREE certain things he never told the TWELVE; also he spoke things to John certain things He would not say to the three. This the sovereign will of God to determine what he shows what to whom = divine disclosure.

Walk on the path of exactness. Vocabulary gets adjusted by the accuracy of your walk. It is not in the volume of words, but in the accuracy of statements made.

We need times of refreshing. What is the refreshment of God? Either **bread or wine** (cf. Melchisedek). Times of refreshing is when something burns in your spirit and pierces your heart – clothed with the presence of God that upgrades you. Every time we walk accurately, the more of HIS presence we receive. The ultimate is that heaven must send Jesus Himself. But we must first know all mysteries (see Revelation). Who is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit? Jesus will only come back when we have raided the heavens

Isaiah 58:13-14

- 13 "If because of the sabbath, you turn your foot From doing your own pleasure on My holy day, And call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the Lord honorable, And honor it, desisting from your own ways, From seeking your own pleasure And speaking your own word,
- 14 Then **you will take delight in the Lord, And I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; And I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father,** For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

'periods'= **chronons** = an historical moments within chronology = a time of reconstitution.

This word perceives time quantitatively as a period measured by the succession of objects and events and denotes the passing of moments

Reconstituting something = fixing the root core of the problems, and not just addressing symptoms.

Reformation is not accepted by those wanting to maintain the religious status quo.

Isaiah 58:10-12

- 10 And if you give yourself to the hungry And satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
Then **your light will rise in darkness And your gloom will become like midday.**
- 11 "And the Lord will continually guide you, And satisfy your desire in scorched places,
And give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden,
And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.
- 12 "Those from among you will **rebuild the ancient ruins; You will raise up the age-old foundations;** And you will be called the **repairer of the breach, The restorer of the streets** in which to dwell.

Isaiah 58 is about a fasted-life . A life of total separation to God. Only producing in the spirit, and not in the flesh.

Do not respect 'limitation'. Do not build on tithes and offerings – build it on martyrdom. Fasted = you have already denied yourself of personal privilege. Leaders must dig into their own resources to facilitate the execution of the will of God. In the apostolic, you really own nothing.

V.12 'from among you' = implies not everyone will be used.

Ancient = olam = timelessness

Time began at the point of the fall. Ancient = timeless – it was always resident in God.

Think of Adam before he fell. He was regal – a king in God's kingdom. Adam had dominion over all things.

Why is everyone not used? You have to chose on what level you have to live.

Ruins= the destruction of a city; Psalm 46 – a river whose streams make glad the city of God – God is in the midst of her

Restoration of all THINGS. 'Host' = creation that could not be described by human language.

You will raise up the age-old foundation. What we are really building is age-old things.

Babylon also means 'the gateway of the gods'. How can demons have access? The devil is the prince of the air, not the earth. The earth is the Lord's. We have allowed entry to demonic forces.

We have to build a new wine-skin.

Matthew 9:16-17

- 16 "But no one puts **a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment**; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results.
- 17 "Nor do people **put new wine into old wineskins**; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."

You cannot patch old garment. Construct the city of God within your city so that the image of God can be seen. How do we build a wineskin that is able to contain the God-head? Many wars have been fought over what the church is (ecclesiology). Your definition of church determines your view of life. The church must be able to carry everything God intended to put into it. We have to produce this new church.

The church as NATION OF GOD – made up of 12 tribes = 12 prophetic configurations of grace = prophetic descriptions of how it will function.

The Church as the FAMILY OF GOD – functions as the SON OF GOD. 12 tribes were comprised of different clans, then each clan had multiple family units, each with a father (head). Church = a Household headed by father. In 'father' you may have any one of the five fold grace gifts, but see him first as a father. The grace of 'FATHER' must be brought back to the church.

The Principle of Fathering

Part 1

God's principles influence our behaviour and determine our actions. The church must be principled. We have a fatherless generation made up of widowed houses and orphans. Religious spirits seduce and corrupt 'silly women' – this is a reference a house without the right leadership structure. We want to bring back the culture of 'father' to the church. We have to set the PRINCIPLE first, and then the PRACTICE of it.

Go back to the book of beginnings – Genesis : God first sets the end or finish, and then he starts the process. So in essence, the beginning started in the 'finish'. God starts in the end. When you read Genesis, you should be looking for foundational and fundamental principles. The thing that is first on God's mind, he puts last; and the thing that is last on his mind, He puts first. Man was created last, so we were the first thing on His mind. God predestined us to be conformed to the image of Christ. So, He then would create everything to serve this purpose.

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth **were completed**, and all their **hosts**.

'Completed' = implies '**finished to the finest detail in its completed form**'

'Hosts' = **Tsaba** = every single created order in both the visible and invisible worlds

- a. Has reference to the **functioning of an army** ; hence the need for the discipline of a soldier to defend or fight for something – not necessarily aggression – the highest form of violence is spiritual in nature
- b. Has the idea of **military function, devotion, dedication and precision** ; everything God created (even the angelic order) is designed to serve you and His purpose in and through you
- c. **Servitude and servanthood**; serves as servants in the army; a servant has no personal rights but lays down his rights in deference and preference to serve the wishes of His master.

Genesis 2:1-2

1 Thus the **heavens and the earth were completed**, and **all at their hosts**.

2 **By the seventh day God completed His work** which He had done, and bHe rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

By the 7th day, God completed His work.

Work = melakah = [from 'melak' – deputy] = something created to function as a deputy.

- Everything God created was created to act as a deputy on behalf of Himself. All creation should deputize on God's behalf. All creation is a representation of God. Hence **all creation has SEED capacity**. God made everything with seed-capacity in it.
- **Exact Representation.**

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man **in Our image**, according to Our likeness; and let them **rule over** the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Image = salem = exact representation – a true copy.

Whilst everything deputizes on God's behalf to a degree, man represents Him exactly. Man is His highest form of deputy. Man is the servant of God who serves God in the same way as everything God created, is serving man. The way creation serves you is the way you must serve God. You were not only created to be served, but to serve. You rule in a way so as to represent the one who rules over all things. Everything is serving you so you can serve Him with everything. You must present to God what he has presented to you. You are the servant of God. Deputyship covers every aspect of ministry. The image of God in you is what He put within you to represent to others.

So then, in terms of FATHERING, as a father, you must serve the grace of 'FATHER' to your people until they look like the Father. Deputyship works through obedience.

In terms of church structure, churches are headed by elders or fathers, i.e. fathers over households.

Titus 1:4-5

- 4 To Titus, **my true child** in a common faith: **Grace and peace from God** the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.
- 5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would **set in order** what remains and **appoint elders** in every city **as I directed you**,

Note: "Grace **from God** the Father and Christ Jesus". Do not franchise 'grace' - it is not 'your grace' – it is God's grace through you.

'set in order' = epi-diothorsis = a more consolidated ('epi') reformation which come from above

Paul is saying to his son, Titus, 'Put the structure in place'.

“as I directed you / as I commanded you “= i.e. this is non-negotiable

‘appoint’ = catistihemi = appoint to the office of ‘elder’ ; to make someone ; to place them in a different position of authority; the person must represent Christ fully.

You recognize the grace first, then you appoint. Elders care for people. They may not be the best speakers

Elder = presbuteros = ambassador =

1. One who represents his government in another country

An ambassador cannot do his own thing; he must deputize on behalf of the one who sent him. You become violent over your mandate to protect it in serving the interests of the one who sent you.

There is a governmental structure within the Trinity, i.e. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Yet there is co-equality and mutual submission of one to the other.

2. One who is entrusted with responsibilities to look after, care for, visit , consider those he is leading

3. One who provides covering and watchful care for those been cared for. The highest form of covering is ‘FATHER’ in the godhead. When you submit to God within your spiritual father, you access and get the covering of the Heavenly Father. Elders were fathers over the nation of Israel. Submit to a man by seeing him as a sent-one.

Luke 3:23 When He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being, **as was supposed, the son of Joseph**, the son of Eli,

Luke 2:48-51

48 When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You.”

49 And He said to them, “Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s house?”

50 But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them.

51 And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and **He continued in subjection** to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Luke 3:23-37

23 When He began His ministry, **Jesus Himself** was about thirty years of age, being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph, the son of Eli,

(..... verse 24-37)

38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, **the son of God**.

You must be able to trace the lineage of a man back to God. If a man is not in the image of God, and you cannot call him 'Father', you should not be in that church. Is your spiritual father the beneficiary of a lineage in God ? if so God will continue to transmit his purpose through him.

Matthew 23:1-12

- 1 Then Jesus spoke to the **crowds and to His disciples**,
- 2 saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves **in the chair of Moses**;
- 3 therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, **but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things and do not do them.**
- 4 "They tie up **heavy burdens** and lay them on **men's shoulders**, but they themselves are **unwilling to move them with so much as a finger.**
- 5 "But they do all their deeds to **be noticed by men**; for they broaden their phylacteries and lengthen the tassels of their garments.
- 6 "They love the **place of honor at banquets and the chief seats in the synagogues**,
- 7 and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called Rabbi by men.
- 8 "But do not be called Rabbi; for **One is your Teacher**, and you are all brothers.
- 9 "Do not call anyone on earth your father; for **One is your Father**, He who is in heaven.
- 10 "Do not be called leaders; for **One is your Leader**, that is, Christ.
- 11 "**But the greatest among you SHALL BE YOUR SERVANT.**
- 12 "Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and **whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.**

The context here is illegitimate and inaccurate leadership.

Be with your people. Do not place 'burdens' on your people as the Pharisees did. Do not have an impractical leadership.

Rabbi = Ra-abbi = exalted father

Verse 11 highlights the spirit of servanthood.

Servanthood embraces stewardship. Do not call someone 'Father' who is not a servant.

continued

John 13:5-20

- 5 **Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.**
- 6 So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, "**Lord, do You wash my feet?**"
- 7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter."
- 8 Peter said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "**If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.**"
- 9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."
- 10 Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."
- 11 For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, "Not all of you are clean."
- 12 **So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"**
- 13 "You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am.
- 14 **"If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.**
- 15 "For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.
- 16 **"Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.**
- 17 **"If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.**
- 18 "I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats My bread has lifted up his heel against Me.'
- 19 "From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am He.
- 20 **"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."**

Remove your garment and tunic and wash your people's feet - make their feet beautiful

Session 4

Ben Kleynhans

The Principle of Father

Focus on the practical dynamics of fathering.

Principles are fundamental laws that governs behavior and function. You must understand the principles of fatherhood. Applies to the natural and the spiritual.

Psalm 82:5 They do not **know** nor do they **understand**; They **walk about in darkness**;
All the **foundations of the earth are shaken**.

Three progressive components of source of suffering :

1. Lack of knowledge : 'They do not know'
2. Misconception of life : 'They do not understand'
3. Lack of spiritual sight : 'They do not walk in darkness'

Darkness = ignorance = absence of knowledge = blind to God's principles. Result = 'all foundations of the earth are shaken' = i.e. the fundamental principles that regulate the earth are shaken. When you lack understanding of divine principles you will continually use the wrong formula and achieve inaccurate results..

Knowledge = an understanding of the intention for which a thing was made.

Two important considerations :

- a. What was in the mind of the one who made a thing
- b. How was the thing intended to function

Nothing is truly yours until you understand it. Information does not guarantee knowledge. **Matt 11:15** 'He who has ears let him hear'. **Life is complicated only to a man ignorant of principles**. Principles apply to everyone across the board. Obedience to principles guarantees success. Now let's look at principles governing 'fatherhood'.

What is the principle of Fatherhood ?

Every male has a purpose to be a father. Every boy should grow up into fatherhood.

Fatherhood in three dimensions

1. Fatherhood of God
2. Fatherhood of the home

3. Fatherhood in ministry

What is the 'FATHER' ?

In Hebrew, ... Father = AB (ABBA)

In Greek, ... Father = PATER

These words denote the following: **source, nurturer, sustainer, supporter, founder, protector, etc**

FATHER AS 'THE SOURCE'

The father sustains and maintains; upholder

FATHER AS PROGENITOR

Progenitor = to beget forth ; **originator** ; precursor = a person that come before of the same kind ; a **forerunner** ;

The male is the seed carrier.

FATHER AS 'ANCESTOR'

The father starts off an ancestral line. Father gives a generation an **identity** (son takes on fathers last name).

Lineage is always accredited to one father. The moment you bring in another father – you split the fatherhood.

Man leaves mother and father and cleaves to wife = then wife takes on role of sustainer and upholder, i.e. that of father. Church is also called the 'Body of Christ'.

FATHER AS FOUNDER

He begets something; the foundation upon which a thing develops; **the quality of the foundation determines the value of what is but on it.**

FATHER AS AUTHORSHIP

Col 1:15,16 He is the image of the invisible God, **the firstborn** of all creation.

Heb 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the **author of their salvation** through sufferings.

Heb 12: 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the **author and perfecter of faith**, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus initiated, generated upholds and sustains the salvation of mankind. Many males are authors of babies – yet they do not finish as fathers. How did the son become a father – he became the last Adam or the second man – he produced (authored) the new man.

FATHERS AS TEACHERS AND NURTURERS

Fathers provide nutrition and resources. Males loves to give instruction. The father instinct of teaching is inherent within them.

Proverbs 2:6 For the Lord **gives wisdom**; From His mouth come **knowledge and understanding**.

Proverbs 3:13 How blessed is the man who finds wisdom And the man who **gains understanding**.

Proverbs 4:1-5

1 Hear, O sons, the **instruction of a father**, And give attention that you may gain understanding,

2 For I give you **sound teaching**; Do not abandon my **instruction**.

3 When I was a **son to my father**, Tender and the only son in the sight of my mother,

4 Then he taught me and said to me, "Let your **heart hold fast my words**; **Keep my commandments and live**;

5 Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding! Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

Proverbs 13:1 **A wise son accepts his father's discipline**, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

AS CREATOR

Col 1:15,16 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things have been created THROUGH Him and FOR Him**.

GOD AS FATHER

Matt 6:9 "Pray, then, in this way: '**Our Father who is in heaven**, Hallowed be Your name

Is 63:16 For **You are our Father**, though Abraham does not know us And Israel does not recognize us. You, **O Lord, are our Father**, Our Redeemer from of old is Your name.

Eph 3:14,15 For this reason I bow my knees **before the Father**, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,

God is our father through

a. Creation

Mal 2:10 "Do we not all have **one father?** **Has not one God created us?** Why do we deal treacherously each against his brother so as to profane the covenant of our fathers?"

God = self sufficient and self sustaining

Heb 12:9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to **the Father of spirits**, and live?

b. Redemption

John 20:17 Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to **My Father** and **your Father**, and **My God** and **your God**.'" "

JESUS IS CALLED FATHER

Isaiah 9:6 : For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; **And His name will be called** Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, **Eternal Father**, Prince of Peace.

Jesus and the FATHER are one

John 17:11 "I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. **Holy Father**, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that **they may be one even as We are**."

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

For **atonement** purposes, Jesus is the **SON**; but in his **function and eternal purpose**, he is **Everlasting Father**. Jesus is the substance of the Father. You cannot be a true father unless you are willing to uphold that which comes out of you.

Heb 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the **exact representation of His nature**, and **upholds all things by the word of His power**. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

THE MALE AS A FATHER

Acts 17:26 and He **made from one man every nation of mankind** to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,

Adam came from God – all of mankind was in Adam. In the one man, was the potential for every other man and woman in history. The male is father by virtue of his disposition in the process of creation. Every man is created with the responsibility of fatherhood.

1 Cor 11:3 But I want you to understand that **Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.**

God is the source of creation

Eph 1:4 just **as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world**, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

Col 1:15,16 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things have been created THROUGH Him and FOR Him**

Creation is the product of God purposes for his creation.

Psalm 8:3-6

3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;
4 What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?
5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty!
6 **You make him to rule over the works of Your hands;** You have put all things under his feet

Father produces something and then sustains it.

Heb 1:2-3

2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom **also He made the world.**
3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and **upholds all things by the word of His power.** When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Cf. Adam – all humanity conceived in the mind of God. Husband leaves father and cleaves to wife.

IDENTITY OF HUMANITY

Genes determines physical characteristics, etc. Romans 5: 12 - death was passed on in Adams seed.

The inheritance from Adam was death; hence we need to change fathers as soon as possible – this gives us spiritual cleansing, covering and protection.

The moment Adam ate, his covering was lost. Ex 20:5-6 highlights how serious God views the **sins of fathers**

Exodus 20:5-6

- 5 "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting **the iniquity of the fathers** on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,
- 6 but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

You cannot know who you are by looking to someone who does not know who he is. The measure of a man's success is determine by his fatherhood. The source of sin is fatherless ness. The sin problem is a fatherhood problem. Adam separated himself from his father. Adam became a fatherless child. The first offspring from Adam (Eve) became orphaned.

Man as a sustainer and foundation in society.

Community problems are rooted in family. Men must sustain their wives and families.

Psalms 11:3 When foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do.

The devil does not care if the church is filled with women. Godly fatherhood is the foundation of the church. The church must call men back to their original father. When humanity fell, God called to the man – not Eve.

Isaiah prophesied ...

Isaiah 3:12 O My people! Their oppressors are children, **And women rule over them.**

O My people! Those who guide you lead you astray And confuse the direction of your paths.

When women rule exclusively, society is in trouble.

Isaiah 3:4 – boy leaders.

Isaiah 3:4 And I will make mere lads their princes, And **capricious children** will rule over them,

Jer 12:1 asks Why does the way of the wicked prosper ?

The Father sends the rain on the just and the unjust.

If something comes from you. You must sustain it, whether good or bad.

JESUS AND HIS FATHER

Jesus spoke of his Father more than anyone else. HE always accredited his success to his Father.

John 8:19 "I am He who testifies about Myself, and **the Father who sent Me** testifies about Me."

John 8:26 "I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but **He who sent Me is true**; and **the things which I heard from Him, these I speak** to the world."

John 8:29 "And **He who sent Me is with Me**; He has not left Me alone, **for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.**"

John 8:38 "I **speak the things which I have seen with My Father**; therefore you also do the things which you heard from your father."

John 8:49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but **I honor My Father**, and you dishonor Me.

John 10:29-30 "**My Father**, who has given them to Me, is **greater than all**; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. "**I and the Father are one.**"

John 10:37-38 "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that **the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.**"

John 14:8-11

8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

10 "Do you not believe that **I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me**? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, **but the Father abiding in Me does His works.**

11 "Believe Me that **I am in the Father and the Father is in Me**; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

John 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; **and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father**, and I will love him and **will disclose Myself to him.**"

John 8:42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for **I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.**

The root of their unbelief was that they did not know the father.

Satan = a step-father; produces sin

What is the Father like? Jesus reveals this.

Col 3:1-4

- 1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.
- 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 4 **When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory**

Glory = dignity of mind and heart ; nobleness, royalty, magnificence, righteousness.

Heb 1:3 Jesus = brightness of the Father's glory

Heb. 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

I will not give my glory 'to another', i.e. to a 'lesser'. His personality must be seen in you – Christ resembling the nature of the father. Be true of living to the nature of 'father'.

Samuel and Eli : Samuel called Eli his Lord/father. Eli realized God was communicating with Samuel. When God called to Samuel, he thought it is was Eli, - i.e. the voice of his spiritual father resembled the voice of God the Father.

A true father must refer his sons to God the Father – so they can hear from him for themselves.

Thamo: It is impossible to rear sons in the absence of fathers. Qualification of father is when you can see your image in your son. The earth is cursed, not because of the presence of the devil, but because of the absence of fathers. Males have to become fathers in their homes. Encourage all males in your church to become accurate fathers. The scourge in Africa is ancestral worship – a cry to fathers.

Genesis - 'in the beginning'; Also John's gospel - 'In the beginning'. The predominant grace in both books is that of 'father'.

Godhead id described first as God, Word, Spirit, then later as Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Challenges In Having Our Minds Changed

Our frameworks and philosophies are constantly being challenged.

Focus : the challenges that Paul had in having his mind changed

Background : Born in Tarsus, son of Jewish parents, Roman Citizens – financially well off; trained in Hebrew School in local synagogue; value systems imparted to him in the home and synagogue; his thought patterns were; circumcised on the eighth day; later sent to university under Gamaliel before he was twenty; he was extremely zealous for his Jewish roots and traditions; his mind was framed by a certain school of thought.

PHILIPPIANS. 3:3-11

- 3 or we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,
- 4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:
- 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee;
- 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.
- 7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
- 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,
- 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,
- 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;
- 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead

Paul underwent a radical change of mind. He chose willingly to suffer loss. He put aside his natural birth privilege, his esteemed status, his influential associates. Things that were gain to him – that gave him identity – he counted it as loss. He did not pray that the Spirit wipe them out – He himself made an active decision not to let all that he acquired determine his identity. What he was in the natural – he said he had no confidence in that thing.

Everything of your past will always be with you – but make a decision to count it as loss.

Christ in you must be seen. Paul suffered loss culturally, educationally, ethnically, tribally, socially, etc

Phil 3:8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ

Passed achievements profit you nothing – they are actually liabilities and not assets. Do not hold on to them.

Imagine what Paul's parents thought of his decision. He has now become one of those whom he once persecuted.

Galatians 1: 15,16

- 15 But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased
- 16 to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood,
- 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus.
- 18 Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas, and stayed with him fifteen days.
- 19 But I did not see any other of the apostles except James, the Lord's brother.
- 20 (Now in what I am writing to you, I assure you before God that I am not lying.)
- 21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.
- 22 I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea which were in Christ;
- 23 but only, they kept hearing, "He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith which he once tried to destroy."
- 24 And they were glorifying God because of

Purpose of God for Paul was to reveal Christ IN HIM. He does not confer with flesh and blood – with the most influential of the apostles – they were confined in the knowledge and mentality. Paul goes to the desert – away from all your passed achievements. All men of destiny in God will have to go to the desert.

In the desert Paul has revelation

Paul said, "The life I now live, I live by the FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD = this is not foundational faith, but finishing faith.

After the desert experience, he returned to Jerusalem. He only sees Peter and James. Why He did not go to the apostles to share with them his revelations? The church at Jerusalem was a mixture of Jews and Gentiles. Would they have believe his testimony of CHRIST IN HIM. It would have been outside of their frame of reference.

You can be alienated from the life of Christ in you by the way you think (mindsets/thought patterns). Your old mind set is committed to its way of thinking – it will hurt when you change.

2 Timothy 1:3-4

- 3 I thank *God*, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly **remember you in my prayers night and day,**
4 longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy.

Why was Paul so passionate about his son Timothy? Timothy was the next generation. Paul took personal responsibility for him. This is the role of a father – nurturer, upholder, sustainer. **We are one generation away from failure.** If you do not influence your kids, the world will swallow them up. Fathers should pray for their sons daily without ceasing. A father deposits of himself into the next generation. Impart with your words into your sons. It takes a potent man to deposit potent seed.

Do not only ‘talk’ father, but LIVE ‘father’. If as a father, you do not know your purpose, then abuse is inevitable.

Do not nullify the influence you have as a man of God. Your sons should rise higher than you. Take responsibility for the next generation.

Paul to the Corinthians : ‘I have married you to one husband’ – hear his father’s heart.’

Are you concerned about your congregation

To the Galatians: ‘I am in birth pangs that Christ be formed in you’

Learn to PRAY FOR and LIVE FOR OTHERS.

Thamo : The fathering spirit will only return when we can bring back the love of Christ. Learn how to walk the extra mile; learn to be patient. Unless you have a revelation of ‘father’, you will never be a father. Be a good role model of father to those you lead.

