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 **Galatians 4**

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6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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 **Family Personalities Revealed**


Person	Revelation
God the Father	Adopted Father
God the Son	Jesus as only Begotten Son, Our Brother
God the Holy Spirit	Parakeltos Our Helper, Comforter, Teacher, Reminder

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 **2 Samuel 9**


1 And David said, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "I am your servant."

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 **2 Samuel 9**


3 And the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?" Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet." 4 The king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar."

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 **2 Samuel 9**


5 Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. 6 And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, "Mephibosheth!" And he answered, "Behold, I am your servant."

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 **2 Samuel 9**


7 And David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always." 8 And he paid homage and said, "What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?"

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 **2 Samuel 9**


9 Then the king called Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson."

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 **2 Samuel 9**


10 And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, that your master's grandson may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall always eat at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

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 **2 Samuel 9**


11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so will your servant do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons. 12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica.

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 **We Are Like Mephibosheth**


- Hiding, poor, weak, lame, and fearful before our King comes to us.
- Separated from our King because of our wicked ancestors

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 **We Are Like Mephibosheth**


- Separated from our King because of our deliberate actions
- Separated ourselves from the King because we didn't know him or His love for us.

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 **Romans 5:8**


but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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 **David is Like Jesus**


- Sought us out before we sought Him
- Kindness is extended based on covenant with another
- Returns what we lost (and more) in hiding from Him

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 **David is Like Jesus**


- Grants the privilege of provision at the King's table.
- Received as sons at the King's table, with access to the King and fellowship with Him.
- We receive servants from the King

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 **Now and Not Yet**

The King's honor does not immediately take away all our weakness and lameness, but it gives us favor to provide for us now, standing in his family and a very bright future inheritance.

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 **Know God?**

What does it mean to know God?

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Knowing People

When dealing with inanimate objects and animals, knowing is a function of time and access. When dealing with people, it's a function of time, access and willingness of the person to reveal themselves.

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Four Metaphors of Knowing God

1. Son knowing His **Father**
2. Wife knowing her **husband**
3. Subject knowing his **king**
4. Sheep who knows his **shepherd**


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Proverbs 25:2

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.


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Father Reveals

1. Authority


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John 6:38

For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.


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John 17:4


I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.

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 **John 5:30**


"I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

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 **Father Reveals**


1. Authority
2. Affection

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 **John 5:20**

For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel.


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John 14:31

but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.


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Father Reveals

1. Authority
2. Affection
3. Fellowship


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John 8:29

And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.”


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John 15:10

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.


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Father Reveals

1. Authority
2. Affection
3. Fellowship
4. Honor


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John 17:1


When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,

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 **John 5:22-23**

22 For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

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Adopted



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