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In the last resource we looked at the fact that sons without discipline are not sons at all, but illegitimate children of God. This can be a very hard pill to swallow but as hard as it is to swallow, it is true.

In this resource we are going to unpack a very similar statement of truth, which also has the power to either propel you into Christ or away from Christ depending on whether you hear it from the flesh or spirit.

If we find this statement and the statement above propelling us away from Christ, can I urge you to ask yourself why, as to walk away from Christ and His reality, just like many of His disciples did in John 6, is to only sabotage your own relationship with Christ.

The statement is this. For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Is this a made up statement or is this statement the direct Word of God? As we can see this statement of truth comes directly from the book of Romans.

Romans 8:14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

John writes in John 4:23-24 that true worshippers worship in Spirit and Truth. What does it mean to be led by the Spirit and not one's flesh? What does it mean to worship in Spirit and Truth and not the flesh?

Once again being a son in principle is really pointless if one doesn't learn in Christ how to be a son in personhood. As we have already discussed we are just like the heir or son in Galatians 4:1-7, who although being an heir, stays living as a child and so he does not differ at all from the slave, even though he is the owner of everything.

So the question remains, what does it mean to be led by the Spirit?

Being led by the Spirit starts by knowing the Spirit. One can not be led by the Spirit, unless one knows the Spirit. Knowing the Spirit requires being born of the Spirit through resurrectional power. We call it being born again. This isn't something that occurs in the mind or something the mind has to concern itself with, as we do not get born again in our minds, but we are born again in our spirit. The heart is symbolic of the spirit, hence Jesus said, if the Jew understood in their heart, they would repent of their ways and I would forgive them.

Being born of the Spirit isn't done through a mental agreement or an intellectual understanding of the Scriptures. Being born again requires one to receive and experience the Holy Spirit in one's inner most being, through power. The following verses describe this reality.

Romans 8:15-17 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

As stated earlier this isn't something you mentally agree with without the corresponding actuality of. We experience this spiritual dimension happening in us which causes our yes and amen. We are now ready to learn what it is to be led by the Spirit, because we have had our initial taste of the Spirit.



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The next part is hearing the Word of the Spirit and having this Word engraved on our hearts and minds by the Spirit Himself. He is the One who writes this living Word on the tablets of our hearts and then renews our minds in accordance to what our heart has received.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. They will not teach again, each man his neighbour and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the Lord, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

2 Corinthians 3:2-3 You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Ephesians 4:23-24 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

As this work of the Spirit is taking place on the inside of us, we find ourselves being led by the voice of the Spirit within us. The whisper of the still voice comes from within, and He guides and lead us into all truth.

John 16:12-15 “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

Not only is the Spirit engraving the living Word on our hearts and minds so we are able to live an indestructible life in Christ, He is guiding us from within, leading us with the whisper of His voice, giving us instructions as to how we are to live and what to do. This is what it is to be a son who is being led by the Spirit.

Romans 8:13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

QUESTIONS

1. What has stood out the most for you from hearing this resource?
2. Being led by the Spirit as a son of God is very intentional and purposeful. Why is this the case?
3. How much of this being led by the Spirit as a son of God are you experiencing today?
4. What do you sense is preventing you from this reality as a son of God?
5. Part of the Spirit leading us is to disclose what is to come. What is He showing you in relation to what is to come?

ACTION POINT: What action point do we need to take away from tonight?