



- Jesus has called us to be Kingdom Carriers. We are looking at Kingdom pathways. Pathways to help us experience and expand more of God's Kingdom.
- These Kingdom pathways are really the way to revival. We have to persist in these pathways until revival comes (the kingdom in all its fullness).




- 1. Personalize our identity**
2. Pursue more of God
3. Purify ourselves
4. Praise continually
5. Pray Kingdom prayers
6. Claim the promises of God
7. Pass the tests
8. We must persist in all of these pathways until His Kingdom comes in all of its fullness.




The Kingdom Come:
Forgiveness & salvation
Freedom
Deliverance
Healing
Intimacy with God
More of God
Identity secured
Hearing God's voice
Maturity
Fullness


Current Reality:
Struggle to connect
Not feeling God's love
Not many healed
Never seen deliverance



- Psychologists say that there are three keys to developing a healthy psyche. We have to develop a sense of security, belonging & significance.
- Tonight let's take a look at how God addresses these three basic needs, how we suffer wounds to these areas, and how we can be healed.




- **First, we have a basic need for security.** We all have a fundamental, God-created need to be loved. Every human being longs to be loved. God wants us to know, and experience loving relationship with Him. In Christ, our basic need for security has been met.
- John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." God sent you Jesus, because He loves you.




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- 1 John 3:1, “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are!”
- God loves us so much he calls us his children. (a lot of kids, only 4 children. Privilege)
- 2 Timothy 2:12-13, “If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.”




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- Romans 8:28-39, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.”




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- Romans 8:28-39, “What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then can condemn?”




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- Romans 8:28-39, “No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of the God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? . . . No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.




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- Romans 8:28-39, “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”




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- God’s love is rooted in who He is. God is love (1 John 4).
- God’s love is relational. You can grow closer to God and feel it more, but it doesn’t change His love.




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- God's love is unshakable. You are part of God's unshakable Kingdom; you are loved by our unchanging God. You are secure in Christ. (Irish Priest – Father of Jesus...)




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- But, sometimes we have wounds, hurts, fears, and lies that block us from receiving & believing our security in Christ's love.
- Security wounds:
 - Separation anxiety, early childhood wounds
 - Abandonment (orphan spirit)
 - Conditional love (if you perform) (shamed for not performing)
 - Abuse; love deprivation (toxic shame)
 - Parents divorced/warring



- **Second, we have a basic need for belonging.**
We all want to belong; we want to be a part of something, some group, some where, so that we matter to someone. God invites us to belong to Him, to His family, to His Kingdom. He invites us into a community where we belong. (Cheers)




- **Second, Jesus meets our basic need for belonging.**
- Galatians 3:26-29, "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."




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- **Second, Jesus meets our basic need for belonging.**
- Galatians 4:1-7, "What I am saying is that as long as heirs are underage they are no different from slaves, although they own the whole estate. They are subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by their fathers. So also, when we are underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman,




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- Galatians 4:1-7, "born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.' So you are no longer slaves, but God's children; and since you are his children, he has made you also heirs."




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- **Second, Jesus meets our basic need for belonging.**
- Galatians 3:26-4:7 - NOTES:
- You are children of God through faith (Gal 3:26). We have been adopted into his family. (cf. Romans 8:14-17; Gal 4:4-7)
- We were adopted as sons (inheritance significance). All that belongs to Jesus is available to us. (not for selfish purposes)




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- You are children of God through faith.
- We were adopted as sons.
- We belong to God, no matter what our background (Jew, Greek, slave, free, male, female). We are all one in Christ. Equal footing



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- We have moved from slaves to sons, and have access to the estate. Slaves don't belong to the family, but sons do.





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- God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts. We belong forever to Abba! (fridge guests)





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- Galatians 3:26-4:7
- Ephesians 1:3-5, "Praise be to the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ."





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- Galatians 3:26-4:7
- Ephesians 1:3-5 – NOTES:
- We are chosen. (play ground)
- We are predestined. (Predestined all, but relationships are mutual. We must choose him.) (Predetermined – bought us before we ever did a thing – not performance). We belong because of God's choice, not our behavior.