Dominion through the Presence of the Lord

The emphasis today is on 'dominion'- this must be demonstrated. Dominion is triumphant. It is 'kingdom'. Jesus is restoring THAT which was lost, i.e. dominion. Positional dominion must become practical dominion in our personal lives (our souls), in the midst of our enemies.

We could end up with dropsy – water overload. Water is picture of the Word of God. Clogs the lungs so you cannot breathe. Indicates a believer filled with revelation but he cannot move.

THE PRERSENCE OF THE LORD

- Indwelling presence
- Omnipresence - God is everywhere
 - Jeremiah 23:24** Can a man hide himself in hiding places So I do not see him?" declares the Lord. "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the Lord.
- Immensity of God – beyond his omnipresence. God does not live in space only; HE contains space. God contains the heavens. The Father's house is God's covenanted community – the church.
- **Manifest Presence of God**

Joseph

Gen 39:2,3

- 2 **The Lord was with Joseph**, so he became **a successful man**. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian.
- 3 Now **his master saw that the Lord was with him** and **how the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hand**.

His master saw that THE LORD was with him – the presence could be seen – it was measurable and seen in how they prospered and were successful.

Hezekiah :

2 Kings 18:7 **And the LORD was with him; wherever he went he prospered**

David :

2 Sam 5:10 David became **greater and greater, for the LORD God of hosts was with him.**

One of the manifest evidence of the presence of God is prosperity

2 Sam 6: 1-11

- 1 Now David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.
- 2 And David arose and went with all the people who were with him to Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God which is called by the Name, the very name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned above the cherubim.
- 3 They placed the ark of God on a new cart that they might bring it from the house of Abinadab which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were leading the new cart.
- 4 So they brought it with the ark of God from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and **Ahio was walking ahead of the ark.**
- 5 Meanwhile, David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the Lord with all kinds of instruments made of fir wood, and with lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets and cymbals.
- 6 But when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out toward the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen nearly upset it.
- 7 And the anger of the Lord burned against Uzzah, and God struck him down there for his irreverence; and he died there by the ark of God.
- 8 David became angry because of the Lord's outburst against Uzzah, and that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day.
- 9 So David was afraid of the Lord that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the Lord come to me?"
- 10 And David was unwilling to move the ark of the Lord into the city of David with him; but David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.
- 11 Thus the **ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-edom** the Gittite three months, and the Lord **blessed Obed-edom and all his household.**

Ark kidnapped by Philistines – now resting in the house of Abinadab. David seeks to relocate the ark.

Uzzah was slain . The ark stumbles on flat ground. Ahio was blocking the ox because he was in front of it. No one should have been standing in front of the ark. This was a breach of protocol. Leaders are the biggest hindrances to the full manifestation of God in the city (not the devil).

Obededom takes the ark in his home. Within 3 months his house is blessed. We have a better covenant with promises. What exactly are you taking your house?

Ark = a type of the presence of God

Recall where the bronze serpent was made and Israel was healed. But Israel took this serpent was placed in the temple. Nehushstan survived in Israel for many generations until Hezekiah removes it.

The presence should translate into prosperity and dominion. When Israel left Egypt – none of them were poor. Poverty is a demonic manifestation.

Presence of God is not goose bumps. Do not go by subjective elements. We often misinterpret the symbols of God (eg, gold dust) Gold = God's desire for people to come into the nature of God.

God was not validating any location by gold dust being manifested.

10 ASPECTS TO THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

1. Shittim Wood covered in Gold.

Wood = secular ; gold = sacred.

Many people only take in the gold (prayer, worship, etc.) and leave the secular = your humanity. Take personal responsibility for your humanity (eg how to manage money). The charismatic season has impoverished the masses (Only leaders prospered).

It is important to have inter-personal skills, eg. be courteous, greet people, how you answer the phone, time management, etc. Do not manage your humanity poorly. Eg. poor management of your local house, no insurance policies, poor health management,

Your PQ is important – physical quotient. Look after your body. Take care of yourself. Exercise regularly. Eat correctly. Do not take only certain pieces of furniture of the Ark – take the entire thing.

2. Crown

Crown = **symbol of dominion** = the mentality of rulership you must possess. We are King Priests (not priest kings). Read 2 Sam 8 – David defeated several different types of enemies, and then he reigned or ruled in Israel.

Take personal responsibility for your dominion. (eg. dig trenches for water to flow, gather vessels; dip in Jordan 7 times). Dominion does not come by observation – there must be co-operation

3. Four Rings

These are prophetic of the **four faces of leadership** : Lion, Ox, man and Eagle

Lion = **dominion** ; aggression; guarding the sphere God has given to you;

Ox = know how **to serve inconspicuously** with excellence through his word; be able to refute error

Man = the capacity **to reason and logic**. In John 9 the blind man eyes were opened – he had the capacity to engage with the Pharisees in logic.

Eagle = the ability to **soar over your adversities**

4. Two Rods

Carried the ARK = symbolize **touching God through FAITH and LOVE**

Faith : Woman with the issue of blood for 12 years. For two years her hemoglobin capacity was drastically reduced – could develop cardiac failure – hence she had to crawl; also she was not permitted to come into the public.; she risked physical exertion. ‘If I can touch the hem of his garment’ – her faith made her whole . Her faith was the **RISK** she took.

Love : Love others. Your love for God is **manifested by the way you love others** in the Body of Christ. Love people, but hate inaccurate and evil systems. Jeroboam was standing next to the altar – the young prophet attacked the altar – the operating system. Some systems erroneously present themselves as fathers in the city. There will increasing polarization in the church.

5. Mercy Seat

Presence of God will manifest in mercy – **practice to forgive quickly** – when the presence of God is upon your life you cannot bear a grudge. There is no such a thing as a ‘legitimate grudge’.

6. Manna

This represents **Accurate Migration**. Yesterday’s manna is today’s worms. There is a demand for accurate shifting and positioning. Some are operating in obsolescence, eg fasting is not just abstaining from food, charisma more important than character, focused on externals, membership instead of sonship, legalism, documental validation instead of lifestyle validation, etc.

Many are not ‘Christians’, they are ‘Constantinians’ – representing religion.

7. Aaron’s Rod that Budded

Fruitfulness

8. Tablets of the Law

Proceeding Word.

Eg. the proceeding word changes over time : eg. to get saved , Noah – ‘get into the ark’ ; Lot – ‘get out of the city’; Abraham – ‘get circumcised’; Moses – ‘keep the commandment’; John - ‘Repent and be baptized’; Paul – ‘believe on the Lord Jesus Christ’

9. Two Cherubims

Book Judges : Micah heard of the presence of God – he manufactured the Ark of the Covenant – he used silver and not gold.

Two cherubims = a **symbols of covering**.

Some books presently denounce the issue of covering = leads to the error of Korah = claims co-equality with leadership. (Cornelius needed Peter). **You will need somebody who carries the key to unlock your potential.**

Some people claim that some people in the church must not be paid – everyone should go and work. Your church must be **Word-intensive** – have a student culture. Psalm 1 – dwell by the Word of God. The word does not return void. Apostolic churches are Word-intensive. Many churches are missing their visitation – God is visiting today IN THE WORD. **Your church will move into obsolescence if it is not word-intensive.**

GRACE CAUSES PROSPERITY AND COVERING/PROTECTION : _Joseph in Potiphar's house – the house prospered ; also in the prison ; also in Egypt. David's mighty men were weak and then become mighty. Laban's house prospered because of Joseph. The hand of the Lord was against the Philistine all the days of Samuel. One man , Samuel, provided a protective mantle over a whole nation. Acts 19 - Paul provided protection over the Ephesian church from spiritual wolves. Moses over Israel – when Moses left, Aaron built a golden calf.

10. Blood stained Mercy Stained

Symbol of Sacrifice.

Eg. Tithing – some people are opposed to tithing. In Acts, every believer was a disciple. The early church gave 100% , not 10%. Peter forsook ALL and gave everything. In The early church there was no need to write about tithing. Barnabas gave 100%. Malachi – you were called a thief, but in Acts if you did not give 100 %, you died.

Learn sudden death, and not gradual death.

Dominion through Adversity

Acts 14:22b "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

Through many tribulations – we must enter the Kingdom (Dominion). Adversity is not Disadvantageous. In everything you do, give thanks. Adversity is advantageous.

1 Peter 4:12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

Habbakuk 3:17-19

- 17 Though the **fig tree should not blossom** And there be **no fruit** on the vines, Though the **yield of the olive should fail** And the **fields produce no food**, Though the flock should be **cut off from the fold** And there be **no cattle in the stalls**,
- 18 **Yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.**
- 19 The Lord God is my strength, And He has made my feet like hinds' feet, And makes me walk on my high places.

In adversity – you must rejoice

James 1: 2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,

2 Cor 12:10 Therefore **I am well content** with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; **for when I am weak, then I am strong.**

There are reasons why people do not get healed : apostasy, traditionalism, pride, unbelief, apathy, etc. Even good Christians will get sick, suffer false accusation, divorce, rape, rejection, etc.

OUR PRESENT FOCUS - A LONG STANDING DISADVANTGE – a Thorn in your flesh

**ADVERSITY
DESTINY**



FOUR BENEFITS OF ADVERISTY

1. Adversity IDENTIFIES your DESTINY

Personal adversity identifies personal destiny; national adversity identifies national destiny.

Examples:

Oral Roberts	stammered – revealed his destiny as a preacher
Kenneth Hagin	had tuberculosis – revealed his healing ministry .Your disability can become your ability.
Finland	is ice-capped – but it is the world leader in wireless technology
Namibia	desert – many Hollywood movies are shot here
Iceland	long winter – people stayed indoors – on the internet – lots of reading – high IQ's – world leader in internet games. Scan markets – flooded the world with generic medicine.
Singapore	has no national resources – only people – now they have a highly intelligent community – world leaders in technology and medical tourism
China	population – clustered the people together – share resources – division of labor ;
Germany	after the world wars – no family life ; now families started family firms – provide a close intimate service to customers – family businesses now employ more than 20 million people
Japan	has frequent earthquakes and no arable land – developed terraced farming; developed serpentine robots. Leader in robotics.
Botswana	is land locked – they went down and found diamonds ; now world largest diamond producer
Jeremiah	complained that he could not speak = pointed to his prophetic destiny
Peter	could not speak before a servant girl – pointed to him speaking before thousands in Acts
Moses	fled from the face of Pharaoh. The thing that you are fearful of doing is the thing that are born to do.
Abraham's	barrenness pointed to his destiny to father of nations
Gideon's	cowardice revealed him as a mighty man of valour
Naomi's	adversity in Moab pointed to her destiny in Bethlehem

Scriptures says '**Agree with adversary quickly**' Do not fight your adversity. Work through it toward your destiny

2. ADVERSITY WILL TRAIN YOU FOR YOUR DESTINY

2.1. Adversity strengthens you.

Romans 4:20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, **he did not waver in unbelief** but grew **strong in faith**, giving glory to God,

If you have recurring adversity – assess your situation quickly – diagnose weakness – get rid of every reaction that is unproductive; Reduce your set-back recovery time = maturity. Learn to strengthen yourself – David at Ziklag encouraged himself in the Lord

2.2. Adversity come to unlock hidden gifts

Gideon's valour was activated by Midianite oppression. Joseph's trial revealed him as the the chief economist of Egypt

2.3. Adversity leads to Innovation – creativity within you. Create new things

Denominational adversity lead to self-governing churches. Persecution at Jerusalem births the church at Antioch. Paul opposed in the synagogue led to the establishment of the to school of Tyrranus.

Joseph's one fifth taxation solution nsolves Egypt's problems. Cf. Jacob' s engineering techniques

2.4. Adversity strengthens you by bearing fruit

2.5. Adversity will focus your thoughts

Luke 22:41 And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and **He knelt down** and **began to pray,**

Daniel was focused on God

Daniel 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he **continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.**

Paul and Silas praised God in prison

Esther's trial – focused the nation in a fast

2.6. **Adversity exposes priorities**

Psalm 119:67 Before **I was afflicted I went astray,**
But now **I keep Your word.**

2.7. **Adversity exposes the attributes of God**

Adversity comes to test your genuineness (are you gold or just yellow) – The fire test of adversity. David had resilience that demonstrates his genuineness. But Saul consulted the witch of Endor and commits suicide.

2.8. **Adversity points out sins and inaccuracy in your life.**

Cf. Prodigal son – wanted inheritance without relationship. Famine, and lack did not activate his repentance. Then he joined himself to a citizen of the country (an equal). The citizen sent (pempo: not apostolic) him. He lands up in the pigs sty and ate pods. Pods = locusts = a sweet plant. He was eating sweets.

“ No one gave him anything” - this was his breaking point. This activated his repentance. Let your love abound with knowledge and discerning. Now he says to Father on his return ‘**MAKE ME**’ and not ‘**GIVE ME**’.

In your adversity, sit down and work things out and deliver yourself.

2.9. **Adversity inculcates divine dependence**

Isaiah 5:15

After death of his child David, worshipped the Lord; Job : ‘bless be the name of the Lord’

2.10. **Adversity brings glory to God**

2.11. **Adversity refines you**

Zech 13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, **Refine them as silver is refined,** And test them **as gold is tested.** They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people,’ And they will say, ‘The Lord is my God.’ ”

God sits as a refiner of silver (Malachi 2). Refinement is your upgrade. Redeeming the time – work with speed.

Isaiah 60:17 Instead of **bronze I will bring gold**, And instead of **iron I will bring silver**, And instead of **wood, bronze, And instead of stones, iron**. And I will make peace your administrators And righteousness your overseers.

Bronze for gold ; silver for iron; = upgraded

Be innovative : Gideon's army upgraded in response to Midianite oppression – sometimes upgrade means down sizing. Isaiah 6 God does not pruning the tree – but the tree was chopped own with the stump left. A maintenance-free tree left – the holy seed is in the stump – at the scent of water the root will begin to grow again (Job). Joshua sent two spies and not twelve

3) ADVERSITY IS YOUR TAXI TO YOUR DESTINY

cf. Jonah went to Tarshish; swallowed by a fish. Your taxi will take you to where you do not want to go. When he thanked God, the fish got sick. Adversity cannot a grateful man – abounding with thanksgiving. Judas was Jesus taxi to his destiny.

4) ADVERSITY WILL POSITION FOR YOUR DESTINY

cf. Joseph in Egypt. His brothers sold him, but God sent him.

Cf. Paul

Romans 15: His aim was to preach the gospel where it was not preached before.

Thrown into prison – Phillippian jailor gets saved. At Jerusalem – he sent to Rome to be tried. You can only preach to Ceasar if you are prisoner. As a prisoner he could minister to Roman guards continuously. His imprisonment fulfilled his mandate to preach Christ where Christ was not preached.

Adversity is the long route. The shorter route is fathering.

1. Fathers will **Identify** your **Destiny**
2. Fathers will **Train** you for your **Destiny**
3. Fathers will **Send** you into your **Destiny**
4. Fathers will **Position** you in your **Destiny**

Jesus identified, trained his disciples, sent and positioned them. Fathering is serious business.

Finishing the Works of Christ

God is more in the team than in the superman-type ministry. A prophetic voice needs to emerge from the church.

Paul said, '**WE** have the mind of Christ' – not '**I** have the mind of Christ'.

In the OT, the prophet carried the Word or the burden.

Double portion (Elijah – Elisha). You will do greater works than Jesus. The Father-Son revelation is critically important to finish the work of God. If the principle of 'double portion' would have been kept alive from Jesus throughout the church age, imagine where we would be presently.

The journey from Israel to the promised land should have taken 11 days, but took them 40 years. One of the reasons is that God said after he delivered them from Egypt, he destroyed all those who did not believe.

Jude 5 Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, **that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.**

It was not God's intention for the church to struggle since the time Jesus said 'It is finished'.

Quote : "The church is the largest than its ever been in the history of the church, but it has the least impact now than other time in its history."

The OT prophets never spoke of two comings of Jesus – they saw one Messianic age. We must finish the works of Christ. This Messianic age still needs a last chapter.

Hebrews 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in **bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings**

Moltman – *"In God's plan, He so elected that there is a part for man to play. To attain fulfillment lies not only with the faithfulness of God, but with the **obedience and faith** of the believer."*

Is there a need for a huge paradigm shift in the minds of believers ? We must **shift from waiting to engaging**.
One of the reasons for the dark ages, is that they lost the refreshment of the imminent return of the Lord.

Fathers must impart faith to their sons.

Heb 13:7 Remember **those who led you**, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, **imitate their faith**.

You do this by your example. Jude says 'let us contend earnestly for the faith once delivered'.

Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father – waiting until his enemies have become his footstool.

The phrase 'Seasons of God' – have been used as an excuse to explain away certain things – which have not been fulfilled.

John 5 – pool of Bethesda – angel would come at specific seasons to stir the water - this man was lying there for 38 years. [3X13 = 39 (13 = rebellion; 3 = completeness) hence 38 = he came one year short of complete rebellion
Jesus walked in 'out of season' (i.e. there was no angelic stirring) - but HE was the season.

The second coming is part of the first coming. Isaiah 55: My word will not return void unto me. The devil is defeated. The **season come IN CHRIST JESUS**. The end time is not coming, it has come 2000 years ago – see Heb 1 – in the last days God speaks in His son. At Bethesda – Jesus healed the man on the Sabbath = REST.

Consider the portion of scripture where was they were rowing across the lake , 7 miles long – at the centre/middle of the lake, Jesus entered; and it says, 'immediately they were on the others side'. **When Jesus enters and sons come to full stature, there will be no more delays and time will be no more.**

Genesis 3:14-15

- 14 The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life;
- 15 **And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed;He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."**

Focus: He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel

Why then at the cross was it not a crushing of head totally – instead it was a wounding – because devil is still active today.

Romans 16:19,20

- 19 For the report of **your obedience** has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you **to be wise in what is good** and **innocent in what is evil**.
- 20 The **God of peace** will **soon crush** Satan under **YOUR feet**.

Note v. 20 **God of Peace** – not God of War – ‘Peace’ because he has already defeated satan. Our obedience , wisdom and innocence will now crush satan – note under ‘your feet’ – not Jesus feet – since we are His body on the earth. Crush = utterly smash into pieces. We will do this corporately – as a united front.

Ezekiel 37 - Valley of dry bones. Firstly , HEAR O ISRAEL – before anything there was a corporate hearing. This was corporate hearing to stimulate corporate response . (in Acts they prayed together in agreement and the place was shaken). Unity is powerful.

The corporate sons will initiate the final kairos. We must not ‘wait’ – but Jesus is waiting for us to execute the finished works, until all his enemies be made His footstool.

Colossians 1:25-29

- 25 Of this church I was made a minister according to the **stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit**, so that I might **fully carry out the preaching of the word of God**,
- 26 that is, **the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints**,
- 27 to whom God willed to make known what is **the riches of the glory of this mystery** among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**.
- 28 We **proclaim** Him, **admonishing** every man and **teaching** every man with all wisdom, so that we **may present every man complete in Christ**.
- 29 For this purpose also **I labor, striving according to His power**, which mightily works within me.

Every movement must bring another level of decoding of the mysteries of God

Matthew 24 -- the sign of the coming of the Son of Man in the sky = when the church has come into the full stature, it will cast a sign in the heavens

We are currently being perfected in unity

John 17:22, 23

- 22 “The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one;
- 23 I in them and You in Me, that they **may be perfected in unity**, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

Thamo: Jesus will not come until we get our act together. Work together with your set man to complete the mandate within his heart. Do it now. Bring the future into the present.

Fathering

Malachi 4:5,6

- 5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.
- 6 "He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse

The spirit of Elijah the prophet will be sent. Elijah came in the person of the Jesus Christ. Turning the hearts of fathers to children and vice versa – this was Jesus' mandate.

Elijah of all people – he was a spiritual father. Elijah had the school of the prophets. God was highlighting the spiritual nature of Elijah which was on Elijah. A double portion of his fathering mantle was given to his son, Elisha.

Sonship in the spiritual sons is not an issue of gender in the natural. Your sons should do greater works than you as a father.

The curse is already present in the earth. **This is the curse of fatherless-ness.** Let's go the to the context of the market place. In the USA there s a dimension of ministry in the 'seven mountains'. 'Sons of Belial' (see 2 Cor.6:15) have been very adept at causing a spirit of fatherless-ness to be permeated in the earth. The issue of restoring fathering is a systemic issue. 'Sons of Belial' were sons of wickedness – a systemic error that affected the world globally.

THE SEVEN MOUNTAINS – DIMENSIONS WHICH NEED SPIRITUAL FATHERING

1. Mountain of Arts and Entertainment

This influences all sectors of society. Approx 80% of kids have a desire to pursue careers in this domain. People have made entertainment their god. We need fathers in the area of worship ministries. Why is it difficult for men to worship? David danced before the Lord. There has been a feminization of dance as a worship expression. We have to redeem Hollywood. **Arts and was birthed in the kingdom and not outside of the kingdom.**

2. Mountain of Business and Work

We have distorted what it means to be an employee and entrepreneur. **Recapture the spirit of business that has Christ in it.** Corruption has got to go. There is a kingdom way to do business. There is a corrupt system that governs how business is done.

3. **Mountain of Education**

The USA is no. 23 among the ranks of 'educated nations'. Because of the poor educational system, we have to 'dummy down' the Word of the Lord. People have problems engaging the Word at any level of depth. **We need 'Educational Fathers'**. Our educational system is largely Greek dominated – focused on the side of the brain that is analytical and logical. By time someone leave school – **we have killed the creative side of their thinking.** The creative side is the intuitive side where the prophetic skill comes through. The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit for they are spiritually discerned. Females are more intuitive than men (e.g., many prophetic gathering are usually more attended by women than men).

4. **Mountain of Family**

Promiscuity, abortion, homosexuality, pornography, pedophilia, baby-mommies, baby-daddies : these problems **are prevalent amongst the people of God** and not just in the world. One of the major problems amongst preachers is pornography. Some function as fathers, but they have violated others.

5. **Mountain of Government**

We need governmental fathers in the Body of God

6. **Mountain of Media**

Press, movies, magazines, etc.

7. **Mountain of Religion**

Babylon is in the church. **Follow fathers into Christ** and not into political correctness - based on political expedience. This very subtle – easy to get caught up in it.

Isaiah 11:3

*And He will delight in the fear of the Lord, And He will **not judge by what His eyes see**, Nor make **a decision by what His ears hear**;*

The DNA of a father : Fathering needs to be expressed in the Kingdom, and not just in Church

7 ASPECTS OF REDEEMING THE MINISTRY OF FATHER

1. AFFECTION

Love affectionately with a pure heart fervently. Jesus said, *'As the father has loved me, so have I loved you'*. This includes AFFIRMING your sons; encouraging them ; speaking words of life.

2. DIRECTION

2 Kings 22:1,2

- 1 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath.
- 2 He did right in the sight of the Lord and walked in all the way of his father David, nor did he turn aside to the right or to the left.

3. PROTECTION

- 1 Samuel 30:18 So David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken, and rescued his two wives.

4. CORRECTION

HEB 12:4-6

- 4 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;
- 5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reprovved by Him;
- 6 For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He scourges every son whom He receives."

5. CONNECTION

Fathers connect their sons with those who can fast-track their destinies.

1 Kings 5: 1-12

- 1 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram had always been a friend of David.
- 2 Then Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying,
- 3 "You know that David my father was unable to build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the wars which surrounded him, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet.

