

# A SON OF THE HOUSE

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OUR GOD IS A BUILDER.

"HOUSE" IS A SPIRITUAL METAPHOR FOR A FAMILY.  
AND GOD IS STILL IN THE HOUSE-BUILDING BUSINESS.

THERE ARE THREE WAYS THAT GOD BUILDS:

## 1. GOD BUILDS REVELATIONALLY

MATTHEW 16:18 - "UPON THIS ROCK, I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH."  
GOD BUILDS HIS HOUSE THROUGH THE REVELATION OF WHO CHRIST IS.

## 2. GOD BUILDS RELATIONALLY

GOD BUILDS HIS HOUSE BY PUTTING US INTO GODLY RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS IN HIS FAMILY.

HENCE FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS, WE'VE TALKED ABOUT GOD'S DESIGN OF BUILDING THROUGH **SMALL GROUPS** --- THE PURPOSE AND POWER OF US BEING PLANTED, DOING LIFE TOGETHER IN OUR SMALL GROUPS, OUR GODLY FAMILY.

## 3. GOD BUILDS GENERATIONALLY

GOD IS THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB.  
WHEN ABRAM WANTED ELIEZER, HIS SERVANT TO BE THE HEIR TO HIS HOUSE.....  
GOD SAID "**NO! HE IS NOT A SON.**" HE WILL GIVE ABRAM A SON AS AN HEIR.

GOD BUILDS HIS HOUSE BY ADDING SONS AND DAUGHTERS.

The Hebrew word for "son" (**Ben**) and for daughter (**Bath**) are derived from the same Hebrew root (**Banah-baw-naw**) which means: "to build, obtain children, make, repair, set up"

WHEN PAUL APPOINTED TIMOTHY AS HIS DISCIPLE.....HE HIGHLIGHTED A PROVEN ASPECT REQUIRED OF A TRUE DISCIPLE.....

- A DISCIPLE IS NOT JUST SOMEONE WHO SIMPLY SERVES AND FOLLOWS THE FATHER.
- A DISCIPLE IS WILLING TO BECOME A SON OF THE HOUSE.

PHIL 2:19-23 (Timothy Commended)

**19** But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. **20** For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. **21** For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. **22** But

you know his proven character, that as a son with *his* father he served with me in the gospel. **23** Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me.

PAUL HAD MANY PEOPLE WHOM HE WAS DISCIPLING.... BUT NO ONE WAS LIKE TIMOTHY (SPIRITUAL SON)

**A SON SERVES A FATHER (JESUS = THE FATHER OF THE HOUSE) AND TIMOTHY HAD THE MENTALITY (SPIRIT) OF A SON.**

- *For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus*
- *For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.*

GOD IS BUILDING HIS HOUSE TODAY NOT JUST SERVANTS, BUT WITH SONS.

- **SONSHIP IS NOT A MATTER OF GENDER OR AGE.**
- **SONSHIP IS A SPIRIT --- IT'S A MENTALITY** THAT WE HAVE (*HOW LIKE-MINDED WE ARE WITH THE MIND OF THE FATHER*)

WHILE BOTH SERVANTS AND SONS SERVE IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE, THE DIFFERENCE IS OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP, ATTITUDE AND MOTIVE.

**JOHN 10 - JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD.**

**11** "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. **12** But a hireling, *he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. **13** The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.*

GOD WILL RAISE UP **HEIRS** AND NOT **HIRELINGS** (PAID SERVANTS) TO GOVERN HIS FLOCK (JOHN 10: 11-18)

- **A HIRELING IS SOMEONE WHO SERVES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYCHECK AND NOT PREPARE TO TAKE RISK ON BEHALF OF THE OWNER OF A BUSINESS VENTURE,**
- **WHEREAS A SON IS THE NEXT IN LINE TO THE OWNER OF THE BUSINESS, A SON IS PREPARED TO WORK WITHOUT PAY AND TAKE EXTRA RISK IF REQUIRED SO AS TO MAKE THE BUSINESS A GOING CONCERN.**

**HOW FAR YOU'RE PREPARED TO SACRIFICE FOR HIM AND HIS SHEEP** WILL PROBABLY DETERMINE YOUR IDENTITY --- WHETHER YOU'RE A HIRELING OR A SON.

TODAY WE'RE GONNA LOOK FURTHER THROUGH **THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A SON OR A SERVANT (HIRELINGS)**

AND LOOK INTO OUR LIFE..... OUR RELATIONSHIP, OUR ATTITUDE AND OUR MOTIVES.

