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- 1 Ki. 2:1-12; 2 Ki. 2:1-25
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- Luke 10:16-20
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THEME: THE DOUBLE PORTION MANTLE

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OUTCOME: GREATER THINGS!

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and **they will do even greater things** than these, because I am going to the Father.” (John 14:12)

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. In this Torah portion, Jacob prepares for his death by securing a double portion of inheritance for Joseph and then blessing each of his sons with prophetic blessings. The book of Genesis ends with the death of Jacob, followed shortly by the death of Joseph and a promise of redemption from Egypt. **NOTE: there are some active links included here for your convenient reference!**
2. Jacob is 147 years old and he asks Joseph right before his death to promise that he'd bury him with his “fathers” in the cave in the land that Abraham purchased (see '[Hidden Treasure](#)' sermon notes. Joseph agrees.
3. Jacob claims Joseph's two sons Manasseh and Ephraim as if they were his own.
4. Jacob's eyesight is failing and he wants to bless the two boys and he says, “I didn't expect I'd see your face, but now God has shown me your children too.”

5. Joseph puts his boys in front of his father but Israel crosses his hands and blesses the 2nd born Ephraim with his right hand (another 2nd born taking firstborn status—See 'Birthrights For Sale' sermon notes.)
6. Joseph tries to correct his father, but Israel says, Manasseh will be great also, but his younger brother will be greater and become many nations."
7. Israel blessed them that day, saying, "Through you, Israel will pronounce blessings, saying, 'May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh.'"
8. Israel prophesies that his people will return to Canaan one day and shows Joseph that by taking his two sons as his own that Joseph will actually receive a double portion inheritance.
9. Jacob summons each of his sons and reveals their destinies. "Gather around so that I can tell you what will happen to you in the coming days." (Just like Moses blesses the tribes in Deuteronomy 33.)
10. For our purposes we will emphasize Judah and Joseph as from Judah comes the Jews and he is the lineage of Y'shua. And from Joseph comes Ephraim, the seed of Promise and the Church.
11. Judah is a lion; the scepter won't depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from among his banners. Gifts will be brought to him; people will obey him. [Messiah]

12. Joseph is a young bull, who strides with oxen. The Almighty will bless him with blessings from the skies above and blessings from the deep sea below; His blessings are excessive. Joseph is the one set apart from his brothers.
13. Jacob dies and they mourned for him forty days; the Egyptians mourned him for seventy days.
14. Joseph requests from Pharaoh to bury his father where he requested. Pharaoh agrees and sends his own servants and the elder statesmen in his household and all of the elder statesmen in the land of Egypt to be at the burial.
15. Joseph goes with his entire household, his brothers, and his father's household (no children or animals) for a seven day service.
16. Joseph returns to Egypt, but his brothers are worried that now that their father is gone, Joseph may decide to revisit his bitterness against them so they concoct a story.
17. "Your father gave orders before he died, telling us, 'This is what you should say to Joseph. "Please, forgive your brothers' sins and misdeeds, for they did terrible things to you. Now, please forgive the sins of the servants of your father's God."'"
18. Joseph and his brothers wept and Joseph say to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I God? You planned something bad for me, but God produced something good from it, in order to save the lives of

many people, just as he's doing today. Now, don't be afraid. I will take care of you and your children."

19. Joseph lived 110 years and saw Ephraim's and Manasseh's grandchildren.
20. Joseph said to his brothers, "I'm about to die. God will certainly take care of you and bring you out of this land to the land he promised to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."
21. Joseph made Israel's sons promise, "When God takes care of you, you must bring up my bones out of here." And this we, of course, see happening many later in the exodus!
22. Note: there seems to be a math controversy about how long it was between the death of Joseph and the new Pharaoh making the Israelite slaves in Egypt and the Exodus. There is a great explanation [here](#) and it is not what you think!

YOU ARE MY SON; I AM YOUR FATHER

1. Jacob Claims Joseph's Sons

A. Ephraim and Manasseh are mine

(1) A better inheritance!

