Formed Like the Firstborn
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"For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." — Romans 8:29

Jesus did not come simply to rescue us—He came to reproduce His life in us. Sonship is not about self-expression, but about being conformed to the image of Christ. This is the miracle of grace: not only that God calls us sons, but that He makes us like His Son.

We are not clones, but carriers. Sons are entrusted with His nature, His authority, and His assignment. Our calling is not to be admired, to win arguments, or to seek platforms. It is to be so filled with the life of Christ that the world, our families, and those closest to us see Him revealed in us. This is not a "bonus round" of Christianity—it is the very point of salvation.

There is no sonship without surrender, and no Christlikeness without the cross. But this surrender is not out of compulsion—it is born of love. To walk as sons is to walk in obedience, intimacy, holiness, and joy, revealing the Firstborn in a world groaning for the reality of mature sons.

You were not made to be a slave, not even a spiritual one. You were made for sonship. This is the Father's eternal desire, the reason the Son came, and the purpose for which the Spirit was poured out. Let Him finish the work He has begun in you.

Scripture Reading:

Romans 8:29
Galatians 3:1–5
John 17:20–23

Wisdom to Remember

"God's eternal purpose is fulfilled not merely through believers, but through sons conformed to the image of Christ." — Watchman Nee

"To be a son of God is not to rise in status but to die in self; sonship begins where self-reliance ends." — A.W. Tozer