

Exploring New Territory in Sonship

The tension in our lives comes doesn't always come from our soulishness or from evil attacking us. It can be part of the chagrin that's produced in the process of being transformed into the Kingdom son we're supposed to be.

“A large part of this exploration is learning how to navigate seasons of tension and confusion. When God is doing a new thing, it can often clash with a way of thinking that is already present within us, causing tension. This can create internal pressure, giving us the choice to remain at our current reality or take the opportunity to upgrade our thinking.

Internal tension is actually just God giving you the opportunity to let go of an old way of thinking and move towards a new one. This is exactly what repentance is all about.”¹

Alternatively, there's the tendency to concentrate on the sin in our lives and identify it as the source of the pain we're going through. Like growing pains in childhood, the pain is coming from a different source, so we need to readjust our focus. The religious focus is on the sins in the past. The Kingdom focus is on asking for forgiveness and moving forward into maturity by using the sin as an opportunity to grow.

“When exploring new territory with Jesus, we must be quick to practice New Testament repentance, which is different than it is in the Old.

In the Old Testament they all repented backwards to what they did wrong. But the key to being in Jesus, is that we can't repent towards the old man because he is not there anymore; he is dead. This makes for wonderful crazy learning opportunities to become a totally new person, and the Holy Spirit is going to help us explore this territory...

New testament repentance is about repenting forward.

If you become anxious, which is an old man behavior, then you can't repent of anxiety because it died with Christ on the cross, what you have to say is: 'Lord, you gave me a brilliant opportunity to be peaceful and I didn't take it. Forgive me for not being peaceful, and please give me another opportunity to learn this so that I can get it right.'”²

There's so much freedom in the New Covenant and in our sonship. We need to find it and operate in it so the peace and rest of the Kingdom can manifest in our lives.

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