- (a) "Now then, your two sons born to you in Egypt before I came to you here will be reckoned as mine; **Ephraim and Manasseh will be mine, just as Reuben and Simeon are mine.** Any children born to you after them will be

yours; in the territory they inherit they will be reckoned under the names of their brothers." Gen. 48:5-6 NIVUK

(2) 2nd Born gets 1st Born Blessing (AGAIN!)

(a) "And Joseph took both of them, Ephraim on his right towards Israel's left hand and Manasseh on his left towards Israel's right hand, and brought them close to him. **But Israel reached out his right hand and put it on Ephraim's head**, though he was the younger, and crossing his arms, he put his left hand on Manasseh's head, even though Manasseh was the firstborn." Gen. 48:13-14 NIVUK

B. They will be called by my name!

(1) Ephraim and Manasseh continue the line of Abraham!

(a) "the Angel who has delivered me from all harm – may he bless these boys. **May they be called by my name (Israel)** and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and may they increase greatly on the earth.'" Gen. 48:16 NIVUK

(2) Inheritance of the Overcomer

(a) Then the man said, '**Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel**, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.'" Genesis 32:28 NIVUK

C. This is My Son in whom I am well pleased!

(1) Y'shua as the Son

(a) "As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, '**This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.**'" Matthew 3:16-17 NIVUK

(b) "While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, '**This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.** Listen to him!'" Matthew 17:5 NIVUK

(c) "He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, '**This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.**' We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain." 2 Peter 1:17-18 NIVUK

(2) Our rights also as sons

(a) "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. '**Which of**

you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?
Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you,
then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts
to your children, **how much more will your Father** in
heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" Matthew
7:7-11 NIVUK

(b) "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will
give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will
give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil,
know how to give good gifts to your children, **how
much more will your Father in heaven** give the Holy
Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 11:11-13 NIVUK

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUE SONS

2. RIGHTS!

A. The nations will be your inheritance

(1) Ask Me!

(a) "Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in
vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band
together against the LORD and against his anointed,
saying, 'Let us break their chains and throw off their
shackles.' The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the
Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and

terrifies them in his wrath, saying, 'I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.' I will proclaim the LORD's decree: He said to me, 'You are my son; today I have become your father. **Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.**" Psalms 2:1-8 NIVUK

(2) Justice

(a) "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, **my chosen one in whom I delight**; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations." Isaiah 42:1 NIVUK

B. How do I get a piece of the action?

(1) Become a son!

(a) "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**" Galatians 3:26-29 NIVUK

(2) Become Mature!

(a) "**What I am saying is that as long as an heir is under age, he is no different from a slave**, although he owns the whole estate. The heir is subject to guardians and

trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were under age, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.' So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir. Galatians 4:1-7

- (b) **THIS IS WHAT MATURE LOOKS LIKE!** My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth **until Christ is formed in you**, how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!" Galatians 4:19-20 NIVUK

PASSING THE MANTLE

3. From Moses all the way to the Church

A. Moses to Joshua

(1) Moses laid hands on Joshua and passed on the anointing!

- (a) **"Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him.** So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD

had commanded Moses. Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt – to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no-one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.”

Deuteronomy 34:9-12 NIVUK

(2) Joshua seizes the anointing and carries it forward!

- (a) “After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ assistant:
‘**Moses my servant is dead. Now then,** you and all these people, get ready to cross the River Jordan into the land I am about to give to them – to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates – all the Hittite country – to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No-one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

‘Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. **Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.’**” Joshua 1:1-9 NIVUK

B. Jacob to Sons (Joseph and Judah) and Israel to Ephraim

(1) Joseph gets Double

(a) Then Israel said to Joseph, “I’m about to die. God will be with you and return you to the land of your fathers. **I’m giving you one portion more than to your brothers**, a portion that I took from the Amorites with my sword and my bow.” Gen. 48:21-22

(2) Joseph is the fruitful vine (like Jacob was)