**ARE YOU A SON OR A SERVANT?**

**DO YOU THINK LIKE A SON OR DO YOU THINK LIKE A SERVANT??**

## **THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SONS AND SERVANTS (HIRELINGS)**

### **1. SONS BUILD THE HOUSE, WHILE SERVANTS SIMPLY SERVE AND MAINTAIN.**

Sons are concerned about the house growing right, but hirelings have no attachment to the house.

- Sons are NOT in the house just for performing a job!  
*"I am investing my life..... .building for generations to come"*
- Servants (Hirelings) NEVER initiate anything.  
They ONLY do what they are told.

### **SONS SERVE IN THE HOUSE WITH JOY; SERVANTS SERVE IN THE HOUSE WITH A SENSE OF DUTY.**

In the church, you would see the difference whether the person is a son of the house, or just to perform a job.

Servant says: *"I am just an usher."*

Son says: *"The church is God's house. I will ensure that every need of the pastor and the people of God is met to the best of my ability."*

Servant says: *"Well that's NOT my job."*

Son says: *"Someone needs to do it. Why NOT me?"*

### **A son does NOT wait for others to do something. but when he sees something that needs to be done, he does it.**

A servant (hireling) will say: *"I only do what is in my job description."*

A Son sees some mess in the house that needs to be cleaned up..... He does it.

A son sees a ministry that needs help..... He goes to help and fill in the gap.

That's what a Son do..... they build and keep building.... Not just maintaining and only do what they're told to do.

### **2. SONS ARE FAMILY-ORIENTED, SERVANTS ARE ISSUES-ORIENTED.**

The son will NOT let issues divide him from the house.

- Servants will split the family over disagreement of issues.  
Sons are more concerned about the family well being (relationships).

Just like any family is not perfect....

- In our church family, our small groups....
- At times, There will be frictions, disagreements, misunderstandings, clashes..... it happens.  
A real son will NOT let issues divide & destroy the family.....
- They will work through it, fight for resolution, reconciliation..... saving & mending relationships rather than burning relationships.

Solomon with the two mothers:

*(Solomon tested their 'motive', their 'focus' when they claimed to be mother of the baby)  
False mother was ready to divide; but the real mother was more concerned about the wellbeing of the child.*

**SONS WANT TO GET THINGS RIGHT, BUT SERVANTS JUST WANT TO BE RIGHT.**

While servants just fight to win, sons just want to fight for unity of the family.

### **3. SONS USE THE LANGUAGE OF FAMILY, SERVANTS USE INDIVIDUAL TERMINOLOGY** (because they are ministry-oriented)

When you are listening to the leaders, what language do they use?

- *Do they say "WE", "OUR" and "US"*
- *Or do they say "THEY", "THEM", or "ME" and "MY"?*

A son accepts an attack against another member of the house as an attack against himself and will rise up to defend.

Servants isolate the attack to the other person and watch to see the outcome.

Sons honour headship and cover the nakedness of their fathers;

Servants or hirelings delight in exposing the weakness / flaw/ mistakes of those over them in authority.

Noah and his sons.

Because Ham did not cover the nakedness of his father but rather exposed it, he was cursed to be a servant to the other brothers.

Servants use the weakness of leaders to promote themselves.

But God both builds and guards His house with sons.

Only with a strong, united and honouring family that God can build His church.

### **4. SONS HONOUR AUTHORITY, SERVANTS CONSTANTLY QUESTION THE CHAIN OF COMMAND.**

When the father places someone over me in the house.....  
How I respond to that person tells me who I am, and where my heart is,  
It is also the GREAT **MOTIVE REVEALER.**

The test that separates hirelings from sons is:  
*Can I submit to someone I don't like personally??*  
*Can I honour the authority that has been appointed over me?*

Sons honour the father's command out of love of the Father.  
Servants love themselves.

**SONS SERVE OUT OF DEVOTION; SERVANTS SERVE OUT OF OBLIGATION.**  
Sons always have a desire to please the Father - do the will of the Father.

## **5. SONS ARE SECURE AND CAN HANDLE CORRECTION, DISCIPLINE, AND CHANGE; SERVANTS PLACE THE FAULT ON SOMEONE ELSE.**

Sons receive the Father's correction as an **expression of the Father's love and commitment to them and willing to change.....**  
Servants are **threatened by correction and receive it as rejection, placing the blame on someone else.**

God deals with us as He would with true sons.

