

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SONS

Romans 8:12-17

- We have an obligation to KILL SIN in our lives by the Spirit.

Romans 8:12-13

- God's Spirit leads us into a HOLY life of family resemblance.

Romans 8:14-17

- ✓ He moves us from slavery to SONSHIP.
- ✓ He replaces FEAR with freedom.
- ✓ He moves us from distance to INTIMACY.
- ✓ He replaces anxiety with ASSURANCE.
- ✓ He replaces poverty with an INHERITANCE.
- ✓ He turns mere suffering into REFINING discipline.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Romans 8:12-13. What does it mean that we are "debtors"? How is being a "debtor" a different mentality than being owed something by God?
2. Consider the statement, "Be killing sin or it will be killing you." Where do you see this in Romans 8:13? How do we do this?
3. How can you cultivate a hatred of sin? How does hating sin make a difference in your personal holiness?
4. Read Romans 8:14. What does it mean that we are "led by God" (see Deut 8:5,15; 29:4; 32:12)? How does being led by God relate to being "sons of God" (see Rom 8:29)?
5. What is the significance of our adoption? How is being a son different from being a slave? (see Gal 4:1-7)
6. What is the significance of calling God "Abba"? How does this speak to intimacy with God? Do you find people too reliant on emotions in relationship with God, or not emotional enough about relationship with God?
7. Read Romans 8:16. How does the Spirit give us assurance? What is this like?
8. In Romans 8:17, how do you understand the suffering mentioned? How is this helpful in understanding what's going on in your life?

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."



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