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PERFECTING SONSHIP THROUGH DEATH (1)

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2025: OUR YEAR OF FULFILLED DREAMS GENESIS 41:1, GENESIS 42:9

- Sonship is perfected through death. Just as Christ was perfected through suffering, so we must die to self, flesh, and worldly desires (**Hebrews 2:10, 14-15**).
- No servant is above the master. If Christ suffered, we too must embrace suffering in sonship (**John 13:16**).
- Jesus endured the cross for the joy set before Him. Following His example, we also should be motivated to endure our sufferings because of the glory ahead of us (**Hebrews 12:2**).
- We will not achieve anything meaningful or even attain sonship to the degree that the Lord wants us to, except through death.
- Death is necessary for fruitfulness. The old man must be crucified for the new life to emerge

(Galatians 2:20, John 12:24).

- The life of Christ is not an improvement on the old; it is an entirely new one. Your old self must be crucified, killed, and buried for the new you to arise (**Galatians 2:19-20, 2 Corinthians 5:17**).
- Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. Corruption must be sown and die, so that incorruption may rise. No sowing, no dying; no dying, no growing (**I Corinthians 15:42-50, John 12:24**).
- The quality, content, and intensity of your training are determined by your assignment or the weight of your calling. Others may, but you cannot because of destiny.
- In the “school of suffering,” you are pressed, broken, crushed, shamed, despised,

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misunderstood, deserted, hungry, confused, and sometimes surrounded by silence from heaven. Yet, it is God's preparation for your assignment (**2 Corinthians 11:22-30**).

- The US Navy SEALs endure extreme training—some even die, all for the honour of serving their country. How much more should believers endure suffering for the kingdom? (**Revelation 12:11**).
- God is not looking for quantity but quality. Many are called, few are chosen (**Matthew 22:14**). Only those who embrace the discipline of death and suffering become true sons.
- True sonship is characterised by the generation that will not bow and by those who carry the battle to the gates of the enemy. They are true citizens and ambassadors of the kingdom.

- Are we raising cannon fodder or arrows? We must raise a generation of children who are trained to endure hardship, rather than those who become spiritually dispensable. True sons must be arrows in God's hand.
- If you must attain purpose and destiny, you must enrol in the school of suffering, go through every class, and be poured from vessel to vessel. Moab's ease kept his taste and scent unchanged; no change, no advancement (**Jeremiah 48:11-12**).
- In the school of suffering, you must count it all joy! Enjoying your journey perfects patience and maturity in you (**James 1:2-4**).

Prayer Points

1. Father, sanctify me wholly—spirit, soul, and body—and preserve me blameless till Christ's

coming (**1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**).

2. Lord, help me embrace death to self, my desires, and my will, so that Christ may live fully in me.

3. Father, train me in the school of suffering and let my pressing, crushing, and breaking produce glory.

4. Lord, keep me from running from suffering. Give me grace to endure and to finish my course with honour.

5. Father, align me with the assignment written for me before I was formed.

6. Lord, keep me pressing forward in training, never stagnant, never self-satisfied.

7. Like a grain of wheat, may my life fall into the ground and die, so I can produce much fruit (**John 12:24**).

8. Lord, make me a vessel of quality, not—an arrow in Your hand that hits the mark; not a cannon fodder.

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9. Father, teach me to count it all joy when I go through trials, knowing that it produces maturity (**James 1:2-4**).

10. Father, may I, like faithful witnesses of old, return with honour, having loved not my life unto death (**Revelation 12:11**).