

“Emerging is Sonship”

- Good to be with family. Family camp was just wonderful to have our two bodies together!
- I want to share tonight about sonship. Sonship is one of my life messages, and I really have a passion for it. MC – greatest thing I can do.

What is sonship? (Go through this quickly – you guys know this stuff.)

- Sonship is willingly submitting your life to a father.
 - It involves true relationship with that father.
 - Sonship includes the father-son relationship between God and man, earthly fathers and sons, and also spiritual fathers and sons. (Women, too – Galatians 3:28) Ladies, if we men can be the Bride you can be sons.
 - You can be a son to those who aren’t fathers: workplace. You can be a son to anyone - in any context look for who you can serve, for servanthood and humility is the heart of sonship. The world will change when Christians are Christian. [Romans 8 – creation is waiting for sons.]
 - It is generational transfer. It is discipleship.
 - It is living a life of humility and servanthood because you have a heart of humility and servanthood. Sonship is serving another man’s vision.
 - God is first and foremost a Father, and the Gospel is the story of a Father and His Son. Therefore, our primary motivation should be learning to become a son of God.
- Now, tonight I want to share about sonship and emerging. And I want us to see that emerging is sonship. (Sermon title on powerpoint – ***“Emerging is Sonship”***)
 - Now, typically we would think of sonship and emerging as two opposite ends of the spectrum. Sonship is serving another man’s vision with a heart of humility, but emerging is having initiative and being proactive and having ambition. But tonight I want us to see that if you truly have a heart of sonship you will emerge. And I want to give you five reasons why emerging is sonship.

How is it that emerging is sonship (5 reasons):

1. *True sons take initiative*

- Not just doing what you are told. Why? Because sonship = carrying someone else’s heart, so you have ownership and not just servitude (slave mentality). You want your father to be successful and you want his vision to be accomplished, so you initiate, you are passionate, and you take action not just when you’re told to.
- You can’t steer a parked car. Sonship = having the passion and initiative to start the engine and get the car moving, but allowing your father to help steer the car. It is letting the wisdom of your fathers steer your youthful zeal and passion. Passion and emerging, and yet humility. Slave/ performer mentality = you are a parked car.
- PW – it is our job to start the engine. Feed the fire – add fuel. Emergent sons and

daughters are self-starters. Rather have to pull you back (steer you the right direction) than have to push you forward (try to start your engine).

- Tension of ambition – the power is in the tension.

2. ***True sons have passion and ambition***

a. But not selfish ambition – it is godly ambition. This is why we must always remember sonship and not become independent in the name of emerging. Satan emerged – so, balance: emerge and initiate but also have humility and sonship.

b. I have a problem with the performers who just hold the yellow rope and do enough to not get in trouble. I have a problem with those who only come to Saturday prayer because they have to not because they want to – those who only do things in order to look good and be on the “good boy” list. But, on the other hand, I also have a major problem with those who have swung the pendulum over and, in the name of emerging, they have lost their humility, teachability, and heart of sonship.

c. Sons have an ambition to make someone else successful, an ambition to serve another’s vision.

d. An ambition to help make Father God’s dream a reality. Jesus said it this way: “Zeal for My Father’s house consumes Me.” He was a Son without personal ambition but that didn’t mean He was just a passion-less follower.

3. ***True sons multiply their talents***

a. It is still servanthood because you are stewarding the entrustment that was given to you.

b. God’s demand on my life – I have to fulfill my potential, not for myself but for Him.

4. ***True sons and daughters are men and women of action***

a. Teddy quote – not the critic who counts. Performing slaves will stand back and critique emergent sons.

b. ***“Brethren, do something; do something, do something! While societies and unions make constitutions, let us win souls. I pray you, be men of action all of you. Get to work and quit yourselves like men. Old Suvarov’s idea of war is mine: `Forward and strike! No theory! Attack! Form a column! Charge bayonets! Plunge into the center of the enemy! Our one aim is to win souls; and this we are not to talk about, but do in the power of God!’”*** -

Charles Spurgeon

c. Charismatics – we measure spiritual maturity (our faith) by our emotional or perhaps physical worship expression. Amen, that is good and very important. But James says, “I’ll show you my faith by what I do.” God says, Do something.

d. John Kelly at camp. You could sum up everything he shared in one word: EMERGE!!

- e. Sins of omission
- f. Anyone who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

5. ***True sons emerge in relationship and communication with their fathers and mothers***

- a. Sons bring their fathers into the process and don't just inform their fathers of the decisions they have made. (Decisions to emerge in some area.) Sons are not independent. They don't fear the consequences of letting their inner conversation emerge.
- b. Sons "emerge" in honest communication with their fathers. Their inner conversation emerges because they understand that God knows our ugly thoughts already, and He is much more "scary" than our earthly authorities (Matthew 10:28), and His opinion is the One that matters most. Sons have a healthy respect for their fathers and mothers, but they are not in fear of them.
- c. Sonship = tapping on your dad's shoulder. Making respectful appeals. Mal. 4:5-6 --- heart of both are turned. If you have given your heart to your fathers and mothers you will gain their ear.
- d. Making appeals and being honest. Sons don't "shut up and march", and they definitely don't "shut up and march" and build up inner resentments.
- e. Why do we shut up and march and just perform? We fear punishment or disapproval, and we fear authority. Walking in fear of authority = judging your authority because we fear things that are dangerous or potentially harmful to us. This is the slave mentality.

Double portion, carry both, arrow and an archer, demonstrate so that you can formulate (Luke 16:12). Be an arrow so that you can one day be an archer. Passionate about holiness, discipleship, fear of the Lord, the first commandment and 2nd passionate about social justice.

Support those who emerge rather than the sibling rivalry of Joseph's brothers. When someone emerges with a dream, let's support them and not have the crab pot mentality. Are you willing to be led by your peers? CCK exists and has thrived for 25 years for many important reasons, one of which being the fact that men and women were willing to be led by their peer (Pastor Norm).