

Fathered By God

✓ Insecurity comes through a wounded **soul**.

Luke 4:18-19 (NKJV) “The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to *the* captives and recovery of sight to *the* blind, *to* set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”

✓ Jesus didn’t just die for our sin; He restored us to **sonship**.

Romans 8:15-16 (NIV) ... the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

The Gospel Restores What Everyone’s Heart Desperately Needs:

Matthew 3:16-17 (NIV) As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water... ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

1. **Identity** – I am a son.

✓ We will spend our life trying to prove who we are until we settle **whose** we are.

✓ Before God asks anything of you, He wants a **relationship** with you.

2. **Affection** – I am loved.

1 John 3:1 (NLT) See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!

✓ What is not filled by the Father’s **love** will be searched for somewhere else.

John 17:23 (NLT) ...will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

✓ God doesn’t love the future version of you. He loves you **right now**.

3. **Affirmation** – I am accepted.

✓ A child who never receives **affirmation** spends their life trying to earn it.

Ephesians 1:6 (NKJV) ...He made us accepted in the Beloved.

✓ God's love causes us to live **FROM** approval not for approval.