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Reveal - The Spirit exposes false idols, false gospels, and false salvation, not to condemn but in kindness, to lead us to repentance.

Repent - Repentance is not performance but turning from lies to God's mercy.

Rejoice - We live as sons and daughters in Christ, secure in the Father's love, free to obey in joy.

Gospel and the Heart

Galatians 4:4-7

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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"When you live around garbage and you smell like garbage and people treat you like garbage, it's hard not to think of yourself that way." - Peter Mutabazi

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Westminster Shorter Catechism Q.34

Q: What is Adoption?

A: Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

"If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means he doesn't understand Christianity very well at all" - J.I Packer

Our struggle with belonging

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Elementary Principles of This World

Galatian 4:3- In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the **elementary principles of the world.**"

Galatians 4:9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless **elementary principles of the world**, whose slaves you want to be once more?"

Elementary Principle (World/Religion)	Orphan Strategy (Heart Posture)
"I obey, therefore I am accepted."	"If I perform well, maybe I'll be loved."
"If I control things, I'll feel secure."	"I can't trust my Father, so I'll manage life myself."
"If I look strong, I'll be safe."	"Weakness is dangerous - I must protect myself."
"If I'm needed, I matter."	"My value depends on being useful or admired."
"If I'm moral and disciplined, I'll prove I'm worthy."	"I'll create my own righteousness since I can't trust grace."

How we behold the promise of Sonship

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Romans 8:14-16

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