- 4 "But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune.
- 5 "Behold, **I intend to build a house** for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord spoke to David my father, saying, '**Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he will build the house for My name.'**
- 6 "Now therefore, **command that they cut for me cedars from Lebanon**, and my servants will be with your servants; and I will give you wages for your servants according to all that you say, for you know that there is no one among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians."
- 7 **When Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced greatly and said, "Blessed be the Lord today, who has given to David a wise son over this great people."**
- 8 So Hiram sent word to Solomon, saying, "I have heard the message which you have sent me; I will do what you desire concerning the cedar and cypress timber.
- 9 **"My servants will bring them down from Lebanon to the sea; and I will make them into rafts to go by sea to the place where you direct me, and I will have them broken up there, and you shall carry them away. Then you shall accomplish my desire by giving food to my household."**
- 10 **So Hiram gave Solomon as much as he desired of the cedar and cypress timber.**
- 11 Solomon then gave Hiram 20,000 kors of wheat as food for his household, and twenty kors of beaten oil; thus Solomon would give Hiram year by year.
- 12 The Lord gave wisdom to Solomon, just as He promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a covenant.

6. VISION

Jacob prophesying over his sons – see Genesis 49.

7. PROVISION

Prov 13:22 **A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, And the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.**

You know who your father is based on his VOICE = word = that drops a seed.

Deal with the wounds of a father. : Ishmael , Esau, Absalom and Jonathan had 'father wounds' – but none of them were fit to be fathers.

Fathering Nations and Governments

The Judah Kingdom Alliance provided shelter to Zimbabwe through me during the unstable season in Zimbabwe.

Revelation 14:14-16

- 14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand.
- 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe."
- 16 Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

As ministries and leaders, we are at various stages of one and the same process God is building. When you combine the books of Ezra and Nehemiah – God intended to rebuild and restore the kingdom of Judah. The first stage (Ezra 1:1) was rebuilding the temple – this was the beginning of a long journey. When the temple was finished, in Ezra 7:1 - to the end ---- now was the reformation. First part was the rebuilding of the temple. From chapter 7, the temple was built, but the mindsets of the people in the temple were useless. They were not usable in their state – could not be used to build Judah.

Ezra and a team of priests came with the book of the law into the kingdom of Judah to bring back the Word of the Lord to the people. The temple was standing but it was 'Word-less'. The lifestyle of the people was lacking in accuracy.

The final process was Nehemiah 1:1 – building the walls of Jerusalem and building the city.

In Revelation 14, the call from heaven – the sickle was thrust into the earth – to reap the earth, not just the church. Know why God is working on and within the church – God is producing a work-force in order to reap the nations.

We will in this session, collapse the seven mountains that Eric focused on into three segments. **The reaping of the nations is the ultimate thing that the church will be used for.** The rebuilding of the temple, was so that the worshippers might restore the kingdom and become **builders of the city.**

When they came out of Egypt : Journey from Egypt to Canaan was 11 days, but took them 40 years – these were years of reformation. **God did not want them to reproduce Egypt in Canaan.** Reformation is a means to an end. Reformation was a means of producing a people to establish a model and standard within a people. These Apostolic School's of Ministry's are not an end in themselves. They are a means for us to be equipped and prepared.

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.

God is also interested where the government, money, hospitals, TV stations, the arts, media, schools, economics and finance, etc. are going.

Haggai 2:6 'The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,' declares the LORD of hosts.

See Col 1:16-20 Christ is also the head of all principalities. Nothing was made outside of Him and all things were made FOR Him to serve His purpose.

Col. 1:16-20

- 16 For **by Him all things were created**, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether **thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.**
- 17 He is **before all things**, and **in Him all things hold together.**
- 18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.
- 19 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,
- 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

Rev 14:15 – a voice is heard "**The kingdoms of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord**"

When God rested after creation, he had produced the Kingdom of God. What God began with, viz. the Kingdom, He wants to finish with. The first order He produced will be the last to be restored. The church provides the workforce to produce the 'last'.

Priests had to wear certain garments that had spiritual meaning. Your attire will indicate your function.

Exodus 28:9-12, 29

- 9 "You shall take two onyx stones and engrave on them **the names of the sons of Israel**,
- 10 six of their names on the one stone and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, according to their birth.
- 11 "As a jeweler engraves a signet, you shall engrave the two stones according to the names of the sons of Israel; you shall **set them in filigree settings of gold.**

12 "You shall put the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as stones of memorial for the sons of Israel, and Aaron shall abear their names before the Lord on his two shoulders for a memorial.

Engrave the names of the twelve tribes of Israel – 6 on each stone. Engrave – i.e, ensure it will be impossible to be removed. Aaron, then is symbolically carrying the nation on his shoulders

Ex 28:29 "Aaron shall carry the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment over his heart when he enters the holy place, for a memorial before the Lord continually.

FATHERING THE NATION – all sectors of the nation. We have surrendered nations to politicians. Twelve tribes of Israel were symbolically carried on Aaron's shoulders (speak of responsibility) and on his heart. On him is the burden of the whole nation. He wore these continually – daily = daily and continuous responsibility for the nation. Politicians cannot produce a God-ordained harvest without God's priests. There has to be God's order governmentally, financially, educationally, etc.

THREE AREAS WE MUST TAKE BACK:

1. **SPIRITUAL SPHERE**
2. **GOVERNMENTAL SPHERE**
3. **FINANCIAL (WEALTH) SPHERE**

Those who control wealth, call the shots, make decisions, influential editorial policy, etc.

Proverbs 22:7 The rich rule over the poor.

Education and Media : anybody with pedagogic skill – can follow and perpetuate the policy of that country. Policy is set at the altar (spiritual, the political and financial realms).

Those in education are tools that control (1) **Spiritual power**
(2) **Political power or**
(3) **Financial power.**

Gal 4:1,2

- 1 Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything,
- 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father.

Previously, there were certain things we could not talk about within church circles. But now, by virtue of a growing maturity in sons of God, we are becoming more visible in more places and discuss more issues than before.

Examples of DIVINE ACTIVITY IN GOVERNMENTS

1) Daniel and Cyrus

Daniel 9; 1-3

- 1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was **made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans—**
- 2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.
- 3 So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.

Daniel was part of the captives in Babylon. He understood that captivity was not Israel's destiny. **The church must understand God's plan for their nation.** Daniel must be read with Ezra and Nehemiah

Ezra 1:1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying: ...

Things prophesied by Jeremiah, was to be fulfilled by a heathen king, Cyrus.

2) AUGUSTUS CEASAR AND JESUS BIRTH PLACE

Micah 5:2 prophesies at Bethlehem Jesus would be born

Micah 5:2 "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."

Who fulfilled this prophecy? Augustus Caesar. The conception of Jesus within Mary took place in Nazareth, not Bethlehem. At the end of her pregnancy, Augustus decreed a census. Each person had to go back to their hometown. This sounds cruel to force an almost full-term pregnant woman to move to another city – yet Jesus had to be born there.

Where are the sons of God in this hour? Daniel ensured that the purposes of God do not get aborted.

DO NOT CURSE YOUR PRESIDENT, WHOEVER HE/SHE MAY BE

Eccl 10:20 Furthermore, in your bedchamber **do not curse a king**, and in your sleeping rooms **do not curse a rich man**, for a **bird of the heavens will carry the sound and the winged creature will make the matter known.**

If you curse the ruler, he will become cursed, but continue ruling – so you will be ruled by a cursed man. You will become hindered by the curses. You can bind someone by your unforgiveness. The attitude of the church can make or kill the term of office of a president.

All presidents want some sort of ‘priest’ alongside him. What the priest says is important. When Solomon was king, Zadok, the prophet and Abijar the priest spoke certain things – and Solomon became king - Zadok poured oil on Solomon – and announced Solomon as king. Be very careful with issue of leadership succession in the country.

Hosea 8:3 Israel has **rejected the good**; The **enemy will pursue him.**

Democracy is no a guarantee that the will of God shall be done. Samuel was removed by a democracy. Democracy successfully works where people are transformed and reformed. Acts 6 – setting up of deacons - the apostles went to the congregation – speaking to a spiritual people, steeped in apostolic doctrine, fellowship, prayer and breaking bread. They could be party to godly decision only because they were immersed thoroughly in the apostolic culture and ways.

Zechariah and Haggai as prophets were working on restoration of Israel, whilst Daniel, in Persia, was working with the rulers. Rulers of a country do not know automatically what to do.

Look at Daniel :

Dan 11:1 “In the first year of Darius the Mede, I arose to be an **encouragement and a protection for him.**

Daniel did not vote for Darius – yet he realized if he did not influence him, God’s purposes were at risk of being aborted. Daniel also strengthened Nebuchadnezzar and Cyrus also. Esther also, like Daniel, in the minds of many today, would be regarded as a ‘sell-outs’.

Obey God and He will always come through. You must build bridges with every political party. Make the voice of God respectable among them. So in the hour when God desires to use you, your counsel will be taken seriously by them.

Session 11

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M i n d s e t s

Mindsets influence our behaviour. **Mindset = your way of thinking.** The carnal or religious mind does not accept anything outside of its framework. The message of the Kingdom is one message, i.e. 'repent' – applies mostly to 'religious' people.

Mindset = a fixed mindset

We have to adapt to the mindset of God. His mind is His Word, his intelligence as expressed in His Son

The power of words is real. **Attitudes are results of mindsets.** Mindsets are patterns of thinking that govern your whole life.

Heb 1: 1,2

- 1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,
- 2 in these last days has **spoken to us in His Son**, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

God spoke to the fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us IN the Son = the message He speaks to us now is a person, a son. Inside of every son is Eternal Father. **Sons need to become the message even without speaking words.**

Mindsets Determine ... :

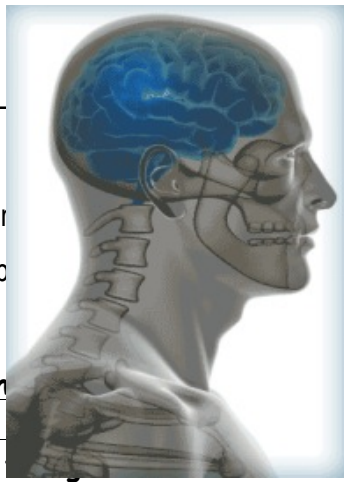
- Attitudes
- Inner settings
- Mentalities

Paul INSTRUCTS us to change mindsets.

Phil 2:5 Have this **attitude in yourselves** which was also **in Christ Jesus**, (NASV)
Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus (KJV)

We are what we think : **Prov 23:7** For **as he thinks within himself, so he is**

A habit is a default behaviour or response in my life – habit – your default – be filled with the mind of Christ. God’s word in your mouth is powerful to transform the predominating influence over your mindset to be shaped



Let God’s principles become your default – it will set minds free. Change your mindset. So allow the Word of God to be spoken to you.

Heb 4:12 For the **word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the soul, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart**

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Spiritual growth has to do with your soul – not your spirit. Your soul is comprised of your mind (what you think), your will (what you decide) and your emotions (what you feel). You grow spiritually by expanding your soul. Our minds need to change, our will needs to surrender, and our emotions need to be governed by the spirit. **Your emotional responses need to be configured to the default of the Spirit.**

2 Chron 28:9 “As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and **a willing mind**; for the Lord searches all hearts, and understands every **intent of the thoughts**. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever

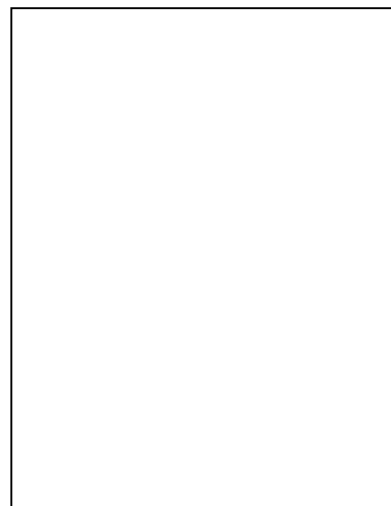
Isaiah 55:7-9

- 7 Let the wicked forsake his way **And the unrighteous man his thoughts**; And let him return to the Lord, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.
- 8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.
- 9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, **So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.**

Let your thoughts be God’s thoughts.

How are mindsets formed ?

- Education (naturally and spiritually)
- Environments
- Culture / Religion
- Experience

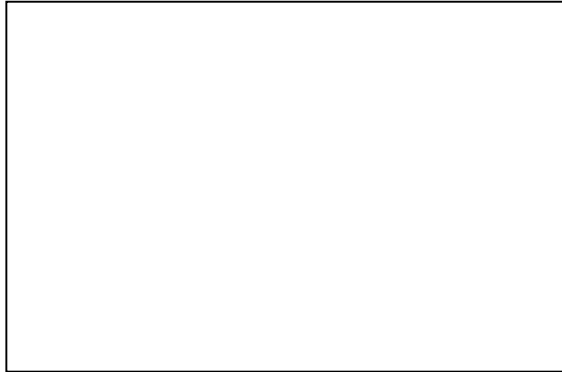


These can influence your ability to hear God, to obey and execute the will of the Lord. You read a scripture ‘rightly’, but understand it ‘wrongly’, because of the specific mindset with which you read it. The fact that we preach that there is no rapture is offensive to the religious mindset.



Some have

- Suspicious Mindsets
- Poverty Mindsets
- Confused Mindsets
- Fearful Mindsets
- Rebellious
- Angry Mindset



But we should have the mind of Christ. Paul said, “WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST”

Isaiah 54 :2 “Enlarge the place of your tent; Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not; Lengthen your cords And strengthen your pegs.

The place that you get enlarged, is YOUR MIND – your perception will be greater – and your reward will be greater. Do not be narrow minded and become traditional.

2 Cor 6:11-13

- 11 Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, **our heart is opened wide.**
- 12 **You are not restrained** by us, but **you are restrained in your own affections.**
- 13 Now in a like exchange - I speak as to children - **open wide** to us also.

The spirit of the mind of Christ inside of you will teach you all things

Enlarged Through

- Revelation Present Truth
- New Wine
- Obedience and submission to Apostolic father's instruction
- Renewing Mind

Col 3 :1-4

- 1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- 2 **Set your mind** on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.
- 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Set your mind = phroneo = exercise your mind
= Intensively to interest oneself in (with concern and obedience)
= set your affection on
= be of the same mind

Rom 12:2 And **do not be conformed to this world**, but be **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect

Be transformed = **Metamorphoo** = **to change into another form (a higher form)**

Ephesians 4:23 and that you **be renewed in the spirit of your mind**,

We need to be changed into the mind of Christ

Renew = anakainosis = **renewal,**
= **renovation,**
= **a complete change for the better**

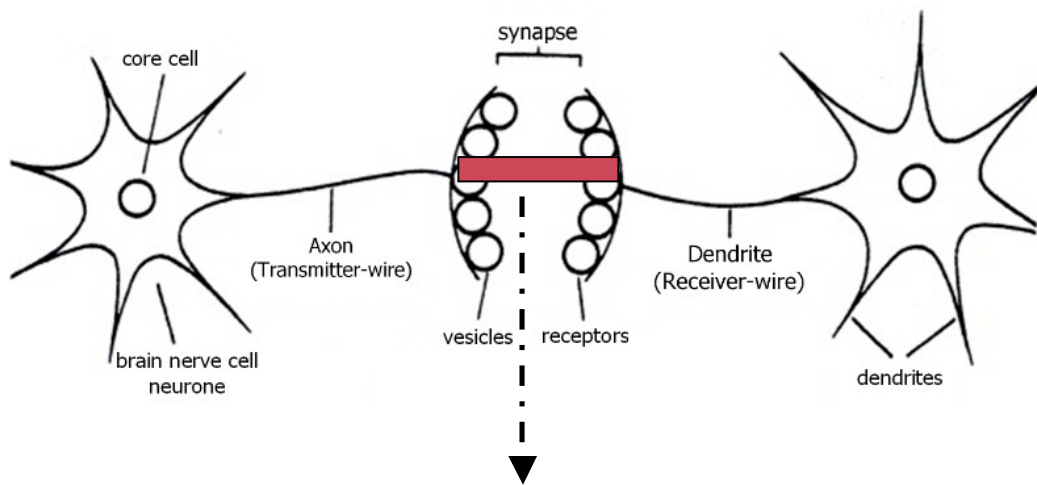
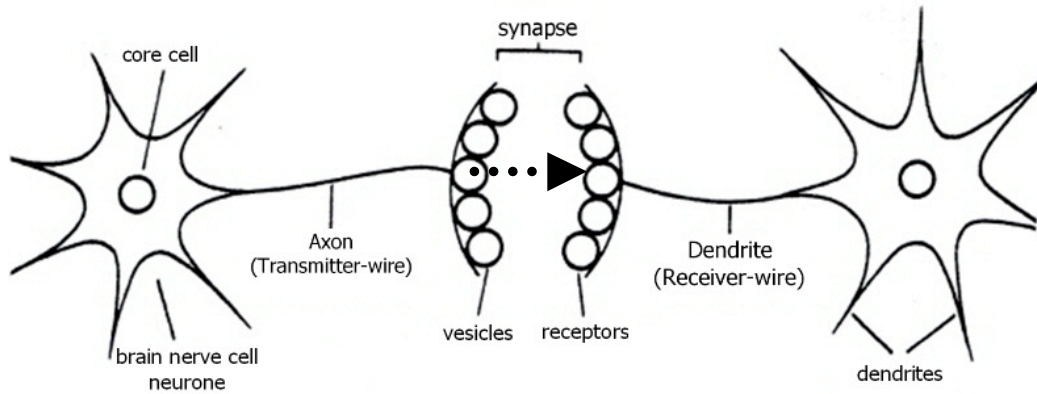
Mind = nous = **the faculty for understanding, for judging,**
for determining the intellectual faculty , the understanding


MINDSET

Our mind has about **100 billion brain cells** which intercommunicate through nerve strings and docking stations called synapse.

How are mindset formed biologically within the brain itself ?

Nerve cells (neurons) transfer electrical signals; dendrites take up the signals; all perceptions will be linked and be networked in this way.



 = **Mindset is entrenched – like a pathway – a predetermined pattern of thought and response**

How habits Arise ?

Your mindset can even oppose valid revelation from God. **For mindsets to change – there must be a confrontation**

The sequence is always **REPENT For the Kingdom of God has come .**

Be prepared to change. Repent daily. Die daily. **Be renewed in the spirit of your mind and ‘Have the MIND of Christ’.**

Apostolic grace generates a renewed way of thinking through doctrine (of apostles) and impartation.

Apostolic grace causes the blind to receive their sight by opening the Ear through the Revelation of Christ

Fathers bind the law on the foreheads of children between the eyes

Deut 6:6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.
Deut 6:7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit In your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.
Deut 6:8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Session 12

Thamo Naidoo

Principles Governing Fatherin

Context:

In recent months, a crystallized picture has been formed in our thinking from

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Five-fold Ministry▶ *Fathers Heading Households of Faith.*

When apostles and prophets were restored to the church, the key to knowledge was restored to the church. **Those sent (craftsmen) to build the structure of the church cannot be the building in and of themselves.** Only Ephesians 4 speaks of five-fold ministry. Others portions of Scripture speak of three-fold ministry (e.g. apostles, prophets and teachers), or two fold (e.g. apostles and prophets) and of one-fold (e.g. apostles) ministry. This correlates with the parable of 5, 3 and 1 talent respectively.

One talent could be the apostle that was hidden. These churches that bury the apostle were 'cast out', etc. **Apostles do not head churches.** They always asked for permission to go into cities. Paul could not get to Rome. John could not get to these in the Diaspora. The Corinthian Church limited Paul's spheres by their perception and reception of him. You are an apostle only to the ones God sends you to – No one is an apostle to the whole church. The headship of the church is comprised of 'Fathers'. **A father may or may not have a five fold grace.** If your father has a specific five fold calling, do not see him first as an apostle or prophet, etc. , but see him first as a father, who is functioning within, for example, an apostolic calling. **The five fold graces do not necessarily head the church.** Paul developed a team of fellow-workers – some were sons – there was the principle of co-equality . He commissioned these to go to cities to appoint elders – see Titus 1.

How was the church constituted in cities ?

God only saw one church in a city, e.g. the church at Ephesus. This church was made up of multiple households of faith. The early church met 'from house to house – this was not the present system of 'cell group meetings'. When a man who was an elder headed a family unit – this was a church under the leadership of a man who was fathering a group of people. Their location or place of meeting was irrelevant; it could have been a residential dwelling, a factory building, a school, a so-called –'church' building. Study the Old testament – the school master – the law – and see the structure of the tribal constitution of Israel – a type and shadow of the church. The OT is the shadow; the NT is the substance.

The first Adam was a soulish man ; the last Adam was a spiritual man. We are a 'holy nation' – to fully understand this aspect of our identity, we must study the nation of Israel, born through Abraham . There were twelve tribes in Israel, each with it's own clan and families birthed by and headed by fathers. In each one of the recorded genealogies, the pattern is that a certain father would give birth to sons, who would in turn father other sons, and so forth. A few times women are included in genealogies (like Rahab, Ruth, Tamar).

All genealogy : everything God builds is built on the trans-generational principle of fathers producing sons, and so on. God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. **God never introduces a son to you without first telling you who the father is**, eg, David, the son of Jesse, Saul, the son of Kish, etc.

In Acts 15 **apostles and elders conferred on important issues affecting the churches**. Elders can be synonymously called 'fathers'. God in Genesis 2: 1, '**finished all his works**' (melaka = created with deputyship).

God created everything to function representatively, and not autonomously.

God speaks through a specific medium – the message is so accurate that we can say God Himself spoke.

God created all the 'hosts' :

HOST = Tsaba = Whatever God created had to have two characteristics : (Hebrew language is a language of pictures)

1. **To function with military discipline and order**

Everything God created has order and rank. Eg. the story of olive tree

See also David's army – David's army was like the heavenly army

2. **Servant-hood** (Dulos) ; you deny your right to self –existence with personal privileges

Hence **stay focused on your assignment with the idea of serving without any rights**. Adam and Eve did not want representative kingship, they wanted equality. We must understand true servant hood. **You are the servant of God in terms of your assignment on earth.**

You cannot determine to be a father. You can drop your seed everywhere, but **God determines the moment when a child should be conceived**. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, they produced, because God determined it so. A child is born, but a son is given. **If a son is not given to you, you cannot take it.**

Elder = prebus and episcopos (describes the dignity of the office)

This demands watching and caring for people for whom Christ died. Learn to be a faithful steward over the souls of people. **Elders will account for the lives of the people they provided leadership to.** Elders deputize on behalf of the Great Shepherd. An Elder/ Father will play a key role in your development and growth.

PRINCIPLE OF FATHERING

In this is resident the understanding of 'Sabbath'- God rested from all his works.

Sabbath = to desist from all work because all work has been fully accomplished.

At the sixth day, everything in the mind of God was unpacked. And **everything was created to deputize on his behalf** and with the idea sustainability. Everything **He created has seed capacity** within it. Now **God goes into REST, because everything he created will work for Him.**

God distributes His FATHER nature in individuals in seminal form. These will reproduce the grace of father in their sons; these sons become fathers, and so on. **God has never worked again. Why should he work when he created everything to work for him?** The only thing we were supposed to do is **reproduce and rule.**

There are two genealogies in the early part of Genesis , i.e. that of Cain and Abel. Cain's sons are fathers over tents, instruments, etc. This order builds things and names them after the father. On the other hand, **Abel only builds sons.**

The seed God puts in us is to **reproduce HIS IMAGE in our kind.** What is his image? Christ – the fullness of the Godhead (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). **Your image must not be produced in your son, but the image of Christ must be seen in them.**

Cf. bees attracted to pollen to produce honey. Apostolic five-fold grace brings grace (pollen) to cities to equip elders to build sons.

Identify who the strong man of a city is – paralyze him ; then raise up elders or men of peace; stay in that house until order is established; then send the teams in (eg Titus and Timothy) ; establish elders and build them until sons are produced to take the gates.

