

Walking in our inheritance as Children of God

To walk in your inheritance as an adopted child of God is to live in the glorious tension between what is already yours and what is yet to be fully grasped. It is to live, as it were, with your head in heaven and your feet still firmly planted on earth. We do not always feel like heirs. There are days when our circumstances shout louder than our faith, and our sense of inadequacy threatens to drown out the quiet assurance of the Spirit. But the truth of Scripture, and not the sway of emotion, is our foundation.

The apostle Paul tells us in Romans that we have not received a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but a spirit of adoption, by which we cry out, “Abba, Father” (Romans 8:15). And if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17). This is not merely poetic language or theological jargon. It is the most radical statement of identity and destiny that could ever be spoken over a person. Adoption in the Roman world carried all the legal weight of full inheritance. It was not second-tier belonging. To be adopted was to be chosen, brought in, given the family name, and made a rightful recipient of all the father owns.

The difficulty, of course, is that we often live as though we are still outside the house. We strive for acceptance, seek approval, and measure ourselves against others, forgetting that we already have the smile of the Father. Walking in your inheritance means refusing to be defined by your past or your performance. It means standing on the finished work of Christ, who not only died for your sins but rose again that you might live in His victory. There is something of the elder brother in all of us, who labours in the field and wonders why the Father lavishes love on the undeserving. But there is also the quiet whisper of grace that beckons us back into the house, not as servants but as sons and daughters.

To walk in your inheritance is to live from a place of confidence, not arrogance. There is a deep humility in knowing that you have nothing apart from Him, and yet in Him, you lack nothing. It is to pray with authority, knowing you approach a throne of grace, not a court of suspicion. It is to resist the lies of the enemy who would have you believe you are still in chains. When Jesus said, “It is finished” (John 19:30), He declared the end of that striving. You do not earn your place at the table. You sit there because the Father invited you, and the Son made it possible.

One of the challenges in the Christian life is learning to live in the now and the not yet. Your inheritance is both immediate and unfolding. You have been given the Holy Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come (Ephesians 1:13–14). This means you walk in power, peace, and purpose today, even as you wait for the fullness of glory. The Spirit bears witness with your spirit that you are God’s child. Sometimes this comes with great assurance; other times, it is a truth clung to in the dark. But whether you feel it or not, it remains. Faith is not the denial of reality but the conviction that there is a greater reality still unseen.

RT Kendall often spoke of the tension between the Word and the Spirit, of truth and experience held together. To walk in your inheritance is to be rooted in Scripture and open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. It is to remember who you are and whose you are. It is to allow that truth to

shape your priorities, your relationships, your choices. The world may press in with pressure and confusion, but the child of God walks in clarity—not always of the path ahead, but of the One who walks beside them.

So take courage today. You are not a beggar hoping for scraps; you are a beloved child of the King. Let that identity sink deep. Lift your head. Speak His promises. Live as one who knows their Father delights in them. Your inheritance is not just in heaven; it begins now. Walk in it.

1. What does it mean to you personally to be an "adopted child of God"?

Read Romans 8:15–17 and Ephesians 1:13–14.

- How does this identity challenge or encourage the way you see yourself today?
- In what areas of your life do you struggle to live like a son or daughter instead of a servant or outsider?

2. Where do you see the tension between the “now” and the “not yet” in your walk with God?

Reflect on Ephesians 1:13–14 and Psalm 27:1–10.

- How do you hold on to your inheritance when your emotions or circumstances seem to contradict it?
- What practices help you walk in faith, even when you don’t *feel* it?

3. In Luke 15:11–31, how do both sons misunderstand the heart of the Father?

- What do their actions reveal about striving, earning, or missing their inheritance?
- Which son do you relate to more, and why?

4. What does it look like to “live from a place of confidence, not arrogance” in your daily life?

- How do we balance the boldness of being heirs with the humility of having received it all by grace?
- Where in your life could you begin to pray or act with more authority, knowing your position in Christ?

5. How can you let your identity as God’s beloved child shape your choices this week?

Reflect on Ephesians 3:1–5 and Psalm 27.

- Are there any areas (relationships, decisions, struggles) where you’ve been living as if you’re still “outside the house”?
- What would change if you truly believed the Father delights in you?