

## **12—The Spirit of Abba**

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### **INTRO:**

#### **I. → Romans 8:14-17**

*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons (and daughters) of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."*

*→ 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. (NKJV)*

### **BODY:**

#### **I. Leading of the Spirit**

14 For as many as are **led by the Spirit** of God, these are sons of God.

A. There is more to being a child of God than just a name.

1) **Matthew 5:44-45**

*But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.*

2) **A SON IS THE EMBODIMENT OF THE FATHER**

B. To be a Christ follower is to be led by the Holy Spirit.

1) **Matthew 7:21**

*"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."*

2) **CRAZY CHRISTIANS—CHALUPA**

## II. Adoption of the Spirit

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the **Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

A. The Spirit teaches us to trust the Father with the outcome.

1) **Mark 14:35-36**

*Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."*

2) **EARLY CHURCH USING THE JESUS PRAYER**

a) The Aramaic word for father is "ab"

b) "Abba" is used when you are talking to someone

c) Nowhere in Hebrew is Abba used to address God

B. God had a spot for you in his family before you knew Him.

1) **Ephesians 1:4-5**

*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, in accordance with his pleasure and will.*

2) **LOLA'S PICTURE OF VERNON**

## III. Witness of the Spirit

16 The Spirit Himself **bears witness** with our spirit that we are children of God.

A. It is the Holy Spirit that shows us how to be a child of God.

1) **1 John 3:1**

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!*

2) **REMEMBERING WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE 10**

3) **KID'S CAMP VIDEO**

## **OTHER SCRIPTURES:**

Psalms 143:10

10 Teach me to do your will,  
for you are my God;  
may your good Spirit  
lead me on level ground.

Matthew 6:9-10

"This, then, is how you should pray:  
"Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
10 your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven."

John 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

Galatians 3:7

Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.