

SONS ARISE! INTO THE DARK CLOUD
2. FATHER HEART TESTIMONY

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God...

Perfect relationship: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Love, joy and peace perfectly expressed

Transformed my experience, understanding and outworking of love

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.

John 1:1 To go back to the very beginning is to find the Word already present there; face to face with God. The Word is I am; God's eloquence echoes and concludes in him. The Word equals God.

Acts 3:19 Therefore repent and return, so that the 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,

Times of refreshing – all renewal and restoration comes from the presence of the Lord

Refreshing: *anápsyksis* – properly, breathe easily (again); hence, refreshing; 'cooling,' or 'reviving with fresh air'; A recovery of breath, a refreshing.

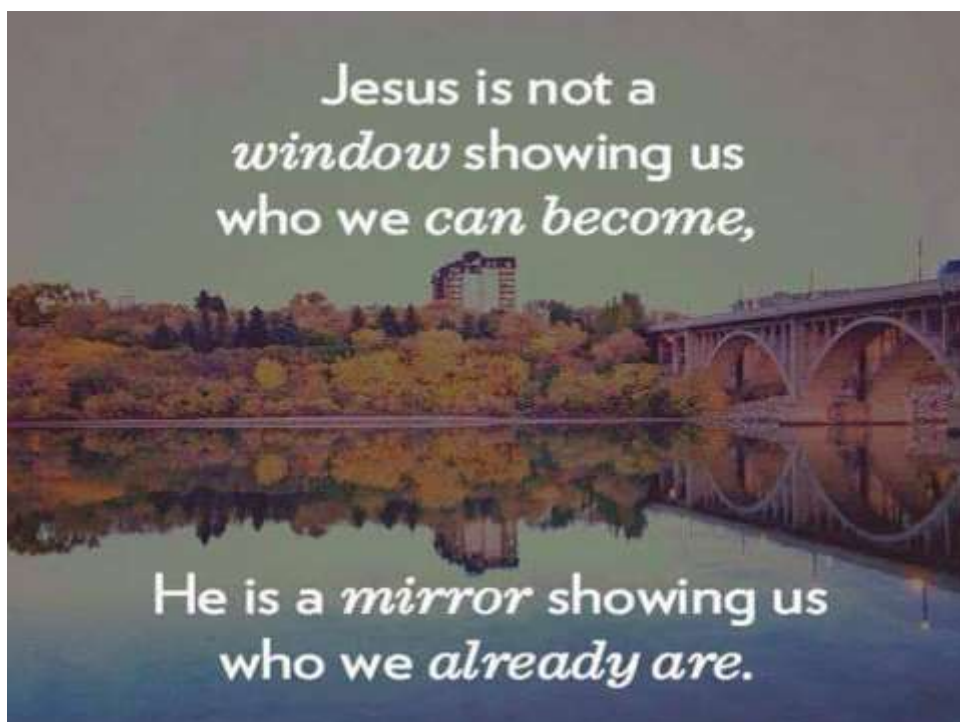
Gen 2:7 Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being

John 20:22 He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit..."

Restored relationship, identity and condition, for face to face refreshing from the presence of the Lord

Restored walking relationship with the Father's presence – that is refreshing

Restoration of what was in the beginning on earth – but there is more that we are to be restored to



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Fix your thoughts on seeing the Father face to face
Let those thoughts form in your imagination
Step through the doorway in your spirit and ask the Father
to breathe His breath into you

Receive the living words of His breath
Breathe His life deeply
Hear some of the vast sum of His thoughts
Let them restore you to His original desire for you

I would encourage everyone to meditate on your own parental and fatherhood journey
Perhaps take some time to reflect and write your life story relating to fatherhood and sonship
I believe it may uncover areas that the Father wants to meet you in.

I want to share my personal journey with you of how my relationship with God as Father was
restored.

My earthly father came from a broken home so from a very early age he did not have a father as a
role model.

He probably felt rejected and abandoned and probably made judgments that later came upon him.

From my experience of the generational issues and familiar spirits that I have had to deal with he
had needs and emotional pain.

He started with a disadvantage and so I started life with a disadvantage emotionally and spiritually.

My father was not able to effectively show me love
That was not his fault having had no role model himself
That did not stop it affecting me negatively
He did not mean it to be that way but it was and it damaged me

He never told me he loved me
He never really communicated much at all. I can't remember having a real conversation or any
physical affection.
He never came to watch my school activities or sports or showed any interest in me as a person

I was not abused physically or verbally but I was deprived emotionally which had equally serious
effects.