An apostle operating from outside a specific city, may father a father in a city to father others in the city, but this apostle is not necessarily a father in that city.

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FATHERING IS NOT GENDER SPECIFIC

Fathering is not gender specific. We look at 'Fathering' as in that which resident in Christ (Everlasting Father) .

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| 1. Jesus Christ | = | His Humanity |
| 2. Christ Jesus | = | His Resurrected, Ascended Position |
| 3. Christ | = | Pre-existent Christ, without beginning and end = fullness of the godhead |

IN Christ is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our ultimate objective is to allow to Christ to be fully formed in you. Colossians indicates the 'Hope of Glory = CHRIST'. **'Father' in this context is not only male. In the father heart of God is also female. IN CHRIST**, there is neither male nor female. Hence we cannot measure fathering by OT types – which is a shadow of a spiritual reality ; because the OT fathering was only male. **Hence females who have the fathering grace can provide oversight to congregations.**

REMOTE FATHERING

Father = Pater (Grk.) = **remote progenitor** = fathering from a distance;

Fathering does not have to be by close proximity.

- How do you get fathering from somebody that lives on another continent?
- Also how do get fathered by someone who lived 300 years ago? How do you call Abraham your father?
David is the father of Jesus.

Matthew 1: 1,17

- 1 The record of the **genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:**
- 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are **fourteen generations**; from David to the deportation to Babylon, **fourteen generations**; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, **fourteen generations.**

How is it that Jesus is the son of David, or that someone can father a son living in another distant country ?

The only way it's possible – it has nothing to do with your physical presence – it has to do with your connection with the prophetic word within that person .

You can also become a father of the things he could not finish. In eastern world, a son was meant to finish his father's purpose or assignment in the earth. You can only finish your specific assignment – you cannot finish the eternal purpose.

God will raise up the Tabernacle of David (Acts 15)

2 Samuel 7:8-12

- 8 "Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, "I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel.
- 9 "I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like the names of the great men who are on the earth.
- 10 "I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly,
- 11 even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. **The Lord also declares to you that the Lord will make a house for you.**
- 12 "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, **who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.**
- 13 "He shall **build a house for My name,** and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.
- 14 "I will **be a father to him** and **he will be a son to Me;** when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,
- 15 but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.
- 16 "Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever." ' ' "
- 17 In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

Note: 'house' = implies a 'family'.
'Descendant' = seed ; and seed is always plural;

Jesus steps back into the prophecy of this word – to build an everlasting kingdom - by this he is being fathered by David. Similarly, you can enter into the fathering spirit that Elijah had over Elisha. The Elijah anointing is remotely controlling us to guide us into accurate fathering and sonship so that we can break the curse in the earth.

Consider Paul

1 Cor 4: 14-17

- 14 I do not write these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children.
15 For if you were to have **countless tutors in Christ**, yet you would **not have many fathers**, for **in Christ Jesus I became your father** through the gospel.
16 Therefore I exhort you, **be imitators of me**.
17 For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, **who is my beloved and faithful child** in the Lord, and he **will remind you of my ways** which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.
18 Now some have become arrogant, as though I were not coming to you.

Paul is remotely fathering Corinth. He calls them his children. We have many tutors (e.g. tbn, internet, books, etc.). Faith comes by hearing – you need to hear a sent one bring messages from God. All leaders should deputize on behalf of the set man.

'became' = 'spiritual generating'

'beget' = spiritual begetting

Your natural sons are not necessarily automatically your spiritual sons.

'through the gospel' = by bringing good news to you = bringing grace to you

'Imitators of me' = copy me – copy the image of Christ in me

Corinthian church treated Paul badly at times.

Timothy comes to represent Paul's fathering and teaching to Corinth. By this, Paul is fathering Corinthians as 'remote progenitor'.

Titus 1: 1-11

- 1 Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,
2 in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,
3 but at the proper time manifested, even His word, in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior,
4 To Titus, **my true child** in a common faith: **Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior**.
5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would **set in order** what remains and **appoint elders** in every city as I directed you,
6 namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion.

- 7 For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain,
8 but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled,
9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.
10 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,
11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain.

Paul raises up sons to father these churches. Paul is controlling / influencing / determining how Titus must father his sons / elders. Apostles in cities must be able to instruct their sons to correct deviant practices.

FATHERING THROUGH WRITING

'Grace and Peace to you' – Paul used his writings to transmit grace to people.

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Session 13

Thamo Naidoo

Principles Governing Fatherin,

Recap : All that God has created, He designed it as representations of Himself to deputize on His behalf. Obedience in this context is key. He distributes grace to people differently. Be faithful to what He gave you. As fathers, we serve the grace of father to the ones that call you 'father'. We are not making a new hierarchy of dictatorial leadership. The ultimate objective is to build a man after the image of Christ. If you see your image in your son, you have missed it; you must **seek to build the image and nature of Christ** (ie. the nature of Father, Son and Holy Spirit) **within your son**.

The various meanings of 'Father' set for us the order in which we should function. One definition is '**remote progenitor**'- implying someone at a distance. Being fathered from a distance is a reality we must confront. You do not have to have someone that calls you everyday. Familiarity can breed contempt. The role of father as 'remote progenitor' is **not governed by context, time, culture, race , etc**. This is spiritually orchestrated – there is a connection in the spirit - you know you are one, even though you do not see each other often

You could father somebody without being resident in that context . Paul 'begot' the Corinthians through the gospel – he 'generated' them. Timothy was in Ephesus, yet he was Paul's son. Titus was in Crete, yet he was Paul's son. **He carried them in his spirit. He prayed for them continually** – this is not prayer as an act. He is communicating that in his spirit man, was this conviction that even if he was not focusing on his sons, he carries them in his bosom, and so his spirit watches over them.

Jesus is referred to as the son of David. **David fathered Jesus** without Jesus having met David. **Jesus stepped into the prophetic word given to David.** Spirit of Elijah comes on us – we operate in the anointing of Elijah even though we have never met Elijah . If you step into this, you can bring to fulfillment all the outstanding prophecies. We can walk in the anointing of our fathers. We do not fully understand the enormity of what we have stepped into.

Matthew 23:34-39

- 34 "Therefore, behold, I am sending **you prophets and wise men and scribes**; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city,
- 35 so that **upon you may fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth**, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.
- 36 "Truly I say to you, **all these things will come upon this generation.**
- 37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.
- 38 "Behold, **your house is being left to you desolate!**
- 39 "For I say to you, from now on **you will not see Me until** you say, '**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**'

Look at the context in which Jesus made the above statements ...

Matthew 23:29-33

- 29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you **build the tombs of the prophets** and **adorn the monuments of the righteous**,
- 30 and say, '**If we had been living in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.**'
- 31 "So you testify against yourselves, that **you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.**
- 32 "**Fill up, then, the measure of the guilt of your fathers.**
- 33 "You serpents, you brood of vipers, **how will you escape the sentence of hell?**

Here is a generation living in Jesus' time – they were His contemporaries. They conclude that their fathers made serious mistakes; their fathers have assassinated moves and ministries of God; they conclude that if they lived in the time of their fathers, they would not have not made the same mistakes; Jesus argues they should step back in time, fix the mistakes of their fathers; But Jesus is saying , I will send you prophets, wise men and scribes to fix the problem; but you kill them ; but I will take the guilt of your fathers and place it upon you.

Once you have been conscientized of this, if you do not fix the mistakes of your fathers you are guilty of their errors.

You could be fathered by the early apostles if you can find out where the breach took place in history. When did the church mess up? At least 1900 years ago. Step back in time and allow the apostle Paul to father you. You become fathered by the word given to him – and then you obey slavishly.

FATHERING THROUGH WRITING

Paul was not reckless nor casual in his writings

Romans 1:1-7

1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,
3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,
4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead,
according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,
5 **through whom we have received grace and apostleship** to bring about the obedience of
faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,
6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;
7 to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: **Grace to you and peace from
God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Paul released grace FROM God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ. This is not a salutation or form of greeting. **He was consciously imparting grace from God. Paul's writings will release grace from the Father. Everything is communicate by grace.** No man can father anyone – you only do it by the GRACE of God in you. But the GRACE does not come from you, it comes from God. Grace (charis) = divine substance – the essence of the godhead – the fundamental component of God. He places this in individuals to impart to others.

Zechariah 4:7-10

7 'What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will
bring forth the top stone **with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"** ' "
8 Also the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish
it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you.
10 **"For who has despised the day of small things?** But these seven will be glad when they
see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel—these are the eyes of the Lord which range
to and fro throughout the earth."

The last verse in Bible :

Rev 22:21 **The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.** Amen.

The ultimate in fathering is the impartation of grace. Grace must come to your capstone – to your life. Christ was full of grace and truth (see John 1) . Have you got a conduit from which to receive grace ?

Rom 1:11 For I long to see you so that **I may impart some spiritual gift to you**, that you may be established;

Fathering is measured by grace. **Grace is never for the one who is carrying it – it is intended for someone else.** A true carrier of grace always has someone else in mind which would be the beneficiary of God's grace through Him.

Manifold grace – grace has many faces

1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of **the manifold grace of God.**

1 Peter 5:10 After you have suffered for a little while, **the God of all grace**, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

Each one has different grace deposits – there is no need for jealousy.

Be careful of laying on of hands suddenly because everything within you will be imparted. Do not lay hands on a novice.

1 Corinthians 1:1-6

1 Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,
2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:
3 **Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**
4 I thank my God always concerning you **for the grace of God** which was given you in Christ Jesus,
5 that in everything **you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge,**
6 even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you,

2 Corinthians 1: 1-2

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
 To the church of God which is at Corinth with all the saints who are throughout Achaia:
2 **Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Galatians 1:1-5

- 1 Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead),
- 2 and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:
- 3 **Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,**
- 4 who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,
- 5 to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen.

FATHERING THROUGH BEGETTING

Sons are begotten; they are not Born. Jesus is the only 'begotten' of the Father

- Begotten = monogenes** = out of which we get the word 'gene'-
= **spiritual formation** by begetting someone to become part of the same stock – the same gene;
= it involves the **impartment of divine nature** into another.

You can be 'born again', without being 'born from above'. Many come into the kingdom, without knowing why they were brought into the kingdom. The begetting moment is not when you were born again; the person who led you to the Lord is not necessarily your spiritual father. Annanias was not Paul's father. Paul was fathered by the wilderness and Barnabas; eventually he became greater than Barnabas.

The begetting moment is when something erupts in your spirit – a recognition of someone as your father – that person guides you. They provide protection, sustenance, discipline you, etc. This is the moment when a SON IS GIVEN. This is spiritual ADOPTION. No one in the kingdom is born through natural birth. Jesus had a natural father and mother, yet in Hebrews, it is said that He is without mother and father (after the order of Melchisedek). When you get born from above, you disconnect from your natural parents, and join to your spiritual father. Melchisedek had a mother and father. He, as a priest he had to be a human born to represent humans –

this was a qualification for priesthood. Melchisedek probably fathered Abraham – perhaps even communicated all of his prophecies from God to him. Abraham tithed to him – Melchisedek could not have been a phantom.

Adoption = huiothesia = to be transferred as a son from kingdom as a son into another kingdom. Now you are the 'son of God' – and God puts people in your life to shape you, guide you until you come into the fullness of Christ, the SON.

Genesis 5:1-6

- 1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, **He made him in the likeness of God.**
- 2 He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created.
- 3 When Adam had lived **one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness,** according to **his image,** and named him Seth.
- 4 Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and **he had other sons and daughters.**
- 5 So all the days that Adam lived were **nine hundred and thirty years,** and he died.
- 6 Seth lived one hundred and five years, and became the father of Enosh.

Adam waited 130 years for a 'begetting' moment to produce someone in his likeness. In this time, he had other sons, but not in his likeness. SETH = a substitute or a replacement for Abel, whom Cain killed. Many leaders and fathers in the church, have been caught with building numbers, but not sons in the likeness of the original design of Christ.

Genesis 4:13-17

- 13 Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is too great to bear!
- 14 "Behold, You have driven me this day from the face of the ground; and from Your face I will be hidden, and I will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."
- 15 So the Lord said to him, "Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord appointed a sign for Cain, so that no one finding him would slay him.
- 16 Then **Cain went out from the presence of the Lord,** and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.
- 17 **Cain had relations with his wife and she conceived, and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son.**

The original sin was not passed on through blood but through disobedience. By one man's disobedience, sin came into the world. The moment a father sins, the whole family suffers. Achan's family was destroyed because of his sin. Innocent people can suffer the consequences of someone's sin.

Fathering is a serious responsibility – if you as father make a mistake, your whole household can be slaughtered. Whatever sin plagues the Father, all his sons will be affected with the same sin. You get both positive and negative elements being transferred from father to son. If the father is successful, his people will be successful if they are connected to him. Leaders will be judged more harshly.

Look at how Cain decides to develop a genealogy. He wanders – a vagrant. He gave birth to Enoch. He names the city after his son. His focus is – how do I build things – systems – and names it after his sons. He is not focused on raising a son to correct his own deficiencies. Cain = I will beget, create – he is a self-made individual. He builds a city.

Genesis 4: 18-21

- 18 Now to Enoch was born Irad, and Irad became the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael became the father of Methushael, and Methushael became the father of Lamech.
- 19 Lamech took to himself two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other, Zillah.
- 20 Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the **father of those who dwell in tents** and have livestock.
- 21 His brother's name was **Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.**

Cain's sons father things, and not sons. Your greatest privilege is to see your son administrate the eternal purposes of God in the earth.

Genesis 4:25-26

- 25 **Adam had relations with his wife again;** and she gave birth to a son, and named him **Seth**, for, she said, "God has appointed me another offspring in place of Abel, for Cain killed him."
- 26 To Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his **name Enosh. Then men began to call upon the name of the Lord**

Enosh is raised, the reconnection to God takes place.

Session 14

Thamo Naidoo

Principles Governing Fatherin,

One of the keys of legitimate fathering is this : Whatever you produce as a father must substitute or replace that which has been lost.

Cain became the father of religion.

Cain = I have gotten. Eve named him with this in mind – “I produced a problem and so I will produce something to solve the problem”. Cain was a tiller of the soul – but became possessed by the thing he produced. Cain offered an offering to God. Cain determined the value of his offering - he determined what God gets. All of Cain’s sons – produced things – by their own perspiration = acts of works.

Abel was ruthlessly eliminated because he was the opposite to everything that Cain produced. When he was born, he was named Abel = vanity, empty, “I am nothing’ – i.e.in Adam and Eve’s mind, “The assignment we have, has been given to Cain, so you, Abel cannot operate in that destiny – you are nothing”. Abel became a picture of salvation by grace.

If Adam was the father of the human race, sin came in through his disobedience. Unrighteousness was imputed to the human race. All sin. Abel does not know what to give God – he gave the first of everything that was born to him (first-fruit) as a steward of God’s things.

Heb 11 says Abel still speaks because he gave a more excellent offering because the first leavens the lump throughout time. God gave his first born to us guaranteeing that the fullness of the godhead will come to us.

Seth comes in the fullness of his father, which technically, is Abel. Hebrews does not refer to Seth, but Abel

Hebrews 11: 4 By faith **Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain**, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, **though he is dead, he still speaks.**

He activated something through his giving that still causes him to speak.

One man (Cain) produced cities, flock, music instruments, murder, vengeful living – this genealogy is shut down by God. God starts a new genealogy with Adam – Seth – Enosh.

Genesis 5:1-11

- 1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. **In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.**
- 2 He created them **male and female**, and He **blessed them and named them Man** in the day when they were created.
- 3 When Adam had lived **one hundred and thirty years**, he became the **father of a son in his own likeness**, according to his image, and **named him Seth.**
- 4 Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and he had other sons and daughters.
- 5 So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.
- 6 **Seth** lived one hundred and five years, and **became the father of Enosh.**
- 7 Then Seth lived eight hundred and seven years after he became the father of Enosh, and he had other sons and daughters.
- 8 So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died.
- 9 Enosh lived ninety years, and became the father of Kenan.
- 10 Then Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years after he became the father of Kenan, and he had other sons and daughters.
- 11 So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, and he died.

Genealogy is about the quality of stock you produce. In this order you will never find God highlighting the accomplishments of man. Whatever you father must bring you back to the likeness of God. Only boast in the sons you raise, and not in the things you accomplish. In chapter 5 the only person who built something was Noah.

Genesis 6 : 1-8

- 1 Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,
2 that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.
3 Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."
4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.
5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
6 The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.
7 The Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them."
8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord

This is the mixing of the seed. Sons of God here is not angels. This is not angels having sex with women.

The phrase 'sons of God' is a reference to humans

Luke 3: 38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

So men can be called 'sons of God'.

We can presume that Gen. 4 is about the sons of man; in Gen. 5 there are sons of God. Now in Gen. 6. there is a mixture of the seed and this created gigantic tyrannical problems.

1 Peter 3:18-20

- 18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;
19 in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison,
20 who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water.

The term 'spirits' here is a reference to those spirits of humans and not angels. The order of Cain intermarries with order of Abel and serious gigantic problems arise. God decides to wipe out all of them, except Noah and his family.

In fathering sons, make sure you do not mix your seed.

Nehemiah 7: 5-7

- 5 Then my God put it into my heart to assemble the nobles, the officials and **the people to be enrolled by genealogies**. Then I found the **book of the genealogy** of those who came up first in which I found the following **record**:
- 6 These are the people of the province who came up from the captivity of the exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his city,
- 7 who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah.

Nehemiah 7:61-65

- 61 These were they who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addon and Immer; **but they could not show their fathers' houses or their descendants, whether they were of Israel**:
- 62 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, 642.
- 63 Of the priests: the sons of Hobaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai, the Gileadite, and was named after them.
- 64 **These searched among their ancestral registration**, but it could **not be located**; therefore they were **considered unclean and excluded from the priesthood**.
- 65 The governor said to them that they should not eat from the most holy things until a **priest arose with Urim and Thummim**.

Nehemiah 7:70-73

- 70 Some from among the heads of fathers' households gave to the work. The governor gave to the treasury 1,000 gold drachmas, 50 basins, 530 priests' garments.
- 71 Some of the heads of fathers' households gave into the treasury of the work 20,000 gold drachmas and 2,200 silver minas.
- 72 That which the rest of the people gave was 20,000 gold drachmas and 2,000 silver minas and 67 priests' garments.
- 73 Now the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the temple servants and all Israel, lived in their cities.
And when the seventh month came, the sons of Israel were in their cities.

There were people that could not prove that they belonged to any of the twelve tribes of Israel. They could not show their ancestry. You had to show whether your father is connected to the original design. If your father is not connected to the eternal purposes of God, that man and house will be excluded from partaking of the heavenly purposes of God.

Sanballat and Tobias and Gresham were enemies from within – they were false Jews – they could not claim registry.

God is redefining relationships.

Nehemiah 13:23-31

- 23 **In those days I also saw that the Jews had married women from Ashdod, Ammon and Moab.**
- 24 **As for their children, half spoke in the language of Ashdod, and none of them was able to speak the language of Judah, but the language of his own people.**
- 25 So I contended with them and cursed them and struck some of them and pulled out their hair, and made them swear by God, **"You shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor take of their daughters for your sons or for yourselves.**
- 26 **"Did not Solomon king of Israel sin regarding these things? Yet among the many nations there was no king like him, and he was loved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel; nevertheless the foreign women caused even him to sin.**
- 27 **"Do we then hear about you that you have committed all this great evil by acting unfaithfully against our God by marrying foreign women?"**
- 28 **Even one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was a son-in-law of Sanballat the Horonite, so I drove him away from me.**
- 29 Remember them, O my God, because **they have defiled the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and the Levites.**
- 30 Thus I purified them from everything foreign and appointed duties for the priests and the Levites, each in his task,
- 31 and I arranged for the supply of wood at appointed times and for the first fruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.
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Moab and Ammon were descendants of LOT. They resulted from the incestuous relationship between Lot and his daughters. Moab = 'What Father' – questions the need for fathering. Produces someone that looks like a father but mocks the spirit of fathering.

They could not produce a pure language – they could not speak the language of Judah – i.e. speaking the apostolic language – the pure frequency. Sanballat son marries the daughter of the Priest; Tobias son marries into the treasury.

Ezra 2:59-69

- 59 Now these are those who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addan and Immer, but **they were not able to give evidence of their fathers' households** and their descendants, whether they were of Israel:
- 60 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, 652.
- 61 Of the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and he was called by their name.
- 62 **These searched among their ancestral registration**, but they could not be located; therefore they were considered unclean and excluded from the priesthood.
- 63 The governor said to them that they should not eat from the most holy things until a priest stood up with Urim and Thummim.
- 64 The whole assembly numbered 42,360,
- 65 besides their male and female servants who numbered 7,337; and they had 200 singing men and women.
- 66 Their horses were 736; their mules, 245;
- 67 their camels, 435; their donkeys, 6,720.
- 68 Some of the heads of fathers' households, when they arrived at the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem, offered willingly for the house of God to restore it on its foundation.
- 69 According to their ability they gave to the treasury for the work 61,000 gold drachmas and 5,000 silver minas and 100 priestly garments.

There will be a major separation of fathers and sons. Some will leave you.

Matthew 13:24-30

- 24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who **sowed good seed in his field**.
- 25 "But while his men were sleeping, **his enemy** came and **sowed tares** among the wheat, and went away.
- 26 "But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the **tares became evident also**.
- 27 "The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'
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- 28 "And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?'
- 29 "But he said, 'No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them.
- 30 '**Allow both to grow together until the harvest**; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ' "

First parable : You have to listen to a preacher – and to the measure you hear, it will produce in you 30, 60 or 100 fold.

Second parable – wheat and tares

Matthew 13:36-43

- 36 Then He left the crowds and **went into the house**. And His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."
- 37 And He said, "The **one who sows** the good seed is the **Son of Man**,
- 38 and the **field is the world**; and as for the **good seed**, **these are the sons of the kingdom**; and the tares are the sons of the evil one;
- 39 and the **enemy who sowed them is the devil**, and the **harvest is the end of the age**; and the **reapers are angels**.
- 40 "So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.
- 41 "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather **out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness**,
- 42 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- 43 "Then **the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father**. He who has ears, let him hear.

He explains the parable IN THE HOUSE

- Sower = son of man
- Field = world
- Good seed = sons of the kingdom (In first parable the seed = word) Now the word becomes flesh and dwells among us.
- Tares = sons of the devil
- Enemy = devil
- Harvest = end of the age (suntelleo= summarization of the ages throughout time – the last eon of the last point – the last moment if human history)
- Reapers = angels = messengers = apostolic grace
- Gather up those who are false sons; there comes a time to cast Hagar and her bond son out of the house because it hinders and mocks the true son

Out of his kingdom = God has permitted these false sons to be in the kingdom – God has permitted the false to be the Kingdom ; not everyone in the church is a true son.

Lawlessness = loveless-ness

Kingdom of their Father = This is the only parable which speaks of the 'kingdom of their father'

Righteous will shine forth as the SUN in the kingdom of their father

Malachi 4:1-6

- 1 "For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze," says the Lord of hosts, "so that **it will leave them neither root nor branch.**"
- 2 "But for you who fear My name, **the sun of righteousness** will rise with **healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.**
- 3 "You will **tread down the wicked**, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing," says the Lord of hosts.
- 4 "Remember the law of **Moses My servant**, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel.
- 5 "Behold, I am **going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.**
- 6 "**He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.**"

Verse 1 Root = father
 Branch = son
 i.e. no genealogy, no father , no son produced ; nothing to show for their works.

