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"The Father's Love" Romans 14

Message by Rob Reimer Worship led by Laura Scharer

Music:

The Lion And The Lamb	Great I Am	Spirit of the Living God
No Longer Slaves		

Sermon:

Disconnect with the Father (growing up)

When you are not experiencing the revelatory love of the Father, your intimacy with God will be stunted and your authority in Christ will be underdeveloped.

Romans 8:14f, "Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'"

Romans 8:14f, "The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."

Point: The Holy Spirit is revealing the Father's love to us so we can live as heirs of God & coheirs with Christ. The things that belong to Jesus... (access)

Sometimes we aren't receiving the adoptive love of the Father because of blocks (e.g., suitcase; shame - over secrets, things we've done; things done to us)

How do we receive the revelation of the Father's adoptive love?

- 1. We receive the adoptive love of the Father when the Holy Spirit illuminates Scripture to us. (e.g., meditating on Romans 8; 2 Tim 3:16 'co-heir' Co at the monastery)
- We receive the adoptive love of the Father when the Holy Spirit speaks to us about it. He makes it known through direct revelation. V. 16, "The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit..." (holding 1st born)
- 3. We receive the adoptive love of the Father when the Holy Spirit pours out the love of God in our hearts (Romans 5:5) (Father dream)