

# Be-Longing

Part 4



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**Belonging like Jesus...more and more**



# 1. Belonging: REST



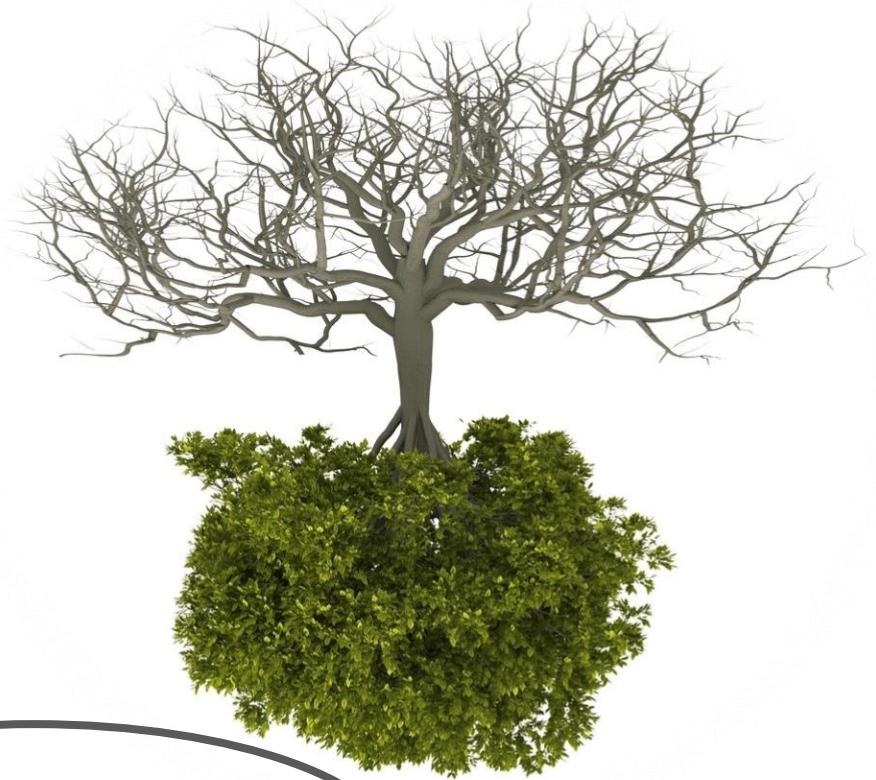
Longing for...

# Belonging

**HOME**

**to rest** [Peace / Shalom]

**a family**



## 1.1 Enter in and live in true rest:

**Hebrews 3:12-13** Watch out, brothers, so that there won't be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart that departs from the living God. 13 But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin's deception.



**Hebrews 3:17-19** And who was He provoked with for 40 years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 And who did He swear to that they would not enter His rest, if not those who disobeyed? 19 So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

**So: We need to be full of faith and then we will  
rest as we belong**



**FAITH = REST**

## 1.2 Adoption Rest or Orphan Restlessness:

**Today's key:**

Sons REST well in God and truly belong

The orphan heart is restless and cannot enter God's rest





## **Romans 8:14**

All those led by God's Spirit are God's sons. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father!" 16 The Spirit Himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children, 17 and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—seeing that we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

**Spirit of adoption is the Holy Spirit | Spirit of Sonship**





We have the Spirit of adoption  
but often we still think like  
orphans – as if without  
covering, care  
and peace





## 1.3 The Spirit of Real Belonging:

**John 14**

**[Another Counselor Promised]**

15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. 17 He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive Him because it doesn’t see Him or know Him. But you do know Him, because He remains with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.



19 “In a little while the world will see Me no longer, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live too. 20 In that day you will know that I am in My Father, you are in Me, and I am in you. 21 The one who has My commands and keeps them is the one who loves Me. And the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father. I also will love him and will reveal Myself to him.”