Calf skipping = sign of vitality, of joy, of excitement

This will be fulfilled at the end of the harvest – it is currently being fulfilled. Fathers and Sons are being connected by the spirit of Elijah. We have to weed out every evil in our churches.

Session 15

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Principles Governing Fatherin,

Romans 4:1 - 25

- 1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found?
- 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.
- 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."
- 4 Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due.
- 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,
- 6 just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:
- 7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, And whose sins have been covered.
- 8 "Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account."
- 9 Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, "Faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness."
- 10 How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised;
- 11 and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them,

- 12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, **but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.**
- 13 For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.
- 14 For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified;
- 15 for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation.
- 16 For this reason it is by faith, in order that it **may be in accordance with grace**, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, **who is the father of us all,**
- 17 (as it is written, "**A father** of many nations have **I made** you") in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.
- 18 In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become **a father of many nations** according to that which had been spoken, "**So shall your descendants be.**"
- 19 Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb;
- 20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, **giving glory to God,**
- 21 and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.
- 22 Therefore it was also credited to him as righteousness.
- 23 **Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him,**
- 24 but for **our sake also**, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,
- 25 He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

We have to **believe and obey**. By this we step into divine privilege. We do not earn it by doing anything. We must **BELIEVE**. Abraham Believed and it was 'reckoned' as righteous.

Abraham is our Father through Christ; he was reckoned righteous – then so are we.

V.13: world = cosmos = i.e. not just earth but everything in the spatial world; hence Abraham is the father of the promise and that **we will inherit the cosmos**. You have to believe.

V.14 : natural Israel was not the only recipient of the promise; we have more right to the covenant promise than the natural Jew.

Descendant = sperma = Seed for sowing ;
Sons are seeds according to the parable in Matthew 13. Sons will be sown into the earth

= **Seed springing out of what is sown.**
Sons are seed which also produce seed to be sown = trans-generational principle

= Descendants which can be traced back to one father

N.B. : Abraham is father of many nations, so are his sons – CLAIM THIS PROMISE IN YOUR NATION.

We should father cities and nations. See the image of father in the Son – so that you do not see 'son', but you see 'Father'

Abraham was 75 when he left Ur. 25 years later, Isaac was born. From barrenness he bore a son. **HIS BELIEF** in the face of impossibility, caused him to triumph. Believe that you will **RULE THE EARTH**, even in the face of some of your present 'barren' realities. Sons must rule the earth.

Galatians 3: 24-29

- 24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.
- 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.
- 26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
- 27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
- 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
- 29 And if you **belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.**

'In Christ' = in the name of Father, name of Son and name of Holy Spirit

Promise = inherit the earth as sons of God conformed to the image of the Godhead

If you do not step into what God gave to Abraham, then the blood of spiritual responsibility for the ruin of the earth will be placed on your shoulders.

Abram = lofty father; God starts with a man whose names means 'FATHER'

Genesis 12:1-3

- 1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives **And from your father's house**, To the land which I will show you;
- 2 And I will make you **a great nation**, And I will **bless you**, And make your **name great**;
And so you shall be **a blessing**;
- 3 And I will **bless those who bless** you, And the **one who curses you I will curse**.
And **in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.**"

Families = the new nation = the household

Abraham had to disconnect from everything in the natural. Do you want to be fathered by Abraham's promise?

Learn how to disconnect from inaccurate locations.

Jesus is the son of David, son of Abraham. You cannot be cursed; you are blessed.

Genesis 14:17-24

- 17 Then after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).
- 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High.
- 19 He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;
- 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand."
He gave him a tenth of all.
- 21 The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give the people to me and take the goods for yourself."
- 22 Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have sworn to the Lord God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth,
- 23 that I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, for fear you would say, 'I have made Abram rich.'
- 24 "I will take nothing except what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their share."

Whatever has been given to Abraham, has been given to us.

Acsah wanted the upper springs – she was given both the upper and lower springs (heavens and the earth).

Genesis 15:1-6

- 1 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, **I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great.**"

- 2 Abram said, "O Lord God, what will You give me, since **I am childless**, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"
- 3 And Abram said, "Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir."
- 4 Then behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; but **one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir.**"
- 5 And He took him outside and said, "**Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.**" And He said to him, "**So shall your descendants be.**"
- 6 Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Abraham wanted sons as his inheritance

'Count the Stars' : Count = caphar = study how the **stars tell the story** of the Creator – they function as **a scribe**.

Psalm 19:1-4

- 1 The **heavens are telling of the glory of God**; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.
- 2 Day to day **pours forth speech**, And night to night **reveals knowledge**.
- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words; **Their voice** is not heard.
- 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun,

The stars prophesy of the handiwork of the God. Now sons will come out of Abraham – they will declare the enigmas and mysteries of God. You sons will become the new chancellors of the mysteries of God. 'Stars' speak about the sons of God

Genesis 17:1-21

- 1 Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; **Walk before Me, and be blameless.**
- 2 "I will establish My covenant between Me and you, And **I will multiply you exceedingly.**"
- 3 Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,
- 4 "As for Me, behold, **My covenant is with you**, And you will be **the father of a multitude of nations.**
- 5 "No longer shall your name be called Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; For I will make you the **father of a multitude of nations.**
- 6 "I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you.
- 7 "I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.
- 8 I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

- 9 God said further to Abraham, "Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.
- 10 "This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised.
- 11 "And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you.
- 12 "And every male among you who is eight days old shall be circumcised throughout your generations, a servant who is born in the house or who is bought with money from any foreigner, who is not of your descendants.
- 13 "A servant who is born in your house or who is bought with your money shall surely be circumcised; thus shall My covenant be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.
- 15 Then God said to Abraham, "**As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.**
- 16 "I will bless her, and indeed I will give you a son by her. Then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."
- 17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"
- 18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before You!"
- 19 But God said, "No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.
- 20 "As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him, and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall become the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.
- 21 "**But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year.**"

The thing that God gives you first, give it back to God.

Genesis 22:16-17

- 16 and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this thing and **have not withheld your son, your only son,**
- 17 **indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies.**
- 18 "**In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice**

Gates = places of influence

We must father people to occupy key positions in society. Spiritual fathers should father sons to occupy key gates. By this we will change cities. Release those of your sons who are called to function in these places (even if they cannot be in church physically as regularly as you would like to see them). Have a conquest mentality – possess the gates of the enemy.

Gen 26:1-4

- 1 Now there was a famine in the land, besides the previous famine that had occurred in the days of Abraham. So Isaac went to Gerar, to Abimelech king of the Philistines.
- 2 The Lord appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; stay in the land of which I shall tell you.
- 3 "**Sojourn in this land and I will be with you and bless you, for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham.**
- 4 "**I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;**

Gen 26:23, 24

- 23 Then he went up from there to Beersheba.
- 24 The Lord appeared to him the same night and said, "**I am the God of your father Abraham; Do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you, and multiply your descendants, For the sake of My servant Abraham.**"

Prophecy: There will be the release of land acquisition and buying of property –for those who will truly plug into this word. Within 12 months many will come into significant land acquisition and ownership.

*Covenant with an Accurate Father – a Key to
Dominion*

The practice of father and sons still evades us – hence we need to revisit these issues.

Malachi 2:7-9

- 7 **"For the lips of a priest should preserve knowledge, and men should seek instruction from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.**
- 8 **"But as for you, you have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to stumble by the instruction; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi,"** says the Lord of hosts.
- 9 **"So I also have made you despised and abased before all the people, just as you are not keeping My ways but are showing partiality in the instruction.**

The task of the priest was to be an effective messenger. They corrupted the covenant of Levi. As a result of this, God says, "I will make the people hate you – a chasm between you and the people". Messengers have corrupted the message. Learn to develop yourself in the message. Your main job is to be an accurate messenger – If you violate this, there will be division (clergy – laity division); many congregations hate their shepherds. There is an underlying animosity.

The remedy is found in Malachi 4:15,16 : TURNING OF THE HEARTS OF FATHERS TO SONS AND SONS TO FATHERS SO THAT THE CURSE ON THE EARTH CAN BE BROKEN

Elijah would destroy this chasm so that father and son can be turned to each other.

The father-Son relationship implies

1. a **connection** between the two generations
2. an **equalization** between father and son (Paul called Timothy, 'My like-minded son' – Greek = isopsuchos = equal-souled son = implies Timothy THOUGHT, FELT and DECIDED as would Paul would have done)
3. a **co-operation**

If this does not take place, the curse will prevail. Example – there is the persistent failure of many Christians – constantly plagued with adversity where they have been the architect of that adversity. Also in the government structures of churches, e.g., elders controlling the set man of the house. You cannot apply reformation principles in a cursed structure

Manifestations of the curse : Strife , premature death , lack of the Word, inaccurate location of believer; churches governed by lame and the blind; Jezebellian systems, certain mindsets, Absalom, Korah churches, churches as leper colonies; networks may be a leper colony; functioning in an abnormal environment, etc.

A curse does not respond to fasting, prayer, praise, to hearing a message. **This has one CURE. The turning of the heart of the father to the son and son to the father. This connection is the cure.**

Father-Son wineskin is not accepted in some circles. Father-Son wineskin, if we are not careful, could become the same as the Shepherding Movement of the 1970's. Here the son was controlled by the Father – the son could not make any decisions; also violated the authority of the shepherd local church; there was oaths, vows and signing of ... ; the shepherd was to be obeyed because he was in authority, irrespective of whether he was right or wrong.

Characteristics of Fathering

1. The Fathering Grace is Genderless

The grace fathers you, and not the gender

2. This Fathering Grace is beyond Biological Fathering.

In biological fathering you are limited by numbers – how many sons you have. Spiritual Fathering Grace allows you to father multitudes.

3. **Spiritual Fathering is not Restricted by Distance**

1 Cor 5:3-5

- 3 For I, on my part, **though absent in body** but **present in spirit**, have already judged him who has so committed this, **as though I were present**.
- 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, **when you are assembled**, and **I with you in spirit**, with the power of our Lord Jesus,
- 5 I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

4. **The Fathering Grace is not Determined by Time Spent**

Epaphras had just one encounter with Paul – went to Colosse – plant the church and presented the church to Paul. One encounter was all he needed.

Paul only spent two Sabbaths in Thessalonica.

5. **Fathering Grace can be transmitted Trans-generationally**

Hezekiah accessed grace from David, many generations before.

A JOB Description of a Father

- A good father **is a friend to his sons**, is intimate with them, protects them.
- A good father **favours his son above his slave**. Slaves stay because of captivity but not because of covenant. Do mention publicly who your sons are because the slaves in the house will try to kill him. This is a day of systematic dialogue – like Paul did – reasoning in the synagogue. David favoured Mephibosheth above Ziba, who then served Mephibosheth.
- A father **allows the voice of God to prevail in the house**. Joseph did not give birth to Jesus, did not choose his name nor his destiny. He allowed the voice of God to prevail.
- A good father **enjoys his son**

THE VITAL NECESSITY TO SONS TURNING TO THE RIGHT FATHER

The son must turn to a father and not to an inaccurate relationship, e.g. with a Delilah. Discern relationships accurately. A Delilah relationship will take you into the valley of Zorek; will tell you lies, make you fall asleep on its lap, indulgence on lap, activate the Philistine in your life, does not carry a knife to circumcise you, but a scissors to cut your hair. Hair = anointing and grace.

Apostles doctrine , fellowship breaking of bread and prayers – this order is very important. If as a pastor, you do not have a love for doctrine, your salvation is questionable.

There are those who are masquerading as ‘fathers’ – these are Delilahs. Discern who is a true father. Do not connect with Saul who wants to kill David. (David : Ducking ministry, Cave ministry, Wilderness Ministry, Sanitarian Ministry)

Many fathers match the description of Saul. They want to kill David who is emerging. How would you handle someone who leaves your church and starts a church next to you? People are not yours; they are God’s. In Luke 15, the Father said nothing when his son leaves his house. Treat people with respect and dignity.

There false fathers like Laban who milked Jacob for twenty years ; Uzziah blocked the vision of God in Isaiah ; etc.

The inaccurate father-son connection will not break the curse. Your father is the man who has your interest in heart. When you find an accurate father how do you disconnect from the inaccurate father?

Look at how the **Curses were broken through covenantal joining.**

Ruth 1:1-6

- 1 Now it came about in the days when **the judges governed**, that there was **a famine in the land**. And a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab with his wife and his two sons.
- 2 The name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife, Naomi; and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. Now they entered the land of Moab and remained there.
- 3 Then Elimelech, **Naomi’s husband, died**; and she was left with her two sons.
- 4 They took for themselves Moabite women as wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. And they lived there about ten years.
- 5 Then both **Mahlon and Chilion also died**, and the woman was bereft of her two children and her husband.
- 6 **Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the land of Moab, for she had heard in the land of Moab that the Lord had visited His people in giving them food.**

In the days when Judges ruled - and not fathers – the consequences were

1. Inaccurate migration to Moab
2. Famine in the land
3. Widows Houses

How is the curse broken ?

Ruth 1:16-18

- 16 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; **for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.**
- 17 "Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the Lord do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me."
- 18 When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her

Ruth initiates a covenant with Naomi

Ruth is the one who pursues Naomi – the son runs after the father – Elisha runs after Elijah; Elisha was the one who pursued. In Luke 15, the father does not run after the one son who went astray. Do not wear yourself out by running after people.

'Where to you go I will go, where you lodge I will lodge' : your sons will support you willingly

'You people shall be my people' : Taking ownership of the other sons. You also take other sons of the father's family

'There I will be buried' : A life long relationship

Follow your father as long as he is following Christ. Paul said, 'Follow me AS I follow Christ'

Ruth 2:11-12

- 11 Boaz replied to her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know.
- 12 "May the Lord reward your work, and your wages be full from the Lord, **the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge.**"

Those who keep covenant will always be noticed. You have come under the wings of the Lord God of Israel, by covenanting with accurate spiritual father. Ruth gleaned amongst the reapers, then she dwelt with her mother-in-law. **Dwell = means to be married = permanence in relationship.** If you are meeting once a month in your city, your city is cursed. Meet frequently. Dwell together.

Observe the Instructions from a Covenantal Father Relationship :

Ruth 3:2-5 "Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself and put on your best clothes, and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. "It shall be when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies, and you shall go and **uncover his feet and lie down**; then he will tell you what you shall do." She said to her, "All that you say I will do."

Five instructions were given : 1) Wash yourself

- 2) Anoint yourself
- 3) Dress yourself
- 4) Go down yourself
- 5) Prostrate Yourself

From this moment onwards, as Ruth obeyed Naomi's instructions, she moves from

- a) Boaz' Feet to Boaz' Bosom
- b) A Widow to a Wife

1. Naomi	<u>Identified</u>	Ruth's	Destiny
2. Naomi	<u>Trained</u>	Ruth for her	Destiny
3. Naomi	<u>Sent</u>	Ruth into her	Destiny
4. Naomi	<u>Positioned</u>	Ruth in her	Destiny

- c) Obscurity to Renown

Ruth began the great grandmother of David who produced Jesus.

Ruth broke the curse through accurate covenant.

Accurate connection is vital. In a given city there is more than one grace carrier. Many despise their local grace carriers. Africa has an unnatural weakness for international speakers. This is like the generic market in the church. Breaking the curse in a local church is still primitive. Discern the father in the city and discern the enemies of the father in the city (e.g. fraternalists ; denominations, para-church movements) Institutions do not carry grace.

Some claim healing and it is not taking place. The placebo effect is real. Jesus' healing was genuine. The reformation has to produce its Lazarus.

The moment the prodigal son connected with his Father, the curse was broken. **True connection demands both covenantal joining and obedience.** Mephibosheth was connected with David, his curse (Lodebar = dry place) was broken. The table of your father can hide your handicap.

Widow of Zarephath – gave her firstfruit = symbol of covenant = she builds a penthouse ; curse of bareness was broken. The Gibeonites disguised themselves and covenanted with Joshua.

Do not connect with those who are not grace carriers.

Your instructor brought you to the school gate.

[There are : uncles, widows, brothers, etc. masquerading as fathers]

Jesus - The Everlasting Father

THE PRE-EMMINENT FATHER – Jesus

Isaiah 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, **Eternal Father**, Prince of Peace.

Col 1:15-20

- 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
- 16 **For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.**
- 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
- 18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.
- 19 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,
- 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

FATHERHOOD PRINCIPLES FROM THE LIFE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Jesus never referred to Himself as father, yet He was.

As we read the following scriptures, substitute the word 'disciple' with 'son'. **A son is SEED, and not just a follower.** The word, 'disciple' never appears after the book of Acts. Jesus was **endeavoring to produce SONS**

Matthew 4:17-19

- 17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
18 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.
19 And He said to them, "**Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.**"

Jesus recognizes Two SONS by the spirit. You will recognize those that will become true sons of yours.

'FOLLOW ME'

A father will give a directive which is 'follow me'. They had a choice to make to yield or go back fishing. Jesus gave them a promise if they followed him. : 'I will Make you fishes of men'. Jesus was functioning in a pattern that His heavenly father had already established. Jesus gave these two men an opportunity to step into their destiny. **God always calls you to ELEVATION.** You will not be demoted. At times it might seem that you are becoming 'less than'. They were going to go from 'fishers of fish' to 'fishers of men'.

Sometimes God has to probe and prod us along into our destiny. A Good father will never force you into a specific direction – he will probe you – nudge you – invite you to come along – the decision is yours.

Matthew 5:20-22

- 20 **Immediately they left** their nets and **followed Him.**
21 Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and **He called them.**
22 **Immediately they left** the boat and their father, and **followed Him.**

There is a place for preaching and teaching. Jesus taught in the synagogues and preached the kingdom to the masses. Teaching ministers to the maturing believer. Preaching reaches out and provokes those not in the kingdom or those who are weak. **Preaching provokes; teaching builds.** Ministers get stuck in preaching – it is provocative – it elicits a specific response. Some only preach to the hurting – because we like the responses of people. Preachers and the people they preach to become addicted to this kind of ministry. Learn how to minister with wisdom.

Matthew 5:1 Then Jesus **saw the crowds,** He **went up on the mountain;** and after He sat down, **His disciples came to Him.**

Do not get seduced by multitudes or crowds. Jesus retreated from multitudes to spend some time with sons.

In Matthew 5, 6 and 7 Jesus ministered to his sons – the so called ‘sermon on the mount’.

Matthew 5:1-2

- 1 When Jesus **saw the crowds**, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His **disciples came to Him**.
- 2 He **opened His mouth** and began **to teach them**, saying,

His disciples came to him. Sons will run to the father. There is a word you carry for the multitude and a different word for sons.

Matt. 5:3-12 : Beatitudes

Jesus is saying, ‘Let me change the way you have been thinking – change from carnal thought to spiritual thought’. Be renewed in the spirit of your mind. There are different paradigms in the kingdom of God.

Matt 5:13-16 : ‘You are’ Declarations dealing with IDENTITY

Now he says ‘You are the salt of the earth ‘- Fathers **SPEAK PROPHETICALLY** into the destinies of their sons.

There is salt used in the OT that was used to fertilize the land. You are the fertilizer of the earth.

You are the Light of the World. Light = ‘phos’. You can see the effect of light. When light shows up, you know it is present.

Some have natural powerful charisma. E.g. ‘When Bill Clinton walks into a room, he takes all the air out of it’.

This is the same of us in the Spirit. We must walk with dynamism and power. We are salt of the earth and light of world. We are the pre-eminent people on the earth. Light dispels darkness. The brightest place in any community should be where we are. No light is placed under a bushel

Matt 5:17-20 : HOW YOU FUNCTION IN YOUR WALK WITH THE LORD – IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

v. 20 “For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matt 5:21- 24 : KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

A father has to teach his son how to function in kingdom relationships. In the Body of Christ, very small things can cause a brother to turn against brother. Many get offended and leave their destiny because of offense.

Teach your sons how to resolve conflict. Learn how to choose your battles. Some people lose everything just to win one small battle. Learn how to ‘take in on the chin’ and keep on walking. Learn how to handle it when people press your trigger.

V2.5 Agree with adversary quickly

Matt 5:27-28 : MASTER YOUR FLESH

Learn how to master your flesh. Place your flesh under subjection

Matt 5:29,30 : SELF-MANAGEMENT / SELF GOVERNMENT

Sons have to be taught how to handle their personal finances. Sons ultimately should become maintenance-free.

Matt 5:31 : DO NOT PLAY GAMES WITH THE MARRIAGE COVENANT

Matt 5: 33-37 : DEALING WITH INTEGRITY

Be honest ; let your yes be yes and your no be no

Matt 5:38- 42 :

Matt 5: 43-47 : LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AND ENEMIES

Matt 6:1ff : MOTIVES

Matt 6:8 : PRAYER

Matt 6:16 : MOTIVES

Matt 6:19 : ISSUES OF MATERIALISM

Matt 7: 15 – 16 : DISCERNING THE TRUE FROM THE FALSE

Learn fathering from Jesus, the pre-eminent Father.

Exhortation :

Faith

Reggie John

Hebrews 11:1-3

- 1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- 2 For by it the men of old gained approval.
- 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

Assurance = to be placed or to stand ; to be put under; frequently applied as a person in the Godhead

Substance = hupostasis

Heb. 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ..

Nature = also is 'hupostasis'.

Conviction = elegchos =

Reproof = same word as conviction

Prosecution and defense; the accused becomes the criminal through conviction by evidence.

Faith is a person – Jesus Christ

Romans 10:1-9

- 1 Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.

- 2 For I testify about them that they have a zeal for *God*, but not in accordance with knowledge.
- 3 For not knowing about *God's* righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of *God*.
- 4 For *Christ* is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.
- 5 For *Moses* writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness.
- 6 But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring *Christ* down),
- 7 or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring *Christ* up from the dead)."
- 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"—that is, the **word of faith which we are preaching**,
- 9 that if you confess with your mouth **Jesus as Lord**, and believe in your heart that *God* raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

Word of Faith = the word we are preaching – comes back to the centrality of *Jesus*. You have to be sent to proclaim to the Word of Faith. In the days of *Eli*, the Word of the Lord was rare.

Hebrews 11:4 Who told *Abel* to offer a better sacrifice? He must have heard *God* somehow. *Cain* never had access to the source that *Abel* had, hence you cannot expect him to offer the same sacrifice.

By faith *Enoch* walked with *God* for 365 years. What informed your process to bring you to where you are? You can stake your life on a Word from *God* because *God's* son is His Word. Trust *God* implicitly like *Abraham* did. *Abraham*, as a father transferred his faith to his son, *Isaac* (cf. he did not oppose *Abraham's* intent to sacrifice him). *Isaac's* view of *Abraham's* word is : 'When my father speaks, it is equivalent to *God* speaking'.

Submit everything to *God* in faith.

Kingdom Synergies in Fathering

Focus : Fathering in the context of church and outside of the church. We need fathering to take place in all sectors of life. There are specific PROTOCOLS to be observed.

When you speak, realize you are speaking, teaching or preaching to the whole world – your frequency or line goes out into all domains of society. We are the teachers of the nations.

Romans 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Rev 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

Synergies in Fathering – the bringing together of the various domains

Matt 21:28-32

28 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard.'

29 "And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he regretted it and went.

30 "The man came to the second and said the same thing; and he answered, 'I will, sir'; but he did not go.

- 31 "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, **"Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you."**
- 32 "For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the **tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him**; and you, seeing this, **did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him.**

The mandate of the kingdom is been given to the church, the holy nation. Jesus wants to manifest the kingdom. Jesus is giving us an opportunity to manifest the kingdom. We have a limited time-line in which to do this.