I was deprived of a father's love and of his emotional presence so I sought out the comfort of other
relationships

Those substitute relationship caused me much pain and damage themselves
I was selfishly seeking to meet my needs through others which hurt them and me
No one or nothing can be the substitute for the Father's love

Over the years, God met with me in various encounters which He used to heal my heart.
The first time, 1989 I was in a small group of people worshipping when God spoke to me and said 'I
am your Father'.

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I struggled with the concept, as so many of us do because of our own fathers, but He broke through that barrier by putting His arms around me.

I felt His arms, and I felt His presence, and it enabled me to begin to talk to Him and to communicate with him as Father

The root issue was my father wounds but the surface issues were my rejection

I started to receive help to deal with my emotional damage

2 main issues came up the surface of my broken heart

Rejection and betrayal

A lot of hidden emotions came to the surface that I had buried most were negative to begin with

I felt attacked and vulnerable as my defences came down I became defensive and angry

My emotions began to open up and that led to the deeper issue of not being fathered being uncovered

God started to break in

I then began the process of forgiving and releasing my dad for all that I was owed

I struggled to connect emotionally and was doing it by choice and will

Then I had picture of a picture that changed everything

I was able to forgive and release my dad for the sham of the relationship

I was even able to tell him that I forgave him and told him that I loved him and hugged him

He froze and could not respond but I was on a journey to freedom and restoration

1994 in a meeting my emotions broke open

1996 I had my first encounter in heaven with the Father

My relationship with God as Father continued to develop over the years

I felt healed and restored to the degree that I knew

Our previous hurts and past experience can cause us to protect ourselves; that will prevent us from fully entering into what God has for us.

There may be many things that highlight or reveal these issues operating in us

You may find being open difficult, you may be prickly to keep people at arm's length

You may reject people first

June 2010 I went a conference and God spoke to me about giving Him my full attention

Worship opened my heart to a new dimension of intimacy and desire

Love was unveiled at another level and that changed my heart's desires

August 2010 - 40 day fast

Now I thought I had dealt with all my wounds, but I was in heaven talking to Jesus and He said to me, 'You have not met the Father' and I knew inside that it was true.

I had not met the Father in heaven only Jesus and Holy Spirit

"It is because you have a father wound"

I started to argue

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I've forgiven everybody, I have forgiven my Dad, I have had ministry and I have met with the Father before

Jesus said, 'You have a father wound'. He showed me my heart and it had a big scar all over it. He asked, 'Will you let the Father heal it?' YES
So for about 45 minutes the Father came to me. He just said the same words over and over again: "I love you... I love you... I love you... I love you..."

Each word of love He spoke healed my heart. I looked down and the scar was gone. I have continued to have many wonderful times of intimacy with the Father. It's what He wants with every one of His children.

All my experiences of healing had brought me back to zero from -100
I began to see that because of my woundedness I had wounded my children
I had to be forgiven and healed from that also
Now I needed to be fathered because I had never been fathered

I used think of intimacy as the warm fuzzy feelings that others expressed when they described their experiences with God
I was comparing myself with others
One day the Father spoke to me and asked how do you feel my love?

What do you mean?
When do you feel the most loved?
When we spend time with each other; when you talk to me; when You share things with me
Languages of love, physical affection, quality time, words of affirmation, gifts, acts of service

2016 in Phoenix I was doing an activation of engaging the Father's love
I found myself in heaven in the Court of the Upright and my earthly father came to me and told me how proud he was of me.
We hugged and expressed our love

I have a daily, conversational, walking relationship with the Father
This can be when I open my first love gate in my spirit or within the garden of my heart in the green pastures
This can be in any of the heavenly realms, throne of grace, Father's garden etc.

By virtue of being adopted back into God's family, we have all been given:
A new name – son, no longer slave
A new legal standing/status – righteous, accepted; no longer alienated or condemned in our own thinking
A new family relationship, with access to God's presence: within, and in heaven
A new image, the image of Christ – sons

The enemy wants to rob us. He can stop our sonship if he can stop our Father relationship
We can't be revealed as sons if we don't have a Father
God wants us to know Him as our heavenly Father
Will you let God father you today?

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We may need to forgive and release our own parents, fathers
We may need to go through a process of restoration
Today we can meet God as our Father
We all have an opportunity of coming closer to Him

You may carry guilt and shame about your own children
You can come to the Father and let Him remove your guilt and shame
Whatever you are carrying you can hand it over to Him today
1 Peter 5:7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

God is willing and able and desires to meet all our needs in relationship
Who I am? Where do I come from?
Why I am Here? What is my purpose?
These are the deepest questions of our soul longing for reconnection with our eternal experience

Son, it is important that My children know the difference between knowing about Me and being fathered by Me.
Restoring relationship is only the beginning. Being fathered is a much deeper relationship
My desire is to share My heart, My thoughts and to show My children My ways, not just My works.

