

# “You Represent Me”

Father recently stated:

*“As you represent me [on Earth], as you are those who the world sees and makes assessment of me, being positive is a very important character that you need to display”<sup>1</sup>*

At the time of making that statement, he was challenging us in a longer message to become unoffendable. But the takeaway from it is this: Sons are expected to represent Father to the world, just as Jesus said we are to be the “light of the world”. There’s no escaping our responsibility in that task.

However, representing Father is the hardest thing we have to do. That’s because we need to operate with his heart and have his character to do the job properly (effectively). The difficulty arises from our base nature<sup>2</sup> and our soul (which both work against those two Fatherly attributes), because our desire is mostly to do what we want with our lives.

“Dying to ‘self’” is the essential method that brings those two attributes (Father’s heart and his character) into effect, and that’s at an every increasing level. Unfortunately, most of us have put that in the “too hard basket”. We put little effort into changing because the battle ranges more fiercely every time we try it.

In reality, we can only comply with Father’s desire to be like him, if we allow him to ‘kill’ us. To achieve that, we have to totally surrender ourselves to him and give him permission of our person, so he has the freedom to completely change us into who he wants us to be. There’s a very good reason for that. Even though he loves us as we are right now, we can’t reach our potential and enter fully into his destiny for us until we’ve been ‘killed’ and resurrected as a completely different person, with a fully transformed heart and mind.

If we look at the difficulties of making that transformation, we’ll balk at doing what Father wants to do in us. However, on the other side, there is great blessing for us through transformation – every when it’s not fully completed.

Here’s Father’s mind on ‘the good & the bad’:

*“My greatest blessings are bestowed on those who do good and are kind to others. **Make sure that your attitude always exhibits My character and nature.** When things do not go your way it is sometimes easier to be mean-spirited, but that will not bode well for your future.”<sup>3</sup>*

There’s more teaching on this topic in:

**ARTICLE: “Exhibit My Character and Nature”**

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1 – [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/MESSAGE-Become-Unoffendable-18-1-2023.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/MESSAGE-Become-Unoffendable-18-1-2023.pdf)

2 – SEE: “What is ‘The Flesh’” [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/What-is-the-Flesh.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/What-is-the-Flesh.pdf)

3 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (Jan. 26, 2023) [ft111.com/smallstraws.htm](http://ft111.com/smallstraws.htm) [ARCHIVE: [www.ft111.com/straws2023.htm](http://www.ft111.com/straws2023.htm)]