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The Cry of the Son
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"Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'" — Galatians 4:6

The true cry of sonship cannot be faked. It is not learned through the right words, religious training, or good behavior—it is born of the Spirit. This cry, Abba, Father, is not a whisper or vague feeling; it is the deep, Spirit-empowered outburst of one who knows they belong to the Father.

Only the Holy Spirit can awaken this cry within us. We do not call God "Abba" because we feel ready, worthy, or prepared—we call Him that because His Spirit in us recognizes our Source. Even when we feel unworthy, He draws us close, especially then.

Performance, theology, and even good works cannot produce this cry. Just as a newborn's first cry proves life has begun, the Spirit-born cry of "Abba" marks the reality of our sonship. It comes from birth, not behavior.

So ask yourself: have you truly cried "Abba" as a son in the arms of your Father, or are you still standing outside, rehearsing your worthiness? Let the Spirit break that cycle today. Ask Him to awaken and renew that cry within you—not as an idea, but as a living reality of belonging.

Sons walk differently. They carry forward the life of the Firstborn, because His life is maturing in them. You are not trying to become a son—you already are one. Walk like it.

Scripture Reading:

Galatians 4:6
Romans 8:15–17
Luke 1:17

Wisdom to Remember

"The mark of sonship is not effort but dependence—the life of the Son being lived through us." — Watchman Nee

"Sonship means we live not to earn God's favor but because we already have it—adopted, accepted, and called His own." — A.W. Tozer