

Title: Hide and Seek
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Ephesians 4:1

¹I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called.

Ephesians 3:12-21

¹²In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. ¹³I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory. ¹⁴For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Foundation of fear and love

FEAR

Looks to the voice of man
Joy based on the natural

Looks to own ability
Action: to control and defend
Focus: Destination and my timing

CARNAL: SELF

LOVE

Looks to the voice of God (Isa 55:11)
Joy based on God's character through an intimate relationship (Hab 3:17-19)
Looks to God's ability (Matt 14:28-33)
Action: to trust and surrender
Focus: Intimacy in relationship during the journey and His timing
SPIRIT

Sonship through the Spirit

Romans 8:5-17

⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. ⁷Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ¹⁰And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. ¹²Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to

death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Holy Spirit significance

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

JESUS WAS:

- Conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35)
- Anointed by the Holy Spirit for the work of the ministry (Luke 4:18)
- Led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where Satan tempted Him (Matthew 4:1)
- Crucified in the power of the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 9:14)
- Raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans: 8:11)
- Commandments to the apostles through the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:2)

ONE OF HIS NAMES IS THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION

HIDE and SEEK

Hiding under God’s banner of LOVE while seeking first His kingdom with PEACE and CONFIDENCE allowing us to walk worthy of the calling with which we have been called.