

!!South Africa – Mozambique – Hillside Commissioning!!

Simple Service & Heaven on Earth

I. Children of God!

A. Humans ... the Image and Likeness of *Infinite Love & Light & Relational Unity & Holy!*

Gen 1:26 NIV Then God said, "Let us make man in our **image**, in our **likeness**, and ... **rule** ... over the earth...creatures

Only in the Human is the Trinity revealed.

Joy is the Indicator of functional unity (COOPERATION)

Psalm 16:11

!!The challenges can SANCTIFY us!!

B. Humans have an Infinity of Imagination, Potential, Creative Power, and Desires

And that's a VERY GOOD thing!

Ecc1 3.11 NLT Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has **planted eternity in the human heart**, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

2. LIKENESS of GOD!

Eph 5.1 ESV Therefore be **imitators** of God, as beloved children. **2** And **walk in love**, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

C. Connecting with the Heart of our Father.

Matt 25.34 NLT "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, **inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world.** **35** For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I

was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. 36 I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

37 "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry ... Or thirsty ...? 38 Or a stranger ...? Or naked ... 39 When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

40 "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, **when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!**'

II. Worship, Service and Everyday Life

A. If Worship is Service, is Customer Service Worship?

When we see the need and fill it, are we worshipping?

All increase requires connection...

Does God want you to MAKE money?

Does God want children to be born?

All increase is in CONNECTION

Can a shoe store be a sanctuary?

Sit down and the salesperson, may come and kneel before you, take off your shoe and try to find something that will be pleasing to you.

Did you worship today? Did we serve one of God's children?

Did we worship God by making one of His other children happy with a new pair of sneakers?

Bless BARAK

Knee BEREK

Kneel down, be reverent, bless, praise

B. Worship by Serving

When I was 17, I got my first car. I had saved my money for months and spent all of it on this one purchase. I was so happy, driving around with my elbow sticking out the window.

But then the car began to make a horrible grinding noise, and my heart sank. I went home to tell my father that there was something seriously wrong with my car and I wasn't sure what.

My father referred me to Ernie Schupp, a friend of my parents who ran an auto repair shop. So I drove to see Ernie at his shop.

I told him that my father had recommended him to me. Ernie opened up the hood and asked me to start the engine and give it some gas. Ernie let out a long, low whistle and shook his head.

My heart sank again . . . I knew there was something significant wrong and that it was going to be expensive. That look meant lots of money. And I didn't have lots of money because I'd spent all my money on the car. I was very unhappy.

Ernie told me to sit still and took my car out back to the shop to look at it more. I tried reading magazines while I waited, but I was too distracted wondering how I would deal with this. Finally, Ernie brought the car back around, only now the grinding was gone. It was as if he put in a whole new engine. I'd never heard a car sound so good. It was smooth. It was beautiful.

Only now I was torn. I was happy the car was fixed but scared to get the bill, for which I had no money. Ernie handed me the keys and told me I was good to go. When I asked him how much it was, he said, "No charge." I must have looked pretty confused. ***He explained that my father had done him a huge favor he could not repay.*** I explained to him that the car was mine, not my father's.

And he said something to me that I've never forgotten: ***"When you get older and have your own children, you will discover that the best thing somebody can do for you is to do something for your kids."***

So this person **repaid his debt to my father by doing something for me**. When someone does something for your children, it is just as good or even better than if they had done it for you.

Consider the opposite. **Would you rather someone do something horrible to you or to your children?** Most would say, of course, do it to me instead!

Isn't that what Jesus did on the Cross? Do it to me, not my children!

Gal 5.14 NLT For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

John 15.12 NLT This is **my** commandment: **Love each other in the same way I have loved you.**

13 There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command.

Rom 15.13 NIV May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.