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- Galatians 3:26-4:7
- Ephesians 1:3-5
- Ephesians 1:13-14, "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession."




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- You were included in Christ. You belong.
- You were marked with a seal, the Holy Spirit, a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance.
- You are God's possession. You belong to Him. We are in Christ, and Christ is in us. We belong.



- **Second, Jesus meets our basic need for belonging.**
- But, sometimes we have wounds, hurts, lies, and fears that block us from believing and receiving our true belonging. These wounds must be addressed, and healed so that we can experience the fullness of our belonging, and possess our inheritance.




- **Second, Jesus meets our basic need for belonging.**
- **Belonging Wounds:**
 - Abuse
 - Slogans (“you must have been adopted”) (You’re your mother’s son)
 - Adoption
 - Prejudice, racism, sexism
 - Peer rejection wounds
 - Sibling abuse (cruel big sisters & brothers)
 - Divorce, rejection, betrayal




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- **Third, we all have a basic need for significance.** Everyone wants to matter. They want to do something significant with their lives. They want to know their lives count, that they make a difference. No one wants to live an insignificant life. (e.g., survey people over 95) (e.g., pathological liar) God wants your life to count! He has called you to a life of meaning, purpose, and eternal significance.




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- **Third, Jesus meets our basic need for significance.**
- God has called us to be Kingdom carriers. (Matthew 6 – pray – your kingdom come) (Matthew 16 – “I will build my church & the gates of hell will not overcome it. I will give you the keys to the keys to the kingdom.”)
- God has empowered us to accomplish our lofty Kingdom assignment. (Acts 1)




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- **Third, Jesus meets our need for significance.**
- Acts 1:3-8, “He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. . . He gave them this command: ‘Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. . . You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth.’”




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- **Third, Jesus meets our need for significance.**
- Acts 1:3-8 – God has given us His Holy Spirit to empower us to do His Kingdom work. We need to be baptized with the Spirit (drenched, filled, soaked) (Luke 11:13)
- As heirs, we have all the resources of Heaven available to us to do the bidding of the King. But, too often we live like paupers, not like sons of the King most high. (NYC woman died with riches). We have to access our riches by taking the Kingdom pathways, until revival comes.




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- **Third, Jesus meets our need for significance.**
- We are a Kingdom of Priests. Revelation 1:5-6, "To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God & Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever." (priestly work in the kingdom)
- He has given us significance because he loves us. (Luke 10:17-20 – the 70 cast out demons.)
- He has purified us by his blood, & set us apart for the work. You are worthy b/c of the blood.




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- **Third, Jesus meets our need for significance.**
- We have been created in God's image. (Genesis 1:27). We are image-bearers, who have been given dominion over the earth. Then God went out and re-gained our dominion through His Son's blood – because he had created us to have dominion, to rule. It is our purpose.
- We are ambassadors for Christ, called to colonize earth & establish the Kingdom of heaven on earth. (2 Cor 5:17-20; Phil 3:20)




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- 2 Cor 5:17-20, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us."





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- **Third, Jesus meets our need for significance.**
- But, sometimes we are blocked in believing and receiving our significance because of wounds, fears, lies, failures and hurts from our past. We have to experience the liberating work of Christ, so that we can walk in the fullness of our eternal purpose and significance. Jesus can heal the significance wounds that keep us from our eternal purposes in God's kingdom.



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- **Third, Jesus meets our need for significance.**
- Significance Wounds:
 - Opinion de-valued ("Children are to be seen, not heard.") (little) (never ushered into adulthood, and affirmed in your maturity and gender)
 - Favoritism – child of destiny (feel pressure to produce, make something happen – efforts in the flesh vs living out calling by the power of the Spirit)
 - Poverty spirit (deprivations)
 - Failures
 - Shame



- **How do we heal the wounds, and remove the blocks that keep us from personalizing our identity in Christ?**
- Process (meditation) (whispers of the Spirit – listening to God’s voice) (renewing the mind – Lose it) (forgive those who sin against you – let the shield down to let God in) (tell & live story in Christian community)
- Events (encounters with God – most healing alone with God; healing prayer)

