

# THE BIG KIDS' TABLE

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT SPIRITUAL MATURITY



## The Call



### 1. Salvation

Heb 3:1 brothers, who share in the heavenly calling

Phil 3:14 the prize for which God has called me heavenward

Eph 1:18 you may know the hope to which he has called you

Heb 9:15 that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance



### 2. Sanctification

1 Cor 1:2 those sanctified in Christ Jesus & called to be holy

2 Th 2:13 God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 14 He called you to this through our gospel

2 Tim 1:9 who has saved us and called us to a holy life



### 3. Service

Gal 5:13 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love

1 Cor 7:17 Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him.



### 4. Sacrifice

Philippians 2:17 But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. 18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

Philippians 2:29 So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, 30 because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

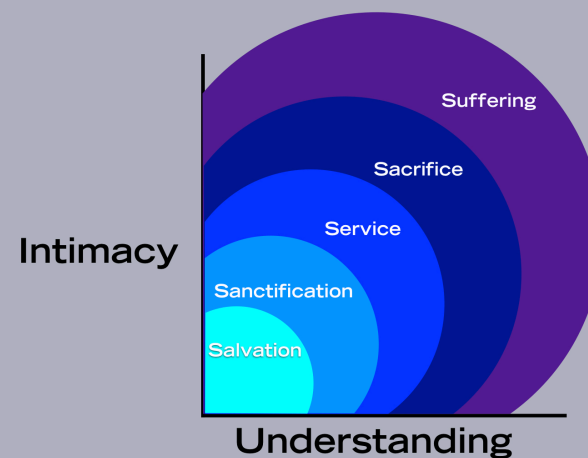


### 5. Suffering

1 Pet 2:20 But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Pet 3:9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

2 Timothy 2:3 Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.





**God is committed to working in us  
what is necessary to achieve His  
work through us.**



On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.



4 In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. 5 And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart



when he rebukes you, 6 because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.” 7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? 8 If you are not disciplined—and everyone



undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! 10 They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best;



but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.



. . . the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.



**Don't make light of it . . .**



. . . the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father  
the son he delights in.



Don't lose heart because of it . . .



28 And we know that in all things God works for the  
good of those who love him, who have been called  
according to his purpose. 29 For those God  
foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to  
the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn  
among many brothers and sisters.



30 And those he predestined, he also called; those  
he called, he also justified; those he justified, he  
also glorified.



## **Pulling the King's carriage**

Those who embrace the training have the  
honor of ushering in the presence of the King