

Be-Longing

Are you a plaasjapie?

Part 9



Petri Voges
05 September 2021



Belonging

Mal 2:15 Has not the Lord made them one in flesh and spirit? And what does He desire but God-like children?

DB's statement(servants and the talents)

A slave waits for instruction but a son knows what to do



What is a plaasjapie?



We can't talk about discipleship before we discuss what it means to be a son or daughter in the Fathers house.

Gal 4:7 You are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

This is a position in the spirit, not based on your gender

The prodigal son returned...



Sons and daughters are like seeds, the fathers wants to multiply himself through us to reproduce an eternal and godly harvest. But this can only happen when we fall in the ground by faith

John 12:24-26 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

What changed?



The elements of repentance, regret, reflection, and transformation are always present in the concept of metanoia to some degree.

Metanoia occurred! Remember... refreshing?

In returning to the Father there was a newfound trust in the goodness of his father and what the father wanted. These changes can be described as the **3 D's** of sonship.

Sonship is **death**

Sonship is **dwelling**

Sonship is **doing**

The **order** is important

All of them are **required**



Sonship is death



Luk 15:24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.

The fathers statement to the prodigal son: this son of mine that was dead is alive, doesn't contradict this point, but brings the focus to what purposes the son is alive to.

This **stadsjapie** started seeing the goodness of the father and that created an atmosphere where the father's heart could now be conveyed to a willing son.

John Piper Quote - Do you feel loved by God because you believe he makes much of you, or because you believe he frees you and empowers you to enjoy making much of him?



Have you exposed all your old desires to the light of scripture, conviction of the spirit and fellowship of believers?

Are some of the old desires still attractive, there is just a new god from which you want the same things you used to want...

Idolatry - you use to find value in personal or external adoration



Has the need for adoration been addressed or do you just do godly things for adoration?

Are you truly open to godly council or have you just spiritualized your independent spirit

Riches - you use to make decisions based on personal profit

Is there a love for money?

In what riches should you invest?

Are you still making profitable decisions, you just pray about those decisions.



Luk 5:16 walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Joshua understood it... for my and my house will serve!
Joseph's brothers understood the cost... we will be your servants!

Jesus lived it... I did not come to be served but to serve.

Sonship is dwelling



Our place of dwelling as natural sons often speaks of our primary place of communion, with whom we spend most of our time.

Mal 4:6 And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise, I will come and strike the land with a curse

Turning to God. Turning to one another.

Spiritual children turning to spiritual parents and vica versa

I need you... You need me... We, the church needs Him

The purpose of the son - honor and obey the father
The purpose of the father - to train and admonish the son.



To the son - honor speaks to attitude and obedience to action.
To the father - admonishment is aimed at the attitude and training at the action

Jesus was on earth, yet in constant communion with God and those whom the Father gave him.

Do you want to be in constant communion with him and his body? Is it safer just with Jesus? Is there less risk if it's just the way you used to grow up with...

Sonship is doing

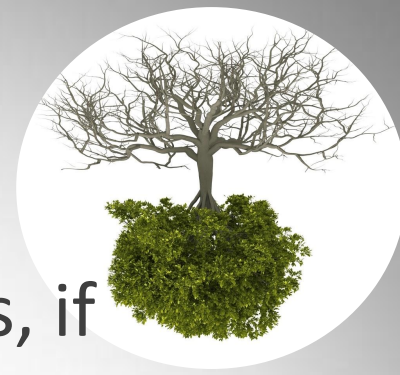


Our father's prayer contains these words... your kingdom come, your will be done. **Doing establishes the will**, pleasure or heart of that particular kingdom.

Jesus provides an example because he wants to **fortify/establish/strengthen** the relationship through **imitation**

Good intentions does not establish God's will
Imitation alone is also insufficient otherwise the Pharisees would not have been the example Jesus tells us not to follow

John 13:34,35 A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.



Who is this **one another**?

Where is **the church**?

The church is the people, their beliefs and traditions

The local church is one of the primary places where you give expression or fulfill this **impossible command**.

1 John 3:16 By this we know what love is: Jesus laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone with earthly possessions sees his brother in need, but withholds his compassion from him, how can the love of God abide in him?



What does it look like to love the church like Jesus did?

When we hear there is a need at church on Sunday what makes us not respond like Jesus?

How are the hearts of those who do serve for long periods? Are you still partnering with Christ or are you just doing your duty? Are you willing to lay down your needs on a Sunday, Monday, Wednesday... on a sacred Saturday for the body

We can't mix up the 3 D's

Death has to come, dwelling needs time, doing requires your heart and hand.

Do you want to be a son or daughter that has died, died and dwelled, died and dwelled and done?

He is faithful to help us! He is faithful to help us! He is faithful to help us! He is faithful to help us! He is faithful to help us! He is faithful to help us! He is faithful to help us! He is faithful to help us! He is faithful to help us! He is faithful to help us!



Prayer



See you
next
week