(a) “**Joseph is a fruitful vine**, a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall. With bitterness archers attacked him; they shot at him with hostility. But his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed supple, because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob,

because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel, because of your father's God, who helps you, because of the Almighty, **who blesses you with blessings of the skies above, blessings of the deep springs below, blessings of the breast and womb.** Your father's blessings are greater than the blessings of the ancient mountains, than the bounty of the age-old hills. Let all these rest on the head of Joseph, on the brow of the prince among his brothers." Gen. 49:22-26 NIVUK

(b) "Jacob said to Joseph, 'God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and there he blessed me and said to me, "**I am going to make you fruitful** and increase your numbers. I will make you a community of peoples, and I will give this land as an everlasting possession to your descendants after you.'" Genesis 48:3-4 NIVUK

(3) Again Joseph and Matthew 24

(a) "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food **at the proper time?** It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you, he will put

him in charge of all his possessions.” Matthew 24:45-47
NIVUK

(4) Judah is special too! (But we will not review the other sons here.

(a) “Judah, your brothers will praise you; your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; your father’s sons will bow down to you. You are a lion’s cub, Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness – who dares to rouse him? The sceptre will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, **until he to whom it belongs [Shiloh] shall come** and the obedience of the nations shall be his.” Gen. 49:8-10 NIVUK

(5) Israel (notice not Jacob) to Ephraim—Joseph tries to correct him, but Israel says...the younger will be greater. [2nd Born like Able, Seth (Able’s replacement), Isaac, Jacob,

(a) “When Joseph saw his father placing his right hand on Ephraim’s head he was displeased; so he took hold of his father’s hand to move it from Ephraim’s head to Manasseh’s head. Joseph said to him, ‘No, my father, this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head.’ But his father refused and said, ‘I know, my son, I know. He too will become a people, and he too will

become great. **Nevertheless, his younger brother will be greater than he**, and his descendants will become a group of nations.’ He blessed them that day and said, **‘In your name will Israel pronounce this blessing:** “May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh.”’ So he put Ephraim ahead of Manasseh. Then Israel said to Joseph, ‘I am about to die, but God will be with you and take you back to the land of your fathers. **And to you I give one more ridge [portion] of land than to your brothers, the ridge I took from the Amorites with my sword and my bow.’**” Gen. 48:17-22 NIVUK

- (b) **Israel does the actual blessing, not Jacob**—“So he blessed them that day, saying, “By you **Israel** will bless, saying, ‘May God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!’ ” And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh.” Genesis 48:20 NKJV

C. King David to Solomon

(1) Take over—if your descendants walk faithfully you will never fail to have a successor! NOTICE THAT THE SAME THEME APPEARS OVER AND OVER—ONCE YOU TAKE OVER YOU MUST OBEY YAHWEH’S COMMANDS!

- (a) **“When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son.** ‘I am about to go the way of

all the earth,' he said. **'So be strong, act like a man, and observe what the LORD your God requires: walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go and that the LORD may keep his promise to me: "If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel."'**" 1 Kings 2:1-4
NIVUK

(2) Solomon rule is firmly established!

(a) "Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. He had reigned for forty years over Israel – seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, **and his rule was firmly established.**" 1 Kings 2:10-12 NIVUK

D. Elijah to Elisha

(1) ASK—RECEIVE—USE!

(a) "When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; the

LORD has sent me to Bethel.’ But Elisha said, ‘As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.’ So they went down to Bethel. The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, ‘Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?’ ‘Yes, I know,’ Elisha replied, ‘so be quiet.’ Then Elijah said to him, ‘Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho.’ And he replied, ‘As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.’ So they went to Jericho. The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, ‘**Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?**’ ‘**Yes, I know,**’ he replied, ‘**so be quiet.**’ Then Elijah said to him, ‘Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.’ And he replied, ‘As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.’ So the two of them walked on. Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. **The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.** When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Tell me, what can I do for

you before I am taken from you?’ **‘Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,’ Elisha replied.** ‘You have asked a difficult thing,’ Elijah said, ‘yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours – otherwise, it will not.’ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, ‘My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!’ And Elisha saw him no more. **Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two. Elisha then picked up Elijah’s cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. ‘Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah?’ he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.”** 2

Kings 2:1-14 NIVUK

- (2) We see the anointing but still have some doubts!
 - (a) “The company of the prophets from Jericho, who were watching, said, **‘The spirit of Elijah is resting on Elisha.’** And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him. ‘Look,’ they said, ‘we your servants have

fifty able men. **Let them go and look for your master.**

Perhaps the Spirit of the LORD has picked him up and set him down on some mountain or in some valley.'