Jude 5,6

- 5 Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.
- 6 And **angels who did not keep their own domain**, but abandoned their proper abode, He has **kept in eternal bonds** under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

Domain = 'place'; Angels failed to manage their domain – to observe protocol in the things they were assigned to do. God had to chain them in darkness – He retired them – moved them from their place of authority and responsibility because they became disruptive to God's purposes. **There is authority that God would like to invest in the church, but we first understand protocol and the domain of fathering across all sectors, e.g. fathering governments, business.**

When you are 'chained' – you have limited movement. We are currently limited in some of our operations as a church. This is because we do not know how to maintain our domains.

Example: Government in a nation does not just function as government. There are the following sectors

- a. Legislature - Parliament
- b. Executive - Government
- c. Judiciary - Courts

Each part must understand their domain to operate effectively

Government governs but does not make laws. Parliament makes laws. The judiciary ensures the laws are kept – administering justice. Government manage the policy to ensures decisions of the courts.

Co-understanding, co-submission, co-ordination and communication is key. None of the three is a law unto itself. A president can dissolve parliament; Parliament can impeach a president; Government can fire the judiciary.

Also **co-independence** of the other, yet not isolated from the other.

Kingdom Thinking : God is running more things in the world than just church. Everything must serve the purposes of God. The church must enable and teach everyone concerned. **The church must not be disruptive to God's macro and multifaceted purposes.** When the government disrupts the church, God judges government. God is working a much bigger scheme of things. His intent is this –“The kingdoms of this world must become the kingdoms of our Lord”.

EXAMPLES OF THE DOMAINS OF FATHERING

1. FAMILY

If you neglect this domain – your voice will be chained by God.

Read Jeremiah 35 :

God used the example of Jonadab, the son of Rechab as a father and his family. Rechab instructed his sons not to drink wine, etc. This was for their own protection. God honoured and commended the role of this man. We have to train the families. There is a case also where families abandon everything to the government. When a government tries to take over in the family what the father should do, God will chain that government. **Disruptive relationships is a violation of protocol. God will limit your authority. God will even limit your resources.**

2. SPIRITUAL DOMAIN

It is not the duty government to run everything in the city. See Ex 28 – (see previous notes) - Aaron the priest spiritually bore the nation on his shoulders and heart. **The church must take care of certain things.** It is the domain of government to allocate land. It is the domain of business to finance the purchase of the land. When there is no recognition of this, God will chain the government or business community because they have abandoned their responsibility.

Number 6:22-27

22 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

- 23 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:
- 24 **The Lord bless you, and keep you;**
- 25 **The Lord make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;**
- 26 **The Lord lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.'**
- 27 **"So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them.**

The nation must have righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Principalities at times control governments (see book of Daniel). Every former president wants to establish some kind of 'Peace Foundation', whereas, in their term of office they made war. Demonic forces can use presidents as their puppets. Financial principalities manipulate certain governmental officials. They are not equipped to handle evil principalities. Daniel encouraged Darius (Dan. 11:1)

Elisha the prophet and Namaan the Syrian captain. Naaman was a 'father' to his people – a father of military pursuits. But he needed spiritual fathering from Elisha. **He had to submit to a difficult word from Elisha even though he thought he knew better.** Namman was trying to instruct the prophet how to father him. So long as he disobeyed, he remained chained to his leprosy. As he obeyed, his leprosy left him. God gave victory to Namaan militarily, but God was not with him so along he tried to instruct Elisha.

3. POLITICAL DOMAIN

Some fathers are 'multi-domain fathers' (business and spiritual ,etc. – e.g. Joseph, David, Abraham)

Romans 12:3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

Do not violate protocol in GRACE allocation. Function where God has equipped you to function.

Esther : When she went into the palace, Mordecai was a spiritual father over her; When she was queen, she was in government but ignorant of why she was there. Mordecai then fathered her into her purpose.

Esther 4:13-14

- 13 Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not imagine that you in the king's palace can escape any more than all the Jews.
- 14 "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"

Esther's Response : she gets the nations involved

Esther 4:15-17

- 15 Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai,
16 **"Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day.** I and my maidens also will fast in the same way. And thus I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish."
17 So Mordecai went away and did just as Esther had commanded him.

Mordecai himself now also becomes a political father himself administrating an empire from India to Ethiopia

Esther 10:1-3

- 1 Now King Ahasuerus laid a tribute on the land and on the coastlands of the sea.
2 And all the accomplishments of **his authority and strength, and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai to which the king advanced him,** are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Media and Persia?
3 For **Mordecai the Jew was second only to King Ahasuerus,** and great among the **Jews and in favor with his many kinsmen, one who sought the good of his people and one who spoke for the welfare of his whole nation.**

Many government officials more quickly submit themselves to a man of God than some so called believers in the church.

Spiritual, Political and Economic Empowerment must work synergistically.

Daniel: God opened doors for him – Daniel became the chief of the magicians and astrologers – Daniel sat at the gate – no magician would go to Nebuchadnezzar, except permitted by Daniel.

To simply have a born again president is not an answer (e.g. Burundi)

God will release us from the chains if we are true in our hearts concerned about the welfare of God's kingdom.

*Without Believing Sons, the Fathers will not be
Made Perfect*

The western mindset has the tendency to think that, 'Once you have got it, you have got it'. **Matt 13**: "... Hear the word of the kingdom and **does not understand** it". In eastern culture, they would not consider themselves as having understood, until **they have experienced it**. There is a famine of **the HEARING** of the Word of the Lord' You can study how to become a pilot, but until you actually jump into the cock-pit and fly, you are most dangerous.

Matthew 20: Labourers in the vineyard

Matthew 20:1-16

- 1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.
- 2 "When he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.
- 3 "And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the market place;
- 4 and to those he said, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' And so they went.

Message

Translation

- 5 "Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did the same thing.
6 "And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day long?'
7 "They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.'
8 "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last group to the first.'
9 "When those hired about the eleventh hour came, each one received a denarius.
10 "When those hired first came, they thought that they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius.
11 "When they received it, they grumbled at the landowner,
12 saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the scorching heat of the day.'
13 "But he answered and said to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?'
14 'Take what is yours and go, but I wish to give to this last man the same as to you.
15 'Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own? Or is your eye envious because I am generous?'
16 "So the last shall be first, and the first last.

Without **believing and obedient sons, the fathers will not be made perfect**. Some may feel 'we have taken the heat of the day'. God works differently. Some have to be trail blazers (eg Martin Luther). Our enemy hates what is happening. This move will **gain corporate momentum**. **The enemy will try everything to prevent us being together**. The young generations will come into this move an at alarmingly fast rate and be upgraded extremely rapidly and earn the same reward as those who have pioneered the move.

We have to have a deep inner focus. Peter said, 'By looking for it- we hasten the day of His return'.

N.B. : Stop hanging on to predictions and became the precipitators of the future.

Joshua crossing the Jordan – he had to put his feet into the water – no passivity.

Acts 10: While Peter was speaking the Holy Spirit fell on those who were listening. God will confirm His word with signs following. We are drawn to a living Word.

Heb 4: 12 For the word of God is **living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword**, and piercing as far as the **division of soul and spirit**, of both joints and marrow, and able to **judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart**

John 12:24-25 Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it

sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal.

You must come into the corporate dimension. In a corporate setting, you have access to manifold grace.

Do not be discouraged by the failure at the end of a long and valid process in God. In this season, **the corporate momentum will cause us to overcome.** Become part of the fulfillment of prophetic history. How hungry are you? Hunger will keep you on this road through diverse experiences. Have eager expectation.

If you still preserve individualism, you will align yourself with the spirit of antichrist

2 John 7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge **Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh.** This is the **deceiver and the antichrist.**

There is no perfection outside the corporate context.

Recall the proverbial saying: "*When banana leaves bunch, banana gets skinned*"

Malachi 4:5,6

- 5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.
- 6 "He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and bsmite the land with a curse

See the '**fathers as part of the cloud of witnesses, and sons still standing on the earth.** God is closing the gap between fathers who have gone on before and the sons who are left. There will be greater activity from heavenly hosts more and more. Those that have gone before are hovering closer. Jesus comes 'with those who have gone before'. Jesus is c - o - m - i - n - g - this is an ever-increasing, progressive reality.

Hebrews 11:39 - 12: 2

- 11:39 And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised,
- 11:40 because God had provided something better for us, **so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.**
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- 12: 1 Therefore, since we have so great a **cloud of witnesses surrounding us**, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- 12:2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Without us, there OT saints will not be perfected. Sons will perfect their fathers. The fruit validates the tree. This walk is not a sprint, but a 'marathon relay' – trans-generational – passing one from one to another.

Heb 13:7,8

- 7 Remember those **who led you, who spoke the word of God to you;** and considering the **result of their conduct, imitate their faith.**
- 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

i.e. "Imitate their faith, even if they have made mistakes, since Jesus is the same all the time" .

Jude 3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that **you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.**

Session 20

Frans Du Plessis

New Things

God is bringing the 'remnant' together. The remnant principle will have to be practically worked out.

Stop trying to impress God – this is religion. We have been polluted by religious mindsets. Be renewed in the spirit of your mind until your soul becomes exactly like your spirit.

God is upgrading all things, bringing greater clarity in the spirit. We must understand the end from God's perspective. Most of the church has a negative view about what is about to happen at the end. Many have a fear about the future.

Concerning heaven, it is not the ultimate for man. **Man was never created for heaven. Man fell, not from heaven, but from dominion – and so God purposes is to restore man, not to heaven, but to his position of dominion.** If man never sinned, heaven would be unnecessary. Man was created to live forever on the earth to manage it.

Psalm 115 – the heavens is the Lord, but the earth was made for man.

Heaven is the perfect waiting place. In revelation , in heaven, they cry 'How long?'- They really want to come back to the earth. The cry of the Spirit is Come, Lord Jesus come. It is the coming of the Lord and never the going of the church. Heaven is not our reward. God Himself is our inheritance and our exceeding great reward.

When you die you go to heaven to wait. Jesus is also waiting in heaven.

Hebrews 10:12-13

- 12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,
13 **waiting** from that time onward **until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet.**

Acts 3;18,19

- 19 "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;
20 and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,
21 whom **heaven must receive (i.e. restrain) until the period of restoration of all things** about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

Creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. We have to clear up the mess and bring divine order.

Romans 8:15-25

- 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"
16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,
17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.
18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
19 **For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.**
20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope
21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
22 **For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.**
23 And not only this, but also **we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.**
24 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees?
25 **But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.**

There is a corporate son – a son of perdition that sits in the temple of God – in the holy gathering of believers. This is not a reference to the literal temple in Israel. The anti-Christ spirit is amongst us presently. Daniel's week (7 years) – Christ fulfilled this – He was cut off in the middle of His time (after 3 and a half years) – he stopped all sacrifices for sin by his death (not the antichrist in the temple in Israel). Dispensationalist theology ends with a return to animal sacrifices in the temple in Israel – this is highly biblically erroneous

v. 18 – '*glory in us*'. There is no glory without suffering.

Many regard the references to 'horses' in the book of Revelation as a reference to demonic agencies – this is inaccurate. The devil has never owned a horse in his life. The horses in Revelation are the messengers of the Lord.

v.23 - Note – we are **eagerly awaiting** the coming of the Lord. – this 'eagerness' has no fear, but is filled with hope, joy and confidence. Our bodies will be redeemed.

Luke 12:49-52

- 49 "I **have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled!**
50 "But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!
51 "Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division;
52 for from now on five members in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three.
53 "They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Note : v. 1 division by fire

Luke 17:20-27

- 20 Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "**The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed;**
21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' **For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst.**"
22 And He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.
23 "They will say to you, 'Look there! Look here!' Do not go away, and do not run after them.
24 "For just like the lightning, when it flashes out of one part of the sky, shines to the other part of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in His day.
25 "**But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.**

- 26 "And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:
- 27 they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Those who were taken were not taken to heaven – they were destroyed. It is better to be left behind – actually 'left over'- a remnant.

When Israel lived in Egypt in Goshen – the hail fell over all of Egypt but not in Goshen . The hail in Revelation will not touch God's sons.

Rev 21:5 And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

'I make ALL THINGS NEW – not - 'make all new things'.

The Potter's house

Jer.18:3-6

- 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something on the wheel.
- 4 But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he remade it into another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make.
- 5 Then the word of the Lord came to me saying,
- 6 "Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

Potter took the spoilt clay and made it new

New = shub = make again, but not as from the start;
 from the same ;
 recover,
 refresh,
 reform

2 Peter 3:3-12

- 3 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts,
- 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

- 5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water,
 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.
 7 **But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.**
 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.
 11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,
 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

World = **cosmos** = the system (this is the not earth = soil – the planet)

Perish = **apolumi** = to destroy completely.

Yet the earth was not literally destroyed, but a previous order, a system was lost or destroyed. God wants to replace the world with the kingdom.

The world is a system (Love not the world – the lust of the flesh, eyes and pride of life). This system will be destroyed by fire (recall Luke 12:49 – Jesus wants to send fire on the earth)

What was perishing was not the earth, but the evil system governing the earth. Only Noah and his family was left.

The others were all taken in destruction. Ungodly people were taken in destruction (see verse 7 above)

v. 10 : Jesus will come as a thief. He is not a thief. He is a thief only to those who are in darkness, not to us who are children of light.

The day of the Lord is only a day of vengeance, but there years of his goodness.

Frans' Vision : standing in the middle of the ocean – turtle swimming towards me – quoted, “all the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God”.

God is about to invade all nations with his glory. We are in the completeness of time. We are going to see the accelerating of the glory flooding the earth. Last hour workers will get the same pay because they will do more work in less time – there be great equalization. Valleys and mountains will be equalized. A nation can be born in a day.

Heavens and earth ‘will pass away’

Pass away = **parerchomai** = draw near
 = press down

1st Heaven
3rd Earth
Heaven

3rd Heaven

Is 49:8

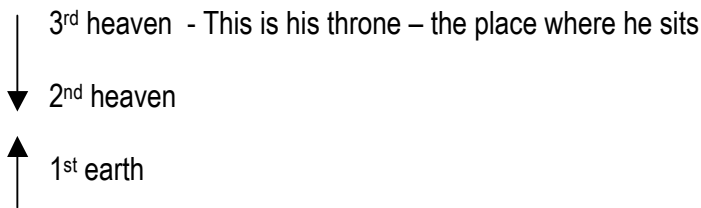
Thus says the Lord, "In a favorable time I have answered You, And in a day of salvation I have helped You; And I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people, **To restore the land**, to make them inherit the desolate heritages;

Heavens are pressing down upon us – the head of the Church will be connected to the Body of Christ. We will see the heavens and earth shaken – only the Kingdom will remain – there will be no end of his government and peace. The shaking will help separate the tares and wheat.

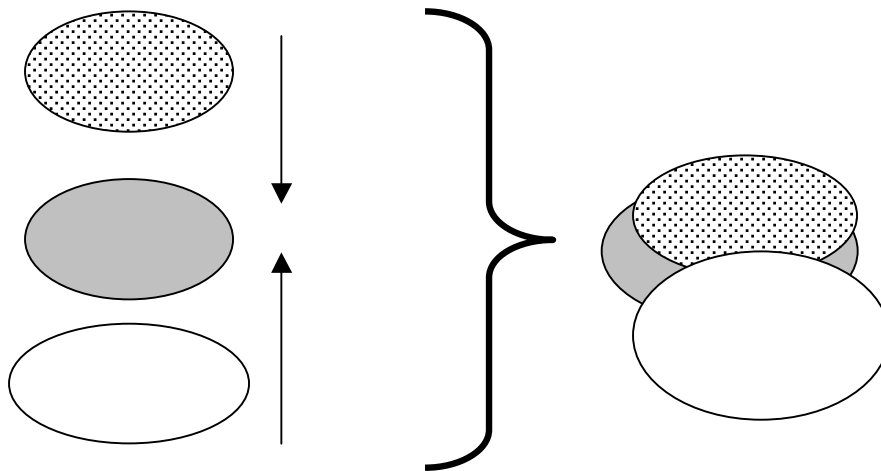
The Word in HIS mouth is like fire – it will burn up everything.

God is not building you a mansion – you are His mansion. There is no such thing as streets of gold. Revelations only speaks of one street – this is symbolic of Jesus, the 'Way'

Rev. 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And **the street of the city was pure gold**, like transparent glass



Throne of God moves down – earthy moves up; there will be a connection of heaven and earth.



Tabernacle of Moses : 3 Parts

Tabernacle of David :only 1 part – Christ in All – This is what God is restoring

'Elements will be burned up and melt'

Elements = stoica = elementary things – old order things (Paul used this word a few times)

Melt = **luo** = set free

Fire = fire of His presence – our God is a consuming fire – His sons are messengers of fire

Thus you better live in holiness – let your words be like fire.

God will make all things new

Session 21

Sagie Govender

Accurate Fathering in the City

Read Malachi 4:16-17

Focus : Fathers and Sons the city.

There is one church in the city made up of many local units (households). The set man of a local church has now got to connect with a resource within the city. There is maturation from the local church context to the city church context.

E.g. Baptism in the Holy Ghost – Joel prophesied it. In Acts, more took place than what was prophesied (speaking in tongues). Similarly this teaching is evolving from 'local' to 'city'. We need to break curses in the city by the set man in the city.

Most set men connect with fathers overseas, but they must also be connected to a resident grace carrier in the city. There may be more than one resource to a particular city. A group of ministers may relate to one apostolic grace – this represent one cluster. The head or father of each cluster must then relate to each other.

Local dwelling = local churches
Corporate temple = the apostolic resource (Father)

The temple was meant to resource the people.

Haggia 1:1-7

- 1 In the second year of Darius the king, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying,
- 2 "Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'This people says, "**The time has not come, even the time for the house of the Lord to be rebuilt.**" ' "
- 3 Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying,
- 4 "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house lies desolate?"
- 5 Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts, "**Consider your ways!**
- 6 "**You have sown much, but harvest little; you eat, but there is not enough to be satisfied; you drink, but there is not enough to become drunk; you put on clothing, but no one is warm enough; and he who earns, earns wages to put into a purse with holes.**"
- 7 Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Consider your ways!

4 Kinds of Damaged Resources

1. Undeveloped Resources

In Haggai God calls his people 'THIS' people because they have neglected the corporate temple in the city.

There are consequences to this (eg. no fruitfulness, holes in your pocket, etc.) v.7. God blows your blessings away.

No dew, no rain, no oil, water or no fruit because the corporate temple is undeveloped. These problems will not respond to prayer. An initiative must be taken.

2. Counterfeit Resource Centre

E.g. Temple of Jeroboam.

1 King 12:26-33

- 26 Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David.
- 27 "If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will return to their lord, even to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah."

- 28 So the king consulted, and **made two golden calves**, and he said to them, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; **behold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt.**"
- 29 He set **one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.**
- 30 Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as Dan.
- 31 And he made **houses on high places, and made priests from among all the people who were not of the sons of Levi.**
- 32 Jeroboam instituted a **feast in the eighth month on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast which is in Judah, and he went up to the altar**; thus he did in Bethel, sacrificing to **the calves which he had made**. And he stationed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.
- 33 Then he went up to the altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which **he had devised in his own heart**; and he instituted a feast for the sons of Israel and went up to the altar to burn incense.

Jeroboam created his own counterfeit 'Feast of Tabernacles' .

- Calves – apostolic doctrine
- Shrines – fellowship
- Priest – he violated the principle of the one bread.
- Prayer

He constructed a counterfeit temple.

3. Defunct Resources

The Ark of Covenant rested in many places before David relocated it in mount Zion – this was over a period of 40 years. There were two tabernacles. Tabernacle of Moses with no Ark of the Covenant because David relocated it to Mount Zion in his tent. The Tabernacle of Moses was now defunct. Zion was the accurate location. A counterfeit resource centre is one which has lost the ARK (with all that it symbolically represents)

4. Corrupted Temple of Ezekiel 8

God exposes the temple of God to Ezekiel – the image of jealousy was in the temple. All 70 elders were worshipping idols in the dark. 'Tammuz' – they celebrated the alleged resurrection of Tammuz. They worshipped the sun. God did not hear their cry. God will not hear the prayers from people within a corrupted temple. .

FIVE RESOURCES IN A CITY

Now look at some resources to pastors that claim Accuracy:

What of kind of resource do pastors get in a city? Human officiation is an essential component in this reformation. If you partake of these resources, then you are an accomplice to perpetuate the curse in the city.

1. **FRATERNAL**
2. **NETWORK**
3. **DENOMINATION**
4. **PARA-CHURCH**
5. **INDEPENDENT PASTOR**

These present themselves as fathers in the city. You can connect with that is inaccurate

1. **FRATERNAL = BROTHER = SQUARE**

- a. Many fraternals were started by good, sincere men. Pastors gather together on the **basis of fellowship- this is the main agenda**. They become group therapy sessions. You think that you are loved, yet it can be used to manipulate you. There is love without TRUTH – no apostolic doctrine. Leads to familiarity
- b. Fraternals **always resist residential apostolic grace**. cf. Joseph’s brothers resisted him. They are opposed to receive internal apostolic grace.
- c. Fraternals **have no covenant** ; no reliability, no unchanging love, no nobility , no intimacy , no protection, etc. The people that you fellowship with are people you would not want to take home with you.
- d. Fraternals **tolerate error**. No pressure on the attendee. No capacity to discipline because all have the rights of fellowship.
- e. In Fraternals, everyone has **co-equal in authority**. Not all of us have the same function. Opens the door to a spirit of ‘korah’ leaders of a fraternal is called a chairman – elected every two or three years. He cannot give spiritual leadership.
- f. Operates with **rotational preaching**. Built on flattery. Not every set man to a local church is able to speak to pastors.
- g. Acceptance of **democratic principles**. Laodecia = the rights of the people.
- h. **A Lack of Accountability**
- i. **Lack of Punctuality**
- j. **Irregular Attendance**
- k. **Failure to discipline aberrant members**
- l. Fraternal is like a square – **all side are equal and opposite to each other**

Ezekiel 19:1-4

- 1 "As for you, take up a lamentation for the princes of Israel
- 2 and say, 'What was your mother? A lioness among lions! She lay down among young lions, She reared her cubs.
- 3 'When she brought up one of her cubs, He became a lion, And he learned to tear his prey; He devoured men.
- 4 'Then nations heard about him; He was captured in their pit, And they brought him with hooks To the land of Egypt.

Here King Jehoz

Many 'lion relationships' – produces a lion that preys on men. Devours instead of equipping men.

God is judging this.

- Pit Bondage - you cannot deliver yourself
- Chain Bondage - limited movement
- Egyptian Bondage - kills seed – your sons will die

Fellowship without kingdom purpose is dangerous. The ones hindering the deliverance of a city is not the devil but inaccurately aligned pastors. Your attendance at fraternals validates the system and you will be held accountable. In Ezra, the brothers got together – no foundations were laid; only until the fathers and sons got together, the foundations were laid. Fraternals do not work. Dismantle it.

Let the grace carrier arise and allow men to voluntarily gather to him

2. NETWORK = STEP FATHER = TRIANGLE (PYRAMID)

Operates on set man principles.

- a. Practices **Nicolatianism**
- b. **Exclusivity** – secret
- c. Always **testifies of its set man – idolizes one man** ; If the set man is in darkness – the whole network is in darkness
- d,. **Does not build the city – they want to build the network.** Desire is colonization and enlists pastors. Robs the city of its resources

Ezek 19:5-9

- 5' When she saw, as she waited, That her hope was lost, She took another of her cubs And made him a young lion.
- 6 'And he walked about among the lions; He became a young lion, He learned to tear his prey; He devoured men.

