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PRAYER

Father, your ways are miraculous! Thank you for the promise of being your child; the promise of sonship. Lord, I am your child not by blood, not by the will of my flesh, nor by any man, but rather by you, all because I choose to believe that Jesus is who he says he is...

Let us never forget to show the love of the Father to all. Lord, help us to fully understand the liberty and the benefits of being your child. Holy Spirit, teach us daily about the access we have to our Father; about the power and authority given to us as a child of God. Let our spouse, our children, our loved ones, and myself fully understand, as your son and daughter, that we did not receive a spirit of bondage to fear or terror, but rather you adopted us through Jesus Christ as your very own children to boldly call on you, to call you Father, where every bondage to sin is broken. Every chain that holds us back is removed. Help us to walk in this freedom, Lord. Help us to put the devil in his place and let the authority and power that comes with sonship rise up out of our mouths in prayer and proclamation, bringing this Good News to all who will listen. I love you, my Father! I pray and believe all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

[*Aimee Pochee, Praying God's Great and Precious Promise: Sonship*](#)

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

If you could be a member of any fictional family, which family would it be and why?

WORD

⁴⁴ On that day men were appointed over the storerooms, the contributions, the firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather into them the portions required by the Law for the priests and for the Levites according to the fields of the towns, for Judah rejoiced over the priests and the Levites who ministered. ⁴⁵ And they performed the service of their God and the service of purification, as did the singers and the gatekeepers, according to the command of David and his son Solomon. ⁴⁶ For long ago in the days of David and Asaph there were directors of the singers, and there were songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. ⁴⁷ And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah gave the daily portions for the singers and the gatekeepers; and they set apart that which was for the Levites; and the Levites set apart that which was for the sons of Aaron.

[Nehemiah 12:44-47](#)

¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

[Romans 8:15-17](#)

How are we to hold a sword while rebuilding the wall?

"...From His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword..." [Revelation 1:16](#)

"...the power of life and death are in the tongue" [Proverbs 18:2](#)

Definitive declarations moved in the Spirit world had almost immediate push-back.

We hold our swords in our mouths at all times! Therefore, in order to build a wall while standing guard against the enemy, we must be ready to "give account of the truth" [1 Peter 3:15](#).

Always be **ready** to speak the truth – how? Knowing who we are as **Sons**, knowing the **authority** we hold to **speak life into each other**, and to **speak death** over the enemy's plots and schemes.

Change Your Words – Change Your Thinking

Sonship and Authority 101:

"God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it..." [Genesis 1:28](#)

"**Subdue**" – Hebrew word, "kavash", literally means to place your foot on the neck of your conquered enemy, signifying a submission of the enemy to his defeater. A similar word, "malak", means to have dominion over or to rule over.

From the very beginning, we were to have **Sonship Authority**.

Cornerstone Lighthouse - Nehemiah: Sonship

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = none at all; 10 = extreme), how would you rate your heart to serve others? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. In Romans 8:15-17, Paul writes about no longer being slaves, but that we have been adopted by Jesus as his sons and daughters who can cry out "Abba, Father". What do you think this might mean? What does this mean for you personally in your life?
3. Read also Galatians 4:4-7. What do you think might be some differences between SERVANTS who serve and SONS who serve? Which do you think God himself prefers?
4. Nehemiah and his men gave their first to God as an offering, reflecting their worship and trust in God. When you first receive your wage or salary, do you find it a chore to give, or do you see an opportunity to worship God with your finances?

If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, would you choose today to trust him? Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus?

Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am yours, and you are mine. In Jesus' name, Amen.