

Sonship and Favour

Far too many followers of Jesus want to change the world without being trained to be a son. Everything we do must originate from our intimate relationship with the Trinity and flow out of our sonship.

Our journey to being trained as a son has many facets to it these days. For example:

- Thankfulness for each day which is a gift to be used for the King and his Kingdom – life is righteous, what we do with it makes it unrighteous
- Each day is enjoyed – enjoying life, being with Father, being about our Kingdom assignments, having pleasure in his love
- The King is our beloved – our intimate relationship with him moves him to #1 spot of love, not worship
- Our desire is to align with Heaven – this is our headquarters so it takes priority
- Our desire is to be about Father's business – this is what he tasked his Son with, which is worked out through us, not through angels and miracles as many think
- The King is our resourcer for everything for life – he's guaranteed to supply our needs and he doesn't fail
- He is the source of very personal need: emotional, mental, spiritual, relational & love needs – allowing him to be the supply, nothing else and no one else is fulfilling enough
- Drawing from him: Living Water, spiritual food, joy & peace – his supply is endless and perfect
- Everyday supply of wisdom, knowledge, understanding and discernment – we can't operate like him without this
- Everyday supply of counsel and strategies – we can't align with him without this
- The King is our defender and justifier – every difficulty is given to him to deal with, so we take our 'hands off'
- Filling up every day with love, grace & mercy for others – this allows us to represent his character, not our own
- and many more

Having not lived in a Kingdom which has a king, we have difficulty converting from a democracy to the absolute rule of our King. Being trained to become a full-fledged son allows us to accomplish that transition and to get acquainted with our responsibilities. We also need to learn how blessing and favour flow from our sonship, as opposed to that which comes from being a Christian.

Blessings are always there for those who are spiritually reborn, but favour expands with commitment to and alignment with the Kingdom. Some may be affronted by that because they want salvation and blessing, while they do our own thing. Let me give you a few recent examples of how favour and blessing have changed as we've become strongly committed and aligned.

1. About 5 years ago I had dropped into my spirit that I'd have a connection with a particular adult training college here in Canberra. Father confirmed this by sitting me next to the college's CEO on a bus trip to Sydney a few weeks later. Nothing happened with this until about 18 months ago when the college emailed me to see if I was interested in doing their IT training. They'd lost both of their IT trainers and were desperate to find a replacement. I've been training there since the start of 2018. They came to me, I didn't need to go looking for work with them.
2. I haven't had any relief school teaching since early 2018 – the doors were closed to all 4 schools that I had been casually teaching at. Adult college training has replaced school teaching and it was prepared for me some 6 months before the door closed to school teaching.
3. When I go on my morning walk when I'm prompted to rather than when I've scheduled to, I often meet people I'm supposed to interact with.
4. When I go on my afternoon walk when I'm prompted I always miss rain and storms. I don't need to plan it around the weather.

Now, one could say these were just chance happenings, not a blessing organised by Father. OK then, try these out:

- (A) Last week my IT class went to their first work experience which was to last from 9:30-3:30 each Tuesday. The next day I received an email from the principal of my college saying there was confusion with my trainees because they wanted to leave at 3pm. I remembered, I had drummed into them that the on-the-job training was from 9-3, but forgot to emphasise that it had been renegotiated to be 9:30-3:30. I checked the principal's previous email advising me of the change in times and decided it was very long and confusing. I was about to write in my email that I was confused by the email that was sent but decided that I needed to operate out of my sonship. I changed my email, taking the full blame and left it at that. The principal's reply a short time later stated that the original email was confusing and probably caused me to miss emphasising the finishing time. Wow. Relying on Jesus to be my justifier allowed me to be vindicated without me dishonouring the principal.
- (B) Two weeks ago I was tossing over in my mind how I could make the mattress softer. I'd pulled a muscle from over stretching which put my hip out of alignment. I was looking for a comfortable sleep so that the night rest would be part of my muscle's healing rather than putting it under tension. I only thought about it for some 5 minutes and forgot all about it. Two days later, on the Saturday, my wife said she wanted to pay for a new mattress for my 70th birthday. No delay after that, we went straight out and bought a plush one which has allowed me to heal nicely. I didn't discuss the idea with my wife, but she had thought of it a fortnight previously. Unknowingly, she didn't raise it 'til after I'd thought of it myself.
- (C) My wife has been a bit anaemic recently and blood tests showed she was low in iron. She switched to eating more red meat and noticed the difference in her energy. She decided to look up good sources of iron using the Internet and discovered to her delight that dark chocolate does. A short time later that day she went out to water the garden and while doing it she found a block of dark chocolate there. Yes, just what she had desired to eat as a remedy was sitting in the garden for her to find. We worked out that it was probably left on our porch steps a week before when the young boy next door left a thankyou card to me for helping him out of a predicament. The strong wind that we had following the placement of the gifts on the step meant that we found the card but not the chocolate as they both been blown into the garden. The chocolate wasn't found until after my wife had desired some.

Incident A worked out because I didn't justify myself – a Kingdom principle. Favour from the King meant that I was vindicated without trying to do it for myself. Incidents B & C came without us even asking for something.¹ We had a righteous desire and favour came without any prayer or petitioning.

This is what happens when we align with the Kingdom and are totally committed to it and to seeing it enlarge.

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1 – Jesus said this was the case (Matthew 6:8)