- 7 'He destroyed their fortified towers And laid waste their cities; And the land and its fullness were appalled Because of the sound of his roaring.
- 8 'Then nations set against him On every side from their provinces, And they spread their net over him; He was captured in their pit.
- 9 'They put him in a cage with hooks And brought him to the king of Babylon; They brought him in hunting nets So that his voice would be heard no more On the mountains of Israel.

'Devours men' – allows sons in the network to become fathers. Some network leaders have sharp gifts of the Spirit – do not fall prey to their devices. In the year 2000 demonic manifestations suddenly stopped in churches – they battle has changed – we are dealing with new problems.

'Laid waste the city' - robs the city of its GDP

v.8-9 : God judges the inaccurate network

Judges 9:1-5

- 1 And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's relatives, and spoke to them and to the whole clan of the household of his mother's father, saying,
- 2 "Speak, now, in the hearing of all the leaders of Shechem, 'Which is better for you, that seventy men, all the sons of Jerubbaal, rule over you, or that one man rule over you?' Also, remember that I am your bone and your flesh."
- 3 And his mother's relatives spoke all these words on his behalf in the hearing of all the leaders of Shechem; and they were inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, "He is our relative."
- 4 They gave him seventy pieces of silver from the house of Baal-berith with which Abimelech hired worthless and reckless fellows, and they followed him.
- 5 Then he went to his father's house at Ophrah and killed his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men, on one stone. But Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left, for he hid himself

Abimelech killed his own brothers – he killed the fraternal to start a network.

Adonibezek

Judges 1:5-7

- 5 They found Adoni-bezek in Bezek and fought against him, and they defeated the Canaanites and the Perizzites.
- 6 But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued him and caught him and cut off his thumbs and big toes.
- 7 Adoni-bezek said, "Seventy kings with their thumbs and their big toes cut off used to gather up scraps under my table; as I have done, so God has repaid me." So they brought him to Jerusalem and he died there.

He cut off their thumbs and big toes. Thumbs – no apostolic grace; big toes – cannot walk great distances = psychological bondage. These are un-relating networks.

Some networks are 'Leper Colonies' – your face looks like a lion. Your nerve endings die – e.g. you get burned and not know it = loss of conviction of sin. People can lie without conscience. They will be cut off from the voice of God.

3. DENOMINATION = UNCLE = RECTANGLE

Rectangle – some sides are bigger than the others.

- a. **Sectarian**
- b. **Exclusivity**
- c. **Centralized government**
- d. **They own your property, and other assets**

Denominations are an abomination -- it is Jezebel. Suppresses the set man of the house.

- e. **Nicolatianism** (conquer and rule)

These systems will be dismantled. Babylon = institutionalized religion. Babylon wants to abolish apostolic culture. Nebuchadnezzar removed all the important components of the furniture = 4 pillars of apostolic culture. You miss the visitation of God because you are far removed; Babylon changes your language (Word of God); changes your diet (dispensationalism is food offered to idols – this is a cult). Study the end of Dispensationism is the return to animal sacrifices.

Babylon also changes your name. Ashpenaz here will make you a eunuch (it does not circumcise you); no aggression

Examples : Ahab and Zedekiah

Ezekiel 19:10

- 10 'Your mother was like a vine in your vineyard, Planted by the waters; It was fruitful and full of branches Because of abundant waters.
- 11 'And it had strong branches fit for scepters of rulers, And its height was raised above the clouds So that it was seen in its height with the mass of its branches.
- 12 'But it was plucked up in fury; It was cast down to the ground; and the east wind dried up its fruit. Its strong branch was torn off So that it withered; The fire consumed it.
- 13 'And now it is planted in the wilderness, In a dry and thirsty land.
- 14 'And fire has gone out from its branch; It has consumed its shoots and fruit, So that there is not in it a strong branch, A scepter to rule.'

God is cutting the water supply of this system = no revelation – no proceeding Word = habitation of demons

4. PARA-CHURCH = LINE= COUSIN

Concentrates on a single facet of ministry. It should relate to a local church and not vice versa. It derives its support from a local church.

5. INDEPENDENT PASTOR

Operates in isolation – exclusivity – resists apostolic impartation (Diotrephes) – does not relate to anyone in a city. He is a Moabite – you cannot trace his father. These are isolated, not relating to any one in the city – they only have international relationships.

Find a grace carrier in your city (a David). In 2 Sam 5 the nation discerned David. Grace is upon a man, and not upon an institution. Many connected with David – something happened in Zion. The lame and the blind in Zion were overcome as a result of the connection of father and son. Discern who is the grace carrier in your city that you should be connected to.

Zion was now called the 'City of David' = David's personality now gets imprinted on the city and the city gets delivered. This will be the major emphasis of this reformation in the next season.

Exhortation :

Beyond Perfected Sonship

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Based on the description of Ruth at the end of the book as 'SON' to Naomi, here is what the personalities in this narrative represent :

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| ➤ Naomi | = | Spiritual Father to Ruth |
| ➤ Ruth | = | Spiritual son to Naomi |
| ➤ Boaz has dual application | = | 1. Christ (primarily)
2. Spiritual Father to Ruth and Naomi |
| ➤ Obed | = | Fruit or Product of Accurate Joining / or
Accurate Fathering and Sonship |
| ➤ Orpah | = | Un-covenanted Sonship / Rebellious Sonship |

- **Elimelech** = Inaccurate Fathering based on external natural environment and not the Word of the Lord
- **Mahlon and Chilion** = Sons that whose destinies are aborted; Unproductive Sons, the product of Inaccurate Fathering

The end of matter - the outcome of a process – must determine how you view and study the process. The final product that materializes is ultimately the intent that we must look to. Thus, we must therefore study, and appraise everything prior to this final product in reference to the final product, both in terms of negative factors that would prevent the realization of the outcome, and also positive factors that will ensure the attainment of the outcome.

With this thought in mind, in interpreting and prophetically applying the truths in the book of Ruth to the present global church and lives of individual believers, it is important to recognize how the book starts, and how the book ends; but more especially how it ends, since the end reveals the intent of God through the process – the end manifests the intended outcome of God.

Observe:

THE START OF THIS NARRATIVE WHICH IS FOCUSED ON AN ORDINARY OR TYPICAL FAMILY UNIT IN BETHLEHEM :

Ruth 1:1-3

- 1 Now it came about in the days when **the judges governed**, that there was a famine in the land. And **a certain man** of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab with his wife and **his two sons**.
- 2 The name of the man was **Elimelech**, and the name of his wife, **Naomi**; and the names of his two sons were **Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah**. Now they entered the **land of Moab** and **remained there**.
- 3 Then Elimelech, Naomi's **husband, died**; and she was left with her two sons.
- 4 They took for themselves Moabite women as wives; the name of the one was **Orpah** and the name of the other **Ruth**. And they lived there about **ten years**.
- 5 Then both **Mahlon and Chilion also died**, and the woman was **bereft** of her two children and her husband.

Now observe...

THE END : - THE WHICH HIGHLIGHTS GOD'S INTENDED GLOBAL OUTCOME OR PURPOSE :

Ruth 4:14-22

- 14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed is the Lord who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel.

- 15 "May he (*i.e. Obed*) also be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you and is **better to you than seven sons**, has given birth to him."
- 16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her lap, and became his nurse.
- 17 The neighbor women gave **him a name**, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi!" So they named him **Obed**. He is **the father** of Jesse, **the father** of David
- 18 Now these are **the generations** of Perez: to Perez **was born** Hezron,
 19 and to Hezron **was born** Ram, and to Ram, Amminadab,
 20 and to Amminadab **was born** Nahshon, and to Nahshon, Salmon,
 21 and to Salmon **was born** Boaz, and to Boaz, Obed,
 22 and to Obed **was born** Jesse, and to Jesse, **David**.

Ruth chapter 1 portrays the death of a father and two sons; Ruth chapter 4 highlights the procreative power within father and sons that would ultimately produce the greatest SON, Jesus Christ through David's line.

ISSUE OF SONSHIP BEYOND THE PERFECTION

Based on Ruth 4:15, the book of Ruth must be seen from the vantage point of the description of Ruth as a spiritual SON (or more precisely '*better than seven sons*') to Naomi.

Ruth 4:14, 15

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Hebrew word for seven is shevah = To **be full** or **satisfied**, **have enough** of ;
 Nothing to be added to or subtracted from – **thoroughly perfected**.

The significance of SEVEN IS TWOFOLD :

- a. Perfection, Completion, Completeness
- b. Rest

Rest: God rested on the seventh day. Sonship provides a rest for the father, who functions in rest having installed principles of divine operation within sons. God worked through his Son, Jesus Christ. The whole dynamic of sonship provides a vehicle through which the intention of the father can be transmitted and effected.

Seven “: she is better than perfection; she goes beyond being a perfect son to Naomi. She takes her sonship to the realm of ‘beyond perfection’. Characteristics within Ruth that qualify her as ‘better than seven sons’ are highlighted in these notes.

Amongst the most important are :

- Her mirroring of Naomi’s spirit and character;
- Her deep covenant commitment to Naomi;
- The completeness and quickness of her obedience to Naomi’s and Boaz’s instruction;
- Her rapid migration from secondary illumination (from Naomi) to primary illumination (Boaz);
- The power of her personal responsibility and private preparation
- Her willingness to sacrifice her own ambition in preference to pursue another’s
- Her capacity to give birth to a structure/wineskin in which God’s purposes can be contained and Facilitated

Ruth is ‘better than seven sons’. If we interpret this literally, it would mean that even seven sons could not be equated to Ruth – she is better than seven, i.e. she is, at the very least equivalent, to eight sons. The number eight represents new beginnings:

In the Hebrew, ‘Eight’ = Sh’moneh , which is derived from the root word ‘shahmeyn’, which means the following ‘to make fat, to cover with fat, to super-abound, rich, plentiful, robust

As a participle, = ‘one who abounds in strength’

As a noun , = ‘superabundant fertility, oil , etc.’

As 7 = spiritual perfection, completion and rest, so 8 , as the eight day was over and above this complete perfection, and was the first of a new series (E. Bullinger; Numbers in Scripture)*.

2 Peter 2:5

and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved **Noah**, a preacher of righteousness, **with seven others**, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

The phrase ‘Noah with seven others’ naturally places Noah as the eight person – who stepped out on to a new earth to commence a new order of things*.(E. Bullinger; Numbers in Scripture)*.

Ruth embodied all that is implied by the prophetic meaning of ‘eight’ as subsequent principles will illustrate. She migrates from gleaning the corners of a field as a poor widow to ultimately owning the field as married woman – she typifies one who super-abounds in all respects. Specifically, she initiates a new era in Israel’s history. The

book of Ruth itself is the EIGHT book reflected in the canon of the scriptures. It is sandwiched between the book of Judges and the book of first Samuel. The judges describes the a specific time frame – the era of when judges ruled Israel. Samuel, the last of the judges and significant priest and prophet, was used by God to anoint the first king of Israel (Saul), and Israel's best King, David, from whom the 'root and offspring of Jesse'- our Lord Jesus would come. So 1st and 2nd Samuel represent the commencement of the monarchy (kings) in Israel.

Ruth closes one era off – the ear of the Judges and initiates a new era – the line of kings.

Look at this more closely:

Ending the period of the Judges : *Note : the first verse and of the first chapter*

Ruth 1:1a Now it came about in the days when **the judges governed**, that there was a famine in the land.

A verse that adequately describes the era of the judges is Judges 21:25 (also in 17:6)

Judges 21:25 In those days there was **no king** in Israel; **every man did what was right in his own eyes.**

This speaks of lawlessness, disobedience, indiscipline, etc. because of the lack of fathering (no king). The book of Ruth depicts the restoration of FATHERING to a WIDOWED HOUSEHOLD. When this happens, True fathering and commendable sonship is reinstated back into the construct of society, and this in itself is the divinely ordained conditions – which, when in place – naturally give rise to a new era of order and culture of obedience and compliance to divine instructions. This is largely contingent upon the presence of accurate fathering and 'more than perfect' sonship. The father-son wineskin has the power to shut down a rebellious era in the church/kingdom and initiate a brand new day of order .

Initiating the period of the kings: *Note the last verse of the last verse chapter*

Ruth 4:22 and to Obed was born Jesse, and to Jesse, David.

David was the eight son of Jesse. (see 1 Sam. 17:12)

1 Samuel 16:10-13

- 10 Thus Jesse **made seven of his sons pass before Samuel**. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these."
- 11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are these all the children?" And he said, "There remains yet **the youngest**, and behold, **he is tending the sheep**." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."
- 12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was **ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance**. And the Lord said, "**Arise, anoint him; for this is he.**"

13 Then Samuel took the **horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers**; and the **Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward**. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

David, the great grandson of Ruth, himself was **the eight son of Jesse**. His reign as King was the high point in the history of Israel – in essence climaxing that which Ruth had begun.

When Samuel came to Jesse's house to anoint a king that God would 'designate' (see 1 Sam 16:3) to him, he first consecrated the Jesse and seven sons. The point is that David did not need this personal consecration by the prophet as the others did (see 1 Sam.16:5). He was already personally prepared and consecrated to the Lord.

I believe, that anyone of Jesse's son's would in natural terms qualify for kingship. The names of the first three seem that they were men of character :

1. Eliab = 'My God is Father' ; whose Father is God; God is a Father'
2. Abinadab = 'Father of nobility; My father is noble; Father or Source of Liberality; the father liberal
3. Shammah /Shammai = 'Astonishment of the Lord; Renown; Also - Desolation; loss

But God overlooked all them (in fact not just 'overlooked'; scripture uses the strong term 'rejected'). Why? What is the principle? As eligible as they might have appeared to be – even to Samuel, God was cementing a principle – the son that would be ANOINTED with power and skill to function is the sons that goes beyond the measure of perfection in this season. This is of critical importance. For David, who did not disobey Jesse by abandoning the sheep and succumbing to the lure of a major prophet visiting his house, there came in one single moment, a promotion from sonship to kingship.

Thus 'Eight' also represents a recognition and elevation from sonship to kingship – rulership. A time of honouring for the execution of faithful service. In the recoded genealogy in 1 Chron 2:15 , David is listed as the seventh son (probably because of the death of one his brothers). Chosen in 1 Samuel 16 and 17 as the 'eight' son who would usher in a new beginning or dispensation of divine rule in the nation of Israel, he is recorded in the genealogy as the seventh. In other words he operated in perfection yet being the catalyst of a new beginning for the nation. Your attainment of completion and maturity in many areas will ignite for you the start of new cycle and phase in God's will for your life.

Aside: David ruled in Hebron (alliance, joining, confederacy, etc.) for seven and half years, before he ruled in Zion for 33 years. Again in the area of covenantal relationships, he goes beyond seven to seven and a half – beyond the measure of perfection.

Note that David was anointed in the midst of his brothers – he chosen above them. There is a position of being 'more honorable than your brothers' (see 1 Chron 4:10 in reference to Jabez). This is not a position of domination nor or qualitative superiority of one over the next. It simply highlights the caliber of son that God would

chose to use as the 'first amongst equals' is executing His divine purposes. Ruth's 'better than seven sons position' and status was widely known in Israel, as the prophecy to Boaz (after he discloses his intentions to marry Ruth) was made in a public square at the city gates, and the pronouncement regarding Ruth's sonship came to Naomi by women after Obed was born; Ruth is the son that gives birth – that is productive – that is fruitful – that gives rise to something that will perpetuate God's purposes – is the 'more honourable' son – more honourable than Orpah.

Note : '**the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward**'

There is coming a new empowerment/unction/anointing from a specific 'day forward' – this day is that day when recognition comes upon you as a chosen/favoured son. At the affirmation of Jesus as a son by the father at Jordan (This is my beloved in whom I am well pleased) the heavens opened up to him and he started a powerful public ministry.

When David became king, there was a famine in the land. Upon enquiring of God, it was revealed to him, that it was because of what Saul did to the Gibeonites. David approaches them to make restitution. They request seven sons from the house of Saul so that they may hang them in the open.

Seven sons of Saul died at the hand of the Gibeonites - Ruth is better than seven sons. These sons represented 'perfected sonship but toward an inaccurate Father (Saul) , who really was not a father – they were more loyal to the system than to God's choice of a king. Perfected sonship in and of itself is not good enough. It must be expressed within the context of accurate fathering. Sonship to Saul was inaccurate because he was out of favour with God. To remain a son in that house would be to die prematurely and not fulfill purpose. For David reign to proceed without hindrance meant exterminating the dimension of perfected sonship to a wrong order of fathering.

Acts 19:11-20

- 11 God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul,
12 so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out.
13 But also some of the **Jewish exorcists**, who went from place to place, **attempted** to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, "**I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches.**"
14 **Seven sons** of one **Sceva**, a **Jewish chief priest**, were doing this.
15 And the evil spirit answered and said to them, "**I recognize** Jesus, and **I know** about Paul, but **who are you?**"
16 And the man, in whom was the evil spirit, leaped on them and subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house **naked and wounded**.

- 17 **This became known to all**, both Jews and Greeks, **who lived in Ephesus**; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified.
- 18 **Many also of those who had believed kept coming**, confessing and disclosing their practices.
- 19 And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; **and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.**
- 20 So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing.

Seven sons of Sceva found themselves in a similar position to the seven sons of Saul. Being seven sons, they also represent 'perfect sonship'. They expressed sonship to an inaccurate father, Sceva. Why they perfect in expression of sonship toward Sceva, this dimension of sonship was illegitimate and did not register in the supernatural. It is possible to express perfected sonship, but to a wrong or illegitimate order of fathering

Why was Sceva, as representative of fathering, inaccurate? He was an Ephesian Jewish High Priest. Jesus had already been slain as the spotless lamb and so there was no need for any more animal sacrifices or the entire function and operation of any function of the High Priest. Jesus was the High Priest in the heavens. Sceva's function and operation was obsolete, redundant and meaningless. It had no impact nor relevance to God's eternal purposes, yet he was functioning in a Mosaic system, from which God had upgraded and migrated toward something new.

Paul was doing supernatural works by the Spirit of the Lord. Impressed by this, these sons of Sceva, who apparently practice Jewish exorcism, thought that they could get the same results as Paul using the formula that Paul used. So they used the name of Jesus – but they had not personally migrated away from what their father taught, into a personal experience and relationship with Jesus. They wanted the results that the new season in God provided and made possible, yet had no personal, subjective entry into and experience with the 'new season'. The demons did not recognize them – they had no reputation in the spirit – no stature – no weighted-ness – no substance. They relied on 'jargon and verbiage' without knowing the power thereof for lack of personal migration and engagement, and for this, they were publicly embarrassed and humiliated, being stripped naked

Sceva = Left Handed ; I dispose ; Mind Reader

Left Handed: The left hand indicates powerlessness; "the right hand of the Lord does valiantly and is exalted" , says the Psalmist. The hands carry out or execute the will of a person. Thus Sceva and his sons represent those who are unable to execute the purposes of God effectively.

Mind Reader : This is an attempt to fake the Gift of the Word of Wisdom and the Word of Knowledge. Because of the lack of authentic power, they employ mystic means to appear to be spiritual to maintain their credibility in the

eyes of the people. They could not let Paul's result outstrip theirs, so they had to 'manufacture somethings that would gave them the semblance of success.

These sons of an inaccurate order or religion were publicly humiliated (stripped naked) for trying to uphold a previous obsolete season in God, whilst attempting to achieve the results and success of the season. This dimension of sonship will be judged.

Note that verse 17 indicates that ALL IN EPHESUS, both Jews and Greeks, got to know about this incident. It is not known what happened to Sceva and his sons after this. All we can speculate is that certainly, in one day they lost all credibility in the eyes of the people in the city. They were stripped of any spiritual authority they might have claimed to have.

As a result of this incident, many people believed and the name of the Lord was magnified.

In this season, in which, for some, it has now become fashionable to claim a number of sons whom they provide fathering to, it is important to consider the two things :

- Is the fathering one of nurturing sons in an inaccurate season or order
- What is the quality or caliber of sons produced

Focusing on the second point, it is important to note that it is not the number of sons one has, but the quality of sons that is the of importance. Abraham had two sons, Ishmael and Isaac, but the scriptures to Isaac as his 'only son'. Isaac was the sons of promise. Of Isaac, it said, 'In him shall your seed be'. Sceva's SEVEN sons meant and contributed nothing to the purposes of God.

Also, consider that although Abraham had only one son, Isaac, he was considered to be a FATHER OF MANY NATIONS or a FATHER OF A MULTITUDE. It is not the quantity of sons one has , but the quality of sons.

Similarly Ruth is the only son to Naomi, yet she is considered 'better than seven sons' (Ruth 4:15,16)

Having said that, the scriptures still regard the father as blessed whose quiver is FULL of sons. A full quiver may be interpreted as numerous sons or substantial, prepared sons as study on 'arrows' would suggest.

The sons of Saul who were hanged by the Gibeonites were hung during the first few days of the barley harvest

1 Sam. 21:9 Then he gave them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the mountain before the LORD, so that the seven of them fell together; and they were put to death in the first days of harvest at the beginning of barley harvest.

Ruth returned to Bethlehem at the start of the barley harvest.

Consider 'harvest' as representative of fruitfulness and success. This season of productivity meant death for 'perfected sonship in an inaccurate order', but the start of provision and security for Ruth, the son whom is better than seven sons – beyond the perfect measure of sonship in reference to an accurate father

At 'harvest time, the wheat are separated from the tares. Sons of the kingdom are separated from sons of the world.

The Need for Disconnection from an Inaccurate Fathering Spirit and from a Fatherless

Environment : MOAB

Elimelech and Naomi leave the Bethlehem (House of Bread) to driven by the need for preservation and material security to the land of Moab (What Father?). In times of economic crisis, do make critical decisions that are spurred primarily by the need for self-preservation, provision and security. The will of the Lord must govern our decisions. Do not be driven by economic pressure – but be led by the Lord in all respects.

One of the meanings of Moab = 'What father?' = denies the importance of the fatherhood principle – denies any dependence upon an apostolic father or grace – lightly esteems the fact that a father is over you.

Leaves the House of Bread – in leaving this environment – you embark upon a path that will lead to spiritual mal-nourishment, whilst you are prioritizing economic security.

Cf. Abraham made an inaccurate decision to go down to Egypt in a time of famine – was forced to lie and secured an Egyptian maid servant – that became the vehicle through which Ishmael would be born. Inaccurate migration can cause you to live with consequences that may oppose or impede the momentum of the will of God for your life.

Later , in Moab, Naomi heard that the Lord had VISTIED his people with provision of food. Had she and Elimelech stayed, they would not have missed the time of their visitation.

This decision ultimately produced the death of Elimelech and his two sons. The entire context and environment in which he was (Moab), denied the need for fathering. This culture eventually works itself out resulting in the physical dearth of a FATHER and TWO SONS.

Moab was the descendant of Lot who through the incestuous relationship with his daughters produced Moab. Lot could not relate to Abraham as his spiritual father, but as an uncle or brother. This failure to acknowledge

Abraham grace as father by Lot was perpetuated within his son MOAB, which in intent on killing the fathering spirit.

If you destroy the fathering spirit, you naturally nurture a culture and environment which is hostile towards sons, ultimately wanting to kill them. Both the sons die in Moab. Where the spirit of 'father' is destroyed, sons will die and never come to maturity. King Saul, although once soothed by David's playing of the harp – which brought temporary relief to him from a demon spirit that God sent – YET although he knew he was the son of Jesse, later in victory wrought by David after Goliath's death, he still questions 'whose sons is this? An environment devoid of a true fathering spirit will not even recognize its own sons – especially when they are victorious in spiritual exploits.

