

# Growth Comes from Stepping Out in Partnership

Recently I described the changes that have occurred in my spiritual journey in past years.<sup>1</sup> I would like to add more to that theme in this article with impetus coming from the following message from Father:

*“Do not be afraid to move into unfamiliar or uncharted territory. Growth comes with seeking Me for wisdom about taking your next step. You will not be given more than you can effectively handle. Trust Me to give you the proper guidance and direction necessary to advance,” says the Lord.”<sup>2</sup>*

Father has taught and trained me in the understanding that sonship is about a partnership – more like an apprenticeship with the King – as we work on implementing his plans on Earth. You can see this in the above message if you have partnership as your mindset, otherwise you’ll miss it’s significance there.

Partnership is what he’s wanting, as that’s the function we were given at Creation. That, therefore, is the reason for humanity’s existence – to work with the Creator to oversee the Earth<sup>3</sup>. This original task that we were given is still in vogue today, but at an enhanced level through the work of the cross, bringing us back into Father’s family. Our identity has been restored (the vital thing we lost with The Fall) so we are now able to partner intimately with Father, just as Jesus of Nazareth did. He’s our prototype,<sup>4</sup> so our functional partnering with Father is very clear.

The message reinforces Father’s pledge to guide and direct us so we can move with him in our partnership. That partnering component of his message can be easily overlooked if we think that his input is only about living our lives so we can get where we want to be. You see, even though it’s a father-son partnership, it’s all about him – he’s our main focus, not ourselves. Within our relationship, we’re not his servants or slaves, we’re sons with autonomy to live our lives while we carry out his assignments.

The other main point to note is his counsel that, as we move forward on our journey with him, we will grow and mature in our sonship as we allow him to take us where we don’t want to go. “Uncharted territory” is scary because it’s unfamiliar to us, but that’s where faith (total trust in him) is required.

Take note of that point. Put simply: **We can’t grow and mature spiritually, and well as in our sonship, if we stay where we’re comfortable.** This is what he’s doing with me right now – stretching me so that complete trust is activated and all fear is cancelled.

In this season for me, within this New Era in the Kingdom,<sup>5</sup> I’ve allowed Father to stretch me by taking me into unknown territory, of various types, so I can grow and mature quicker than I have in the past. This is essential because there’s a crescendo building in what he’s doing to bring about The Restoration of All Things.



Growth comes when we step out into the unknown, in partnership with Father. That’s why he keeps instructing us to be in alignment with him, so he can take us to where he wants us to go and so we can become who he desires us to be.

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1 – “You Are on a Journey That Will Bring Out the Best in You” (27-12-2023)

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2 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (Dec. 27, 2023) [ft111.com/smallstraws.htm](http://ft111.com/smallstraws.htm) [ARCHIVE: [ft111.com/straws2023.htm](http://ft111.com/straws2023.htm)]

3 – Not only the Earth, our Solar System and the whole cosmos.

4 – “See Me As Your Prototype” (24-3-2015) [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/33b-See-Me-As-Your-Prototype.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/33b-See-Me-As-Your-Prototype.pdf)

5 – MESSAGE: “A New Era in the Kingdom” (21-11-2018)

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