## 1.4 Be careful of Orphan Thinking:

We want FREEDOM, Real Rest, Real belonging

**The Heart of an Orphan**

**OR**

**The Heart of Sonship**



## The Heart of an Orphan

## The Heart of Sonship

See God as Master	<b>IMAGE OF GOD</b>	See God as Father
Independent / self-reliant	<b>DEPENDENCY</b>	Acknowledge need / dependent
Live by the law	<b>THEOLOGY</b>	Live by the law of love, by the Holy Spirit
Insecure / Lack of peace	<b>SECURITY</b>	Rest and peace
Strive for praise, approval and acceptance of man	<b>NEED FOR APPROVAL</b>	Totally accepted in God's love and justified by grace
A need for personal achievement – to impress God and people OR no motivation to serve at all	<b>MOTIVE FOR SERVICE</b>	Service motivated by a deep gratitude for being unconditionally loved and accepted by God
Duty and earning God's favour OR no motivation at all	<b>MOTIVE BEHIND CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES</b>	Please and delight from intimacy
'Must' be holy for God's favour, thus increasing a sense of shame and guilt	<b>MOTIVE FOR PURITY</b>	Want to be holy, help of the Holy Spirit; do not want anything to hinder intimate relationship with God.

Self-rejection from comparing with others and judging	<b>SELF-IMAGE</b>	Positive and Christlike and affirmed because you know you have such value to God
Seek comfort in counterfeit affections: fleshly addictions, compulsions and escapism, busyness, hyper-religious activity	<b>SOURCE OF COMFORT</b>	Seek times of quietness and intimacy to rest in the Father's presence and love; Encounters with Jesus
Competition, rivalry, jealousy towards others' success, identity and position	<b>PEER RELATIONSHIPS</b>	Love, humility and unity as you value others and are able to rejoice in their blessing and success
Judging, accusation and exposure in order to make yourself look good by making others look bad	<b>HANDLING OTHERS' FAULTS</b>	Love covers as you seek to restore others by the grace of Christ – in love, gentleness and truth
See authority as a source of pain; distrustful toward them and lack heart and attitude of submission	<b>VIEW OF AUTHORITY</b>	Respectful, honoring; you see them as ministers of God for the good of God in your life

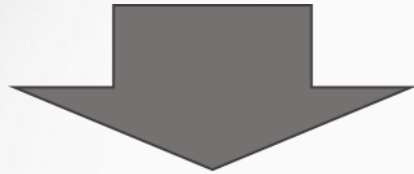


Difficulty receiving reprimand or rebuke; you must be right so you easily get your feelings hurt and close your heart to discipline	<b>VIEW OF ADMONITION</b>	See the receiving of admonition as a blessing and need in your life so that your sin and weaknesses are exposed, put to death and forgiven
Guarded and conditional; based upon others' performance as you seek to get your own needs met	<b>EXPRESSION OF LOVE</b>	Open, patient and affectionate as you lay your life and agendas down in order to meet the needs of others
Conditional and distant	<b>SENSE OF GOD'S PRESENCE</b>	Close and intimate
Bondage and orphan-like	<b>CONDITION</b>	Freedom and established identity and sense of calling
Feel like a servant / slave	<b>POSITION</b>	Feel like and live like a son / daughter of God
Spiritual ambition; the earnest desire for some spiritual achievement and distinction and the willingness to strive for it in the flesh; a desire to be seen	<b>VISION</b>	To daily experience the Father's unconditional love and acceptance and then be sent as a representative of His love and the work of Jesus Christ

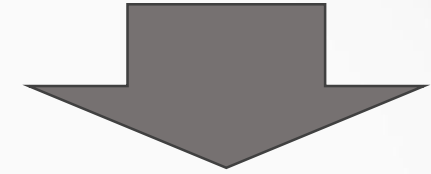
Fight for what you can get and  
keep it to yourself and under  
your control

## **FUTURE**

Sonship freely receives as heir  
from the Father and freely share  
your inheritance with others



## **The Heart of an Orphan**



## **The Heart of Sonship**

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# What to do?

1. Daily Word
2. Daily intimacy with the Holy Spirit
3. Walking with faithful sons and daughters of God





John 14:18 I will not leave  
you as orphans





Rest... You have the Spirit  
of adoption







Let's pray