The context that lightly esteems fathering will kill a productivity, fruitfulness and success. Elimelech dies in the land of Moab. His name means 'The Lord is King'. Embedded with his nature and destiny was the privilege of expressing the rulership and God, yet this powerful possibility was aborted because of inaccurate positioning.

Mahlon and Chilion, his sons DIE. In the absence of fathering, it is simply not possible for sons to reach maturity and fullness.

Note the type of sons produced in this context

Mahlon = "sick" or "great infirmity" - i.e. not whole, etc.

Chilion = "pining" i.e. a yearning for fathering; "consuming" wasting away, depletion, etc.

After the death of their father they marry Moab women and after ten years they die. The point is this: In ten years they could not father one son. Their reproductive capacity was completely non-existent. The number ten speaks of

- the law and legalism that does not engender life and vitality in the Spirit
- the apostolic – in that it represents government, but in this context a false apostolic system of government that denies the need for or is deficient in effective fathering.

Embedded within this father-son dynamic, is God's purposes for generational transfer and building. So the death of the father and sons – speaks of the death of the God's purposes.

All could have been lost, if were not for two things:

a) The decision of Naomi to return

On her return she declared that she went out full but has return empty. She and Elimelech were probably well known or influential people since the whole city was stirred at Naomi's return. She humbles herself – places her pride in her pocket – and returns to an accurate spiritual location at the cost of a loss of

reputation amongst people. There are many that the Lord is calling to exit the land of Moab – the context that denies the need for fathering.

b) The covenant commitment of Ruth, and her decision to return with Naomi (discussed later)

Ruth, the depiction of the 'more than perfect son', in the rest of the story accurately portrays just how important and accurate expression sonship is; also Naomi, saw ten years of results of a system (Moab) which was deficient in fathering, now accurately models for us what true fathering is. Both the father and the son, as depicted in Naomi and Ruth respectively, now work together with clear prophetic understanding to ensure that, ultimately, the global purposes of God triumph.

Focus of point (a) the Decision to Leave Moab : This highlights the need for Disconnection from a context that either

- a. denies the need for fathering
- b. has a false representation of 'farther'

Moab was product of the incestuous sexual relationship between Lot and his daughter. In the first instance, this relationship was forbidden by the law of God. So it highlights the inaccuracy of the relationship. Sex is an expression of deep covenantal joining within the context of marriage. Thus the sexual act between Lot and his daughter invalidated the act since they were not married. There is 'abuse of intimacy' in this relationship. Lot's daughter is unnamed, so she has no character or destiny in God. She only has the capacity for intimate relationship when her father is in an intoxicated state.

She is one who actually names the offspring, Moab.

Here is the range of meanings of Moab

- Water of a father
- Seed, progeny
- Progeny of a father
- Desire
- What Father?
- Of the Father
- Waste
- Nothingness
- My mother is my father

Note the meanings have reference to Moab birth being as a result of her 'father'. Moab became one of the fiercest enemies. This son and his descendants eventually become a powerful nation that oppose God's purposes.

My mother is my father :

How does Moab relate to Lot?

Is Lot his father, or grandfather, since his mother, is also Lot's daughter.

Also, how does Moab relate to his mother ?

Is she his mother who gave birth to him , or is she also his sister, who is an offspring of his father.

The point is that Moab has a confused identity. He regards his mother as his father according to meaning of his name. He has the inability to relate to Lot as his father. Hence the meaning 'What Father?'

There are many saints today who have a confused identity as to who their spiritual father is?

Consider this also: Lot, whose name means 'veiled', could not see Abraham as his spiritual father. He himself had the incapacity to relate to someone as his spiritual father. He walked with ABRAM'- EXALTED FATHER – yet he could not see the exalted position of 'father within Abraham. So Lot reaps in Moab (What Father) what he sowed in his perception of Abram.

It was crucial that Abraham separate from Lot. Only after this separation does God unveil the fullness of plans for Abram to father multitudes – his name was then changed from Abram to Abraham (father of multitudes).

For those whom God has called into a fathering role, you must disconnect from those who have a LOT mentality and spirit. They will hinder promise of father in you from coming to the fore.

CONSIDER THE EXAMPLE OF MOSES DISCONNECTING AS A SON OF PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER

Hebrews 11: 23-29

- 23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.
- 24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
- 25 **choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,**
- 26 considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.
- 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

- 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them.
- 29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.

'when he had grown up' = he was about forty years old (number of probation, end of a cycle, testing), etc.

Refused to be called

Refused = arneomai = to deny ; reject decline, give, disown, retract, renounce, abnegate, abjure

Implication : from this point onwards he denied that he was the son of Pharoah's daughter; or that he was her son.

He disconnected and reconnected with his identity as a descendant of Father Abraham (Acts 7).

He realized that his divine destiny was to be fulfilled in different context; he had to sever sentimental ties with the parenting he had known up to that point. As grateful as he might have been to his mother and as much as he loved her, he had to leave; Also the will of God for his life involved the weakening of the very system that raised him, so as to liberated God's people whom the system had enslaved.

Called =- kaleo / lego = to be summons to a specific task ; he not could fulfill his divine summoning to the task of God whilst still being a son of Pharoah's daughter.

Session 22

Questions and Answers

QUESTION : How do we dismantle a fraternal in the city? ; How do you bring our friends into the apostolic in the city ?

ANSWER :

Sagie : Do not publicly attack the pastors in a fraternal; fraternal is an illegal altar. The principle of the budding rod; those who consider themselves fathers, must start forums were their sons can gravitate around their grace. Illegitimate systems will eventually dry up.

Thamo : Build the accurate forum ; do not attack the false ; just build the accurate and people will be attracted to it. House of David will get stronger and stronger – and the house of Saul weaker and weaker.

Eric I was part of a fraternal for many years; I did not want to be seen as divisive – I thought I would be the leaven in the system. But they do want to change. I gracefully pulled out. You cannot change the mindsets of those who do not want to change.

QUESTION : How do we transition our friends into this season ?

ANSWER :

Sagie : We still associate with people – distribute information – CD's books, etc. ;
Breaking of Bread – break the Word ; Encourage them to leave inaccurate locations; Talk to them to throw away the garment of Bartimeus (maintenance); Expose them to apostolic resources

Thamo : We are not called to be enemies of anyone; But you cannot walk and build with them; But adopt a heart of love towards everyone. Be careful of a spirit of arrogance and being judgemental ; be patient but do not endorse their position.

QUESTION : What about fathers not rising up?

ANSWER :

Sagie : Perhaps they are not fathers

QUESTION : How will the city church materialize?

ANSWER :

City church cannot be legislated ; gather regularly ; various fathers in a city will then connect

QUESTION : House churches - where leaders discredit the apostolic leaders not meeting in houses ?.

ANSWER :

Thamo : We need to redefine church; Church is not defined by where you meet; church is a people, and not a building.

House = oikos = not a physical dwelling place only, but a family – and family is characterized by father ; you cannot have family (patriah) without having 'father' (pater).

We are confronting the thought that to be apostolic you have to meet in houses – this is inaccurate if there is no father – this is a widow's house.

Frans : 1 Cor 11:1ff

A gathering together of localities where the corporate church comes together.

Kobus: This has to do with attitude. Those who break away from denominations, meet in a lounge. The spirit of the denomination can follow you in your home.

Thamo : If the leader is not connected to legitimate grace – that household becomes illegal

QUESTION : A house church and how we tolerate the structure ?

ANSWER :

Thamo : Do not place emphasis on the 'place' of meeting.

QUESTION : Relationship between pastor and apostle ; a couple under an apostle tried to kidnap potential sons of a pastor.

ANSWER :

Thamo : If there is no relationship between the two, then this is problematic; there needs to be understanding of protocols of handling migration of people from one place to another; need to be open and clear.

Sagie: Pastor should make his sons 'kidnap-proof' – if they can be kid-napped – they are not your sons; our sons must know the security of table they sit at.

Alexandra : The one to whom the sons are coming to, must get to the reason as to why they are coming. Some of John's disciples migrated to Jesus – they were fulfilling the next order. John said 'let him increase and I might decrease'.

Thamo : What is yours can never be taken ; and if they go, how mature on you in letting them go. In some cases, people can outgrow a leader who is not growing.

Kobus : Ezekiel 37 – shaking, rattling and a noise until one found its bone; some reliase that they were connected wrongly and now seek accurate joining.

Frans : I fasted about a similar issue; You have to have a pruning knife inside the tree – like a Judas ; God sometimes will cut your household - and be forgiving to the one who dissents – sometimes God will remove the tares from your midst. Those given to you, no-one can take away from you.

Thamo : God prunes with the objective of producing more fruit.
Also, You are also receiving people from other locations.

QUESTION : Is the apostle obliged to give feedback to the aggrieved party - whose members have left him ?

ANSWER :

Thamo: Where necessary he will; at times he may not know the details of the situation.

Eric : Sometimes you develop soul ties with people – you connect with someone that you want to be your son.

QUESTION : Job Description of 5-fold ministry to do the work And Fathers?

ANSWER :

Sagie : A father leads the church – he may not be a 5 fold minister or may have elders who are 5 fold – so there is no conflict here.

Thamo : All of the 5 fold can operate in one person; headship in relationship, is Father-Son; In terms of functioning, you employ your 5 fold calling yourself or through to whom you relate

QUESTION : Identifying a strong man in a city ?

ANSWER :

Sagie : Do not go on a witch hunt to know what is the ruling principality; Paul just taught on the Kingdom Of God for two years in Ephesus – and in this the principality was dismantled

Thamo Also, in terms of strong man, look also for the man of peace.

QUESTION : Discerning and correcting Inaccurate Fathering ?

ANSWER :

Sagie : Simply demonstrate yourself a good example of being a father.

Thamo Just raise the genuine and this will disarm the inaccurate.

QUESTION : Water Baptism and Matt 28 ?

ANSWER :

Thamo : There are many baptisms, but Matt 28 does not refer to water baptism but baptism into the name (Nature) of Father Son and Holy Ghost. You can be baptized in water and go to hell, but if you are baptized in CHRIST you cannot.

QUESTION : What is meant by us 'upholding all things by the word of his power' : Heb 1:1-3

ANSWER :

Frans : There is an upholding of all things by the Son, Jesus Christ and also through the corporate Son, the Body of Christ. (Angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man – hence you have the SON in the heavens and the SON on the earth).

QUESTION : Melchisedek is not Christophany ...

ANSWER :

Thamo I said it is my personal opinion that he was human; it is impossible for him to have be a priest of the most High God – if he does not come from a human lineage . Hebrews : ‘priest taken from among men’. Referring to Jesus after the order of Melchisedek – Jesus was human as well – hence Melchisedek had to have human descent

John was a man sent from God yet he had earthly parents.

Jesus dies as a man – Melchisedek was a substantive person

Frans When you leave this body, you have to leave this earth; your spirit goes to heaven ; when you return you will do so and reconnect with a body. To be legitimate in the earth, you have to have a physical body.

QUESTION : If the forefathers have sinned – the children are cursed – blood-line curse.

ANSWER :

Sagie : I do not believe in blood line curses – all things in Christ are new. Parable in Ezekiel : fathers ate sour grapes and teeth were set on edge – Ezekiel said, ‘this proverb will no longer apply in Israel’

Kobus Certain habits can seem to follow me; you do not have to gravitate toward certain habits

Thamo Jesus completed his mandate; It is finished. He entered into his rest - there is no further detail to add to the plan; I believe in imputed sin – not in the blood line; sin was transferred to your account, but Jesus cancelled your debt. Now you are being imputed righteousness. You are not living souls but living spirits. Sin is a conscious decision people make. If you chose to disobey, your offspring are set off on a deviant course in the future. They can correct the mistake by a choice to follow and obey God. You have refuse ‘divorce’ – make a choice for you and your children

Frans The ‘curse’ in Malachi 4;15,16. Historically, John was the Elijah that came to connect the sons (Israel) to the Fathers (Abraham, David). Those who rejected Christ came under the curse of 70 A.D. – the historical result of people not returning to their fathers.

There is the spirit of Elijah again in the earth – if there is no connection with the fathering grace, there will again be a negative consequence – and the curse will operate. There are severe consequence of disobedience

Thamo As you submit to accurate spiritual fathers, any breach created by your natural fathers will be covered and overcome by your connection to Christ within your spiritual father. Fathers leading households must live right before God so as not to expose their people to curses.

QUESTION : Prodigal son returned to HIS OWN Father – should this be the case ... ?

ANSWER :

Thamo You go to the one that God can join your bone to. If you are in one church you cannot be fathered by someone outside of that church

QUESTION : In this season , what replaces Bible Schools ?

ANSWER :

Sagie Bible study must now shift to the boundaries of the local church. The student grows under a father-son relationship. Bible schools all over the world will be shutting down

Frans My son never went to a Bible school; yet he ministries accurately the Word of the Lord. Learning is a life long process . Dereck Prince: 'There is no best Bible School in the world ; give me someone that has a heart for God – eat with me, travel with me for six months'

Kobus We are focusing now on mentoring and fathering and Bible Schools do not have this.

Eric Bible Schools points the students to theology where opinions of men are elevated above the Word of the Lord; the material is determined by some theologian – his works become the standard for truth.

Those who come out of these, may be re-oriented back to the standard of the Scriptures
Harvard Theological School was originally established as school of divinity – some of these students do not know the bible but the theories of theologians.

Alexandra We are saying that people need to be equipped for the work of the ministry. Bible Schools are not relational and it is dry. This ASOM is also a school, but within a different environment

Thamo We propagate the BIBLE . We oppose the spirit of denominations in Bible Schools. It is producing a confused people. People are studying an ideology called 'theology'. They do not read the bible but the schools of thought that has been created. They produce after their kind. We need to study Hebrew and Greek, biblical customs, etc. in the local church

No bible school qualifies a person in ministry, Your calling does not come after your degree. Your calling came before you were born. Studying can train you to become proficient. Paul was studied; Peter was not. Paul could release certain things that Peter could not. Luke was a physician . The present brand of Bible Schools is not producing what God wants.

We have to raise up schools of Tyrannus like Paul

QUESTION : Doctrinal positions describing the apostolic – some are fundamental and some peripheral – should we release a statement of faith on these.

ANSWER :

Thamo We do have a statement of faith ; it is evolving because the apostolic is still evolving.

Websites

www.apostolicleader.co.za

www.bezweni.net

www.thamonaiddoo.com

Poetic Summation of the September 2008

Apostolic School of Ministry

By Pierre Toerin

This was more than just another school
More than just an equipping tool

But God's intention, from the start
Was that we should know the Father's heart

Thamo had us blown away
By all the things he had to say
He got into some heavy stuff
And it was going to get rough

Jesus reveals Himself from the Word
Faith only comes by what is heard
He always seeks to do three things
Open scriptures, eyes, and understandings

The church must turn from old wives fables
And set their hearts on building tables
For fellowship and breaking bread
Which is the grace from Christ the Head

We have to be a man, not a mouse
Because we have to build God's house
Four things have got to be inside
If we want His presence to abide

The altar of incense has to be there
The table where we sit and share
The bread of grace that has to be broken
The candlestick of the word that is spoken

Prayer must be done on the highest level
Where the least of our problems will be the devil
These times when our lives become the psalms
When we learn the need of our Daddy's arms

Our end-time mandate is reconstitution
This is the only real solution
For a world that's in chaos and always moaning
A creation that's fallen and constantly groaning

People brought back to the heavenly way
That's what the apostolic was sent to say
Nothing is new, we just have to reform it
With lifestyles and actions designed to perform it

As the manifestations of sons increase
The time will come when mysteries cease
It's the time of "until" that Paul did teach
When "those from among you" repair the breach

God sent us prophets, wise men and scribes

To show us the nation is made up of tribes
Grace is shown in these twelve dimensions
Father's over households – it's God's inventions

The church should have been a holy nation
But raised a fatherless generation
This is a cause for great lamentation
The absence of exact representation

And yet it was the Father's decision
That we deputize with military precision
For creation to fulfill this need
Everything was put in the form of seed

That is why God has always meant
For the preacher to be someone that's sent
If you just took your microphone and went
You'll never be able to represent

When Adam and Eve sought equality
It started all idolatry
That is when man started missing the mark
And on their own journey did embark

We have to bring back the old, old story
That Christ in us is the hope of glory
The Bible says it again and again
It started with Seth and with Abel and Cain

We knew about a father as mentor
But we learnt about a progenitor
A truth that has been greatly discarded
A son can also be remotely fathered
This can be done by prophetic word
And if the church has still not heard
A son can be sent, or even a writing
This makes the whole thing very exciting

This, in the Spirit, you have to see
Obedience is an important key
So if you want to follow your soul
The father will use his remote control

The only way to finish this race
Will be to utter shouts of grace
We have to proclaim it loud and clear
So that the capstone will surely hear

A spiritual father is what you need
For you, God's holy calling to heed

This is something you better believe
Through him God's grace you can receive

To be born again is not enough
You have to also be born from above
A son is not born but rather given
Adoption is how he should be begotten

While Abel decided to give his first
Cain thought he could quench his own thirst
In stead of a steward he was the owner
And ended up as a wandering loner

Cain determines what God will get
That is why giving makes him sweat
But Abel was nothing and that made him meek
And that's why he never has ceased to speak

The sons of God and the daughters of man
Mixing the seed – that's where it began
We have to do like Nehemiah
Getting rid of Sanballat and Tobiah

Just like David had trouble with Joab
We'll always have hassles with Ammon and Moab
False sons, allowed to be in the kingdom
Sons of man, just looking for stardom

So the "sperma" of God is for seed and for sowing
But first there's a place where you ought to be going
Up to Moriah to offer the lamb
If you're part of the promise of Abraham

Take hold and be part of the prophecies
If you want the gates of your enemies
The product of having the "from above" birth
Is that we will come to possessing the earth

Ben spoke of "ab" and it's definitions
This word will end all superstitions
And bring to the church this needed correction
That a son needs a father, a daddy-connection

A father has to uphold and confirm
Everything that comes forth from him
And after all has been said and done
The problem of sin is a fatherhood one

A man must leave and a man must cleave
But Adam has always been blaming Eve

We have to get back our sanity
And the dads must provide identity

Eddie showed us how Paul suffered loss
So that he might walk in the power of the cross
He left everything that could have been gain
For trying to keep them would just be in vain

Because of these things he had a passion
A son in Christ's likeness he had to fashion
He had received a great revelation
And sought to give it to the next generation

We also heard from the ancient of days
He seemed to be there when God set His ways
Kobus from Cape Town is the man
Who spoke about completing God's plan

How will we know that the sons arose
How can we bring this age to a close
So while we're excited, we have to regret
To say "it is finished, but it's not finished yet"

Now God is not going to do it all
We also have to come to the ball
We have to abort our waiting mode
And start to engage and carry the load

We must get away from the mind of the west
That having the knowledge passes the test
Only the theory and you've already blown it
You can't be a pilot if you haven't flown it

You'll be like the man on the highway of life
Who got a call from his worried wife
He thought he was passing the highway inspection
All others were going in the wrong direction

Another part of God's reformations
Is that he is going to reap the nations
The church is the work force for the task
That's why we can't be wearing a mask

These were the words of Alexander
The man who has helped with Zimbabwe's wonder
He taught us a very important thing
That we play a role in the heart of the king

Eric opened the Sunday morning
And gave us a very relevant warning

God's seven spirits we have to know
'Cause discernment is needed for us to grow

He also spoke from Malachi four
A place to be visited many times more
Though the earth is suffering from the curse
There's much more hope laid up in this verse

Seven mountains that have to be taken
These are all kingdoms soon to be shaken
If we do not produce an apostolic destroyer
The tailor will always control our foyer

A father not only provides protection
But also comes to give direction
He does not only help with the vision
But also sees that there is provision

Everyone who had a "father wound"
Whose lives by fathers have been ruined
Were brought to a point where they started dealing
With the pain and the hurt, and received their healing

He showed us how Jesus taught His sons
Not as disciples, but as chosen ones
How, into their destiny He did speak
Making giants out of men who were weak

Reggie John set the Friday in motion
When he started the day with a solid devotion
He showed us clearly from the word
That the substance of faith is Jesus our Lord

Frans showed how strong a mindset can be
And how you must fight if you want to break free
That's why the kingdom has only one cure
You have to repent, and that is for sure

Isn't it funny and even strange
That when we get challenged our minds to change
We seem so unable to make the transition
And we fall back to a default position

So mindsets not dealt with, over time
Tend to become your paradigm
That's why the guard who was watching the car
Chose to receive – it's more blessed by far

Your rebirth won't sort out your mindsets for you
Only a reformation will do

The reason why people become so blinded
Is really because they are narrow minded

So this might be your missing link
You have to challenge the way you think
Otherwise you will tend to repeat
Your habit of taking the passenger seat

We really need a brand new start
For a man is only as he thinks in his heart
So if you have the Father's love
Then set your mind on things above

Frans really did rely on his grace
When he told us that heaven is a waiting place
We've come to realize that it's only the blind
Who do not want to be left behind

This time he forgot about the natural Jew
But said God will surely make all things new
Only one street and no chance of expansion
That pays an end to the heavenly mansion

Sagie spoke of dominion
It's never a case of opinion
Diversity can bring it about
So never give up when you're down and out

But first you must see that you have the ark
If you don't have His presence you'll stay in the dark
And even Nehushtan will cross over with you
While many were killed and could not come through

Salvation must be understood
We must take the gold but also the wood
The church suffers from religious insanity
'Cause they did not care about their humanity

Leadership has four faces to show
And each one of these you will have to know
The eagle, the man, the ox and the lion
All four are needed to demonstrate Zion

We also saw how adversity
Could point you to your destiny
It's ultimate goal is for you to rejoice
So you have to embrace it – you don't have a choice

Who will forget the Jonah story
And how all is meant to work for His glory

FUTURE SCHOOLS AND CONFERENCES

Global Apostolic Summit : **Pretoria**
Thanksgiving proved to be the prophet's key
When he brought it his taxi got sick, you see

29 September - 2 October 2008

In any house there are sons and slaves
And each one is known by the way he behaves

Apostolic Conference : **Somerset West**
While most people come to church for receiving
Some only come with the vision of leaving
16- 18 October 2008

If you want to see the covenant truth
Look at what happened with Naomi and Ruth

Women's Conference : **River of Life**
It always says the son that has to pursue
This is the part that the father can't do
25 October 2008

Financial Economic Conference : **River of Life**
Commitments start to sound so hollow
When instructions come that the son must follow
This must be the most important
And it's always there to expose your heart
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Next ASOM : **23 - 29 March 2009 at River of Life, Pietermaritzburg**

Global Apostolic Summit : **19 - 22 July 2009**

International Convention Centre (ICC) - Durban
Randolph started on Saturday
On sonship he had a lot to say
Once again we were learning from Ruth
This woman had more than just a golden tooth

There comes a time when we just have to "move it"
Without the need to first see and prove it
The Madagascar movie us taught
That this thing really has got to be caught

Sagie then spoke about the fraternal
This mixture can never be paternal
It's basic meaning is simply brothers
A lot of men from different mothers

They do not want apostolic teaching
But are satisfied with rotational preaching
They want co-equal authority
And heed the voice of the majority

Then you also have the network
Called as a net but it does not work
Then you have the denominations
Groups of churches on different stations

It's just the same as Babylon
Before you know you will be gone
Your name and your diet will be changed
And soon from grace you'll be estranged

And so we've made it to the end
With (ICC) - Durban that we have to attend
I prophecy some heavy eating
And for River of Life a soccer beating

So once again we have to say thanks
To Thamo, Mirolyn, and all the ranks
May you come into your promise to rule
May you be blessed for providing the school