Healing the Orphan Spirit  
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Healing those who feel like orphans and cut off from blessing and intimacy with the Father and others. (John 14:18 “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”)

Feeling like an orphan can be debilitating. It has to do with sensing in your heart that you have no inheritance, no real heritage, no sense of security in feeling protected and that no one who really cares about your destiny. Most people affected with feeling like an orphan also feel and fear abandonment.

ONE HUGE ISSUE IN MAKING AND KEEPING FRIENDS AS WE ARE “CONNECTING THE NET” IN FRIENDSHIP AND RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

As we think of “Connecting the Net” with people around the world, there is some healing of FATHERHOOD issues that needs to take place. One huge issue in making and keeping friends is the issue of the orphan spirit and the fear of abandonment.

An orphan can feel cut off from father and mother and in fact often is cut off from that important nurturing and security. Likewise, the person who may not legally or physically be an orphan can feel like an orphan before God. That person can feel the same pain by feeling cut off and insecure.

THE ORPHAN SPIRIT AND THE FEAR OF ABANDONMENT WORK HAND-IN-HAND

Abandonment is excruciating and painful beyond words. I just heard on the radio that someone threw a kitten out of the window of a speeding car driving down the interstate highway. Some group pledged $4,000.00 USD to help this kitten. It survived.

This very current example prompted me to write this article. Many today feel that perhaps no one will rescue them nor come to their aid. They feel that they have no champion, no one to guarantee their inheritance, their heritage, or their hope and destiny.

Fear of abandonment is a companion to the orphan spirit. If your father or mother walked away from you as a child for any number of reasons, you can feel abandoned. Latchkey children can feel abandoned. Children whose fathers or mothers are either dead or who stay away from home because of work, divorce or other reasons can feel abandoned.

WHAT WE FEAR COMES UPON US. WE ARE TO FEAR THE LORD AND THEN WE WILL FEAR NO MAN NOR ANY SPIRIT

What one fears can come upon them. This means that the fear of abandonment will often attract those who will in fact walk away from you one day. It contributes to the orphan spirit and rides with it side by side. Christ wants to set us free from this. He wants us to have a holy fear of God. With this kind of fear of God other fears will soon fade away.
The thing to remember here is that indeed all who have been born again are never orphaned. We have been adopted by God and made to be joint-heirs with Jesus. We are sons and daughters of the Most High. God has made us to share fully in His inheritance in Jesus, making Jesus our elder brother in the family of God. No place or position could be more secure than this.

WHY THE ORPHAN SPIRIT CAN NEVER HAVE A LEGITIMATE OR LEGAL HOLD ON YOU

What Christ wants you to know today is that you are not left as an orphan from the love, covenant and provisions of the Father. In our Lord’s own words, we have this: John 14:16-18 "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." What a promise!

Jesus never left us alone. He will come again soon but in the meantime He will remain with us through the presence and gift of the Holy Spirit. He sent the Holy Spirit to be like Himself to us and to keep Jesus real in our lives. A Christian must never feel abandonment by God. There is no basis for it.

In fact, God has given to us the spirit of adoption that we might truly become His child: “For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15) What an awesome provision for our eternally being part of the family of God as sons and daughters!

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

1. Recognize this orphan spirit and prepare to deal with it. If you do not see that you have it you may never be free. So the first step is revelation.

2. Bring your past and present hurts of feeling abandonment to God for healing. Ask Jesus to stand with you in these hurts and reach out to Him for full restoration.

3. Forgive those who have walked away from you.

4. Ask God to forgive you for any anger, bitterness, blame or other feelings against others or yourself. Be sure to forgive yourself.

5. Set others free from your expectations that they might abandon you some day. Let your friendship and relationship be guided by the Holy Spirit.

6. Reach out in friendship to others, showing yourself friendly, trusting God in that relationship.

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