**Hebrews 12:7**  
**If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?**

Servants can't take discipline - it is always someone else's fault.  
They are insecure because they are always afraid of rejection.

Remember, **Discipline is NOT Rejection.**  
**DISCIPLINE is not something you do TO your children; it is something you do FOR your children.**

The way you know whether they are sons or hirelings is this:  
*How do they receive & handle correction / challenge to changes?*  
*Do they stay with you after correction? Do they take feedbacks with positive attitude and humility?*

**1 John 2:19**  
**They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.**

Sons stay loyal when repositioned and have a great attitude, Hirelings complain and disconnect.

## 6. **SONS ARE HUNGRY TO LEARN AND GROW, SERVANTS KNOW IT ALL ALREADY.**

Sons are **teachable** and are **growing** into their true potential.  
Servants come into the house fully grown, **unwilling to receive**.

Sons are **ready to receive** from the Father,  
Servants are **unteachable**, they cannot be taught much. They think they know it all and you can't add to them.  
Sometimes, they believe they are there to "add" to you only and they are not willing to learn at all.

**Sons want to learn, they want to get it right, and they want the spirit of excellence.**

This will help you define (discern) a "TIMOTHY" - His **TEACHABILITY!**

That is the most important aspect of a disciple.

Because we're all still learning and growing.

These are the SONS who God can build the Church on.

## 7. **SONS BIND NEW PEOPLE TO THE FAMILY AND THE FATHER'S VISION; SERVANTS (HIRELINGS) BIND NEW PEOPLE TO THEMSELVES AND THEIR OWN VISION.**

In a storm (test) it's when you discover where people are bonded.  
Acts 20:28-30 Wolves will draw away people after them.

Servants will attempt to draw people to his or her side.  
Sons are interested in the Father's agenda rather than in "doing his own thing."

**SONS SERVE THE VISION OF THE FATHER; SERVANTS SERVE THE AMBITION OF THEMSELVES.**

Sons are motivated by love for the vision; hirelings are motivated by position and power.

**JOHN 8:35**

**"And the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever.**

**SONS ARE HEIRS AND REMAIN IN THE HOUSE FOREVER;  
SERVANTS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A BETTER PLACE AND WILL NOT STAY IN THE HOUSE FOREVER.**

SONSHIP IS A MENTALITY (SPIRIT).  
WHEN GOD BUILDS HIS HOUSE, HE'S BUILDING IT UPON SONS AND NOT HIRELING  
(SERVANTS)

TODAY!

In the Movement Church.....

I AM BLESSED AND HONOURED TO SEE MANY SONS IN THE HOUSE!!

I AM DECLARING WE WILL ALL GROW TO BE THE SONS OF THE HOUSE --- NOT HAVING  
THE MENTALITY OF THE SERVANT / HIRELINGS, BUT HAVE THE MENTALITY OF A SON.

- I AM THE HEIR, NOT A SERVANT.
- THIS IS MY HOUSE.... I AM NOT JUST A PAID WORKER!
- I AM FOR THE WELLBEING AND UNITY OF MY FAMILY.
- I AM TEACHABLE, I AM SECURE BECAUSE I KNOW MY FATHER LOVES ME!
- I AM HERE TO SERVE THE VISION OF THE HOUSE, NOT OUR AMBITION.
- I AM HERE TO BUILD MY FATHER'S HOUSE

OH C'MON HOW MANY SONS IN THE HOUSE DO WE HAVE HERE?!!

LET'S BUILD THE HOUSE OF GOD TOGETHER!

LET'S CARRY THE MANDATE THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US!

## **DISCUSSION GUIDELINE**

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  7. SONS BIND NEW PEOPLE TO THE FAMILY AND THE FATHER'S VISION; SERVANTS (HIRELINGS) BIND NEW PEOPLE TO THEMSELVES AND THEIR OWN VISION.
- EVALUATE WHETHER WE HAVE BEEN SERVING IN THE HOUSE AS A **SERVANT** OR A **SON** OF THE HOUSE.

- LOOK INTO OUR **MOTIVES** WHETHER WE ARE BUILDING THE ONE VISION OF THE FATHER, OR FULFILLING OUR OWN AGENDA?
- WHAT **ATTITUDES OF A SON** THAT WE STILL NEED TO WORK ON / DEVELOP INTO MATURITY?