'No,' Elisha replied, 'do not send them.' But they persisted until he was too embarrassed to refuse. So he said, 'Send them.' And they sent fifty men, who searched for three days but did not find him. When they returned to Elisha, who was staying in Jericho, he said to them, 'Didn't I tell you not to go?'" 2 Kings 2:15-18
NIVUK

(3) Sounds a bit like John the Baptist when he needed just one more confirmation!

(a) "When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, '**Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?**' Jesus replied, '**Go back and report to John what you hear and see:** the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.'" Matthew 11:2-6 NIVUK

(4) Immediately tested: NOT A GOOD IDEA to challenge the anointing!

- (a) “From there Elisha went up to Bethel. As he was walking along the road, some boys came out of the town and jeered at him. ‘Get out of here, baldy!’ they said. ‘Get out of here, baldy!’ **He turned round, looked at them and called down a curse on them in the name of the LORD.** Then two bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the boys. And he went on to Mount Carmel and from there returned to Samaria.” 2 Kings 2:23-25

E. Y’shua to the Church (Read the entire upper room discourse in John 13-17)

(1) Whatever you Bind!

- (a) “When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not

overcome it. **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.**' Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah." Matthew 16:13-20 NIVUK

(b) **"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.** 'Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'" Matthew 18:18-20 NIVUK

(c) LET ME REMIND YOU THAT AT THE END OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT—THE KEY WAS OBEDIENCE! "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and **puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine **and does not put them into practice** is like a foolish man who built his house on

sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.’ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as **one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.**” Matthew 7:24-29 NIVUK

(2) Authority

- (a) “‘Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.’ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, ‘Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.’ He replied, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I **have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.** However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’” Luke 10:16-20 NIVUK

(3) Y’shua set the example to follow

- (a) “When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. ‘Do you understand what I have done for you?’ he asked them. ‘You call me “Teacher” and “Lord”, and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed

your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. **I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.** Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." John 13:12-17 NIVUK

(4) Greater Things

- (a) "Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? **The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.** Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. **Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these,** because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." John 14:10-14 NIVUK

(5) If You Love Me?

- (a) "**If you love me, keep my commands.** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help

you and be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.” John 14:15-17 NIVUK

(6) I did not come with My own commands!

(a) “Jesus answered, ‘**My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me.** Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him. Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?’” John 7:16-19 NIVUK

(7) I did not come to abolish the law!

(a) “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; **I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.** For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. **Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches**

others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:17-20 NIVUK

(8) The Spirit of Truth

- (a) “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the **Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.** He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.” John 16:12-15 NIVUK

(9) Post Resurrection—THE AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SINS!

- (a) “On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were

overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' **And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'**" John 20:19-23 NIVUK

(10) Go Therefore!

(a) "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.** And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" Matthew 28:18-20 NIVUK

F. The Payoff for taking up the Mantle is Inexpressible

(1) Imperishable, Challenging, and Worth it!

(a) "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,** who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be

revealed in the last time. **In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.** These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an **inexpressible and glorious joy**, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.” 1 Peter 1:3-9
NIVUK

Questions & Discussion

1. Why is the Father well pleased with His son?

- A. How is obedience involved?
- B. Can you relate obedience to your understanding of the Gospel of the Kingdom and Kingdom of Heaven?

2. What are your rights and responsibilities as True Sons?

- A. How do you become a Son?
- B. What makes a son no different than a slave?
- C. When can the son truly take hold of his inheritance?

3. What does it mean to pass and receive the mantle?

- A. What should you do once the mantle is passed to you?
- B. What seems to be the common theme about what is needed in order for you to receive and use the mantle?