

## Becoming One in 2021 Part 9 handout

### Healing From the Father's Heart

**John 17:21-23 (KJV)**

#### **1. We begin by understanding how broken hearted we are.**

**Malachi 4:5-6 (KJV)**

A. Notice it says turn the heart of fathers - not parents, or mothers to the children not Fathers. It doesn't say to "turn the minds or attention" of the fathers to their children, but their hearts.

B. Only God can give grace to change and set a heart. We can try but it's not to set our teeth to try- But bow our knees and cry. God will hear - He will grant us what we lack - a heart that's healed.

C. Perhaps you're thinking "what does my father have to do with my relationship with God?" Relationships are first formed in the natural before they are formed in the spiritual. If the relational formation is damaged then the wounds of that damage follow us into our spiritual relationships.

D. That's why there's a blessing to those who receive their earthly fathers. When we honor our earthly father we can then honor our Heavenly Father. It's a promise with a reward.

E. Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for dishonoring and cheating their fathers. **Mark 7:10-11 (KJV)**

F. Some of the Pharisees were withholding financial support from their aged fathers who had given them charge of their estates. They made the excuse that they had given the money due to their father in an offering to the temple. They told them that the blessing from the offering would be how their fathers would be supported.

G. Fatherlessness is a sign of the end times. **2 Timothy 3:1-2 (KJV)**

H. Is there an increase in Fatherlessness? Check out these facts:

J. Children from fatherless homes are:

K. Daughters of fatherless homes are:

L. The crime rate has increased in direct proportion to the increase of fatherlessness.

M. In our culture fathers identities have been stolen from them! We were created in the image of Father God. As believers drink their life from their Heavenly Father, so must their children drink life from them.

N. Whether a father hugs his son or daughter, or takes them fishing, or binds a wound, or hears a complaint or administers discipline - There, the Word of God is made flesh.

O. If a father fails to be with a child, that child's spirit withers. **John 15:5-6 (KJV)**

P. Just like we need to be with God - our children need to be with us. Perhaps we don't spend time with God because we don't know the value of the time spent with an earthly Father?

#### **2. We must learn to have close fellowship**

A. After the fall, man has learned to hide from our responsibilities - bury ourself in our work, escape through alcohol, drugs, sex or pleasures.

B. Adam became work oriented - in other words man does for, instead of gives of. When man lost his identity with God, he had nothing of himself to share.

C. God has called us to model Christ - to model Manhood and fatherhood. We must drink from God's well - so others can draw from us! As God loves us - we love others.

D. What happens if we don't find the Father's love, acceptance and forgiveness? We get stuck in spiritual puberty. We look to fill the identity void through success in business, career or even ministry. Instead of validating others, we seek validation.

E. What a sad life when we never have any validity of our own, we just share the validity of others and become mere fans. We look to status and brand names to make us worthy, like driving a certain brand car, motorcycle or live in an upscale neighborhood.

F. Behind the over macho man lives a very insecure little boy who never knew the father's love. A little boy who has to put others down to feel better. There's an anger that cries out from that little boy who was abandoned by another little boy called Dad.

### **3. God will not leave us orphans John 14:18 (KJV)**

A. The Greek word used for comfortless is orphanos which means a bereaved orphan, comfortless, fatherless. There is no discomfort, and distress like being a forsaken orphan.

B. In Malachi 4:5-6 it says the father wound involves the children and the father's. We have to participate in turning hearts that were broken into hearts that are whole whether we are Fathers or children wounded by their fathers.

C. We must repent of any unforgiveness and bitterness we hold towards our fathers.

D. We must first be reconciled to our Heavenly Father and become a member of our heavenly family - those in our church. Have you made peace with your Heavenly Father?

E. There is something missing, something in the core of our being and it holds us back, and today we can receive it - it's the Father's love, acceptance and forgiveness.

F. God uses other men in His house that will help us to forgive ourselves, love and accept ourselves so that we can receive healing and bring healing home to our fathers and families.

G. Some of us want that but we're afraid, just like Adam & Eve who hid and covered themselves with aprons they made with fig leaves. God went looking for them even though they hid themselves.

H. As Christians we know how to hide from God. We can come to church and busy ourselves so much that we can avoid connecting with our Father. We do things for God like the prodigal son who was willing to just be a servant.

I. Too many in the church are still relating to Father God like orphans, not really connecting with the Father and to others in the family.

J. We cannot function in the family as one, if we remain disconnected and isolated. We must humble ourselves and become children that belong to the Father and are worthy of His love and care.

K. We have to learn how to have fun with the Father and stop working all the time trying to earn His love. We have to quit being jealous of others who have been with the Father longer than us.