

Abba – Our Source of Life

Gal. 4:1-7.

■ Though we are *co-owners of everything given to Jesus, we can never steward this inheritance until we are mature and trained.*

■ The *main point of our training is to conform us to the image of Jesus, which was complete submission to and dependence upon Abba and His will as the Source of all life and work.*

■ The *first phase of this training* is to be anchored in His love and delight as our center, source and supply, in order to prepare us for the training we must endure.

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■ *All spiritual warfare is aimed at disrupting our intimacy with Abba and the disruption of keeping Him as our Source through the Son.*

■ All sin has its origin in *operating independently from Abba.*

■ *All of the training that we are daily put under centers on maintaining loving submission to Abba's nature and will.*

■ We only grow and mature if we pass this training!

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■ *We, as creatures, will continually grow, learn, change and mature throughout eternity, being conformed to the divine nature of Jesus.*

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- Abba’s training is a *moment-by-moment event that currently takes place in the theater of life on this earth.*
- It is only after we surrender to Christ and are born again that *we come out of the Matrix and see what reality truly is.*

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- Unfortunately, *many go back into the Matrix by rejecting intimacy with Abba and His training process and choosing Babylon, the Harlot’s, religiosity.*
- *“I’m saved and on my way to heaven...that’s enough!”*
- They never grow into the image of the Son.

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- *If we’re still in the Matrix, we stumble through the day, reacting like everyone else, just surviving or being overcome like everyone else, and never perceiving Abba, His life, His plan, etc.*
- We are *being trained by the Holy Spirit to be, see and do as Abba is, sees and does* (Christlikeness).
- *What did Abba reveal of Himself and use yesterday to train you? Did we even notice?*
- *“But, I don’t want to train anymore!” Back to the Matrix....*

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Though we are co-owners of everything, as long as we are slaves to the things of this fallen world, we can never rule and reign.

- *LIFE is our training ground to get us so connected to Abba that He begins to release His power and authority to and through us.*
- *Until we can handle things the way Jesus would, we remain “trainees” and not stewards.*
- *We carry His life, power and creativity, but until we go to school and pass, He will not fully release us and His stuff.*

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Abba is the One in control of our training and destiny (with our cooperation!).

- Gal. 4:2 says the *Abba is in control of the timing of everything pertaining to us.*
- *“Father” literally means, “he who decides.”*

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We can only share in Jesus’ rule and power if we embrace the discipline and training necessary to conform us to His image.

- Rom. 8:17 says, *“No suffering (training), no reigning.”*
- *Power is directly related to passing the test of suffering, which is the discipline necessary to conform us to the image of the Son.*
- *Jesus had the ability to change time and matter with His words.*

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Heb. 12:1-11.

■ *It is a demonstration of Abba’s love to bring discipline into our lives that we may share in His love, power and reign.*

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Abba is the Guardian and Gardener of the body of Christ (John 15:1-2).

- *He loves and delights in us, but He is also a kind disciplinarian.*
- *How many of us have rebuked Satan only to find out it was **Abba** either doing or allowing the circumstance for training?*
- *Have we ever understood HIS pain in training us?*

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Abba is the Guardian and Gardener of the body of Christ (John 15:1-2).

- *Have we ever come to Him in prayer just to discover what pleases Him and what’s available to us in Christ, instead of all the time bringing our wants, complaints and/or desires?*
- *Submission deals with “May I?” vs. “Can I?”*

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Abba calls us to be sons and not slaves.

Sons

See Abba's law as
character.

“Work” for *Abba's and
family's benefit.*

Are focused on *being.*

Love is the motivation.

Servants

See law as something
only to be obeyed.

Work for *wages,
rewards, and feelings.*

Focused on *doing.*

Fear or duty is the
motivation.
