



SERMON NOTES

Messy Table

Pastor JD Small - November 25-26, 2017

Galatians 4:3–7, “3 So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. 4 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, 5 to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. 6 Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “”Abba”, Father.” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.”

- Orphans are never sure about their place in the family and never believe they really belong among God’s chosen people.
- Slaves know they have an assignment, but are convinced the only way to please the father is to perform and work harder than others. The Father of the house is not a relationship that is accessible.
- Sons and Daughters are free to love the father and enjoy the land the father owns. Sons know they have chores and assignments, but know that the father is more pleased with whom they are becoming rather than what they are doing.

Slaves and Orphans

They believe that they have to work to be seen.

They believe that all love is conditional upon their actions and decisions.

They believe that if they want something in life they have to make it happen; they have to DO it.

They live in fear of making decisions because if they make the wrong one they assume that they will be thrown out of the house.

They fight and compete because they think there is a limited amount of love and attention.

Sons and Daughters

They understand that the adoption is DONE.

They don’t have to earn love; they get it no matter what.

They don’t have to fight or compete for attention because they get it.

They don’t have to be good enough to be accepted; they are accepted.

They can mess up without worrying about their standing with Dad.

They get to be a part of what Dad is doing in a specific city, company, church.

1. We aren't a gathering of individuals. We are a family.

"46 While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. 47 Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." 48 He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" 49 Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. 50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." Matthew 12:46-50

"10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10

- Adoption comes through repentance and reconciliation.
- There is no kiddie table in the kingdom of Heaven.
- God doesn't have Grandchildren. You cannot have relationship with him through someone else.

"35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever." John 8:35

"14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "'Abba," Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory." Romans 8:14-17

2. You will not get to where God wants you to go alone.

- Destiny Rescuing Destiny.
- Your destiny is connected to your community, and your community's destiny is connected to you.

"9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: 10 If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! 11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

We all have a role to play in the family.

"12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many..." 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

"26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Cor 12:26-27