

OVERCOMING THE ORPHAN SPIRIT PART 2

Romans 8:38-39 NLT

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

1. Embrace God’s Love

Recognize that God is a loving Father who desires a relationship with you, not just a distant creator.

1 John 3:1 NIV

*“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! **And that is what we are!**”*

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**bestow something in generous or
extravagant quantities on**

**Receive the Holy Spirit, who empowers you to experience
God’s love and presence.**

Ephesians 3:14-19 NKJV

...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

Focus on Jesus as your source of identity and belonging, as you are included in his death and resurrection.

Philippians 3:7-11 NKJV

“But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”

2. Forgive and RELEASE.

Forgive those who hurt you, releasing bitterness and resentment.

Colossians 3:13 NLT

“Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”

Colossians 3:12-14 MSG

*“So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. **Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you.** And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It’s your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.”*

“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”

— C.S. Lewis

Forgive yourself of any action driven by the orphan spirit.

Seek God's healing for past wounds and emotional pain.

3. Build Healthy Relationships

Seek out healthy Christian Community where you can experience love, acceptance and support.

Hebrews 10:23-25 NIV

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Be intentional about building relationships with spiritual parents or mentors who can guide and encourage you.

Barnabas – son of encouragement

In the pantheon of early Christian figures, few names resonate with the warmth and transformative power of Barnabas. Known as the "Son of Encouragement," this remarkable apostle played a pivotal role in shaping the nascent Christian church and demonstrating the profound impact that one person's faith and generosity can have on the world. His story, woven throughout the Book of Acts, offers timeless lessons about mentorship, reconciliation, and the courage to see potential where others see only problems.

From Joseph to Barnabas: A Name That Defined a Mission

Originally named Joseph, this Levite from Cyprus earned the nickname Barnabas from the apostles, which Luke translates as "Son of Encouragement" or "Son of Consolation." This wasn't merely a casual moniker but a recognition of his fundamental character trait that would define his entire ministry. The early church was a community under constant pressure, facing persecution from without and growing pains from within, and Barnabas emerged as a stabilizing force whose very presence brought hope and strength to believers.

significance of this name change cannot be overstated. In biblical times, names carried deep meaning and often reflected one's destiny or character. By calling

Joseph "Barnabas," the apostles were acknowledging that his primary spiritual gift was the ability to lift others up, to see their potential, and to provide the support necessary for them to flourish in their faith journey.

Avoid toxic or abusive environments that can perpetuate the orphan spirit.

4. Embrace your identity as a daughter or son

Recognize that you are no longer a slave to fear or self-reliance, but a beloved child of God.

Galatians 4:4-6 NKJV

"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!""

Live by faith, trusting in God's love and provision, rather than being driven by feelings.

2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."

2 Corinthians 5:6-8 MSG

*"That's why we live with such good cheer. You won't see us drooping our heads or dragging our feet! Cramped conditions here don't get us down. They only remind us of the spacious living conditions ahead. **It's what we trust in but don't yet see that keeps us going.** Do you suppose a few ruts in the road or rocks in the path are going to stop us? When the time comes, we'll be plenty ready to exchange exile for homecoming."*

Serve others and focus on building God's Kingdom, rather than seeking to be served.

Mark 10:45 NLT

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Galatians 5:13 NIV

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

5. Surrender and Trust

Surrender your will and desires to God, trusting that he has a good plan for your life.

Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Let go of the need to understand everything and embrace a place of trust and surrender to God.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."

Psalms 23:4 NLT

"Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me."

Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

John 14:27 NKJV

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

**Get OVER with being under the Orphan Spirit and
COME into a new way of living**