

Divine Design

An aerial photograph of a dense urban skyline, likely New York City, featuring numerous skyscrapers of varying heights and architectural styles. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the overall lighting suggests a bright, slightly hazy day. The buildings are packed closely together, creating a complex pattern of vertical lines and rectangular shapes.

Building the Life You were Created to Live


Default or Design

■ Your life is a reflection of the choices that are made for you, and the choices that you make.

■ More often than not, by failing to raise the right questions we never get the opportunity to make the right choices.

■ To what extent has God's design changed the default settings of your life.

Psalm 25:1-5

 To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ² O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me. ³ Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause ⁴ Show me Your ways, O Lord. Teach me Your paths. ⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You *are* the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day


6 Areas of Design

 Faith

 Financial


 Family

 Focus

 Friendships

 *Faultlines

Family

 Ephesians 6:1-4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.² “Honor your father and mother” —this is the first commandment with a promise:³ “so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”⁴ And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Familial Models

- Separated* (Disciples – Matthew 4)
- Surrogate Family (Lazarus, Mary, and Martha - John 11)
- Spiritual (Simon, Alexander, and Rufus – Romans 16)
- Supervisory (Samson) (David) (Prodigal Son – Luke 15)
- Succession (David & Solomon I Kings 2)

Family Outside the Lines

🏠 Blended (Mary, Joseph, & Jesus – Matthew 1)

🏠 Adopted (Moses - Exodus 2)

🏠 Single Parent (Hagar - Genesis 21)

🏠 Divorced (Women by the well – John 4)

🏠 Widow/Widower (Widow of Nain Matthew 7)

🏠 Separated (Jacob & Esau – Genesis 27)

The Family of God



God Our Father



Jesus Our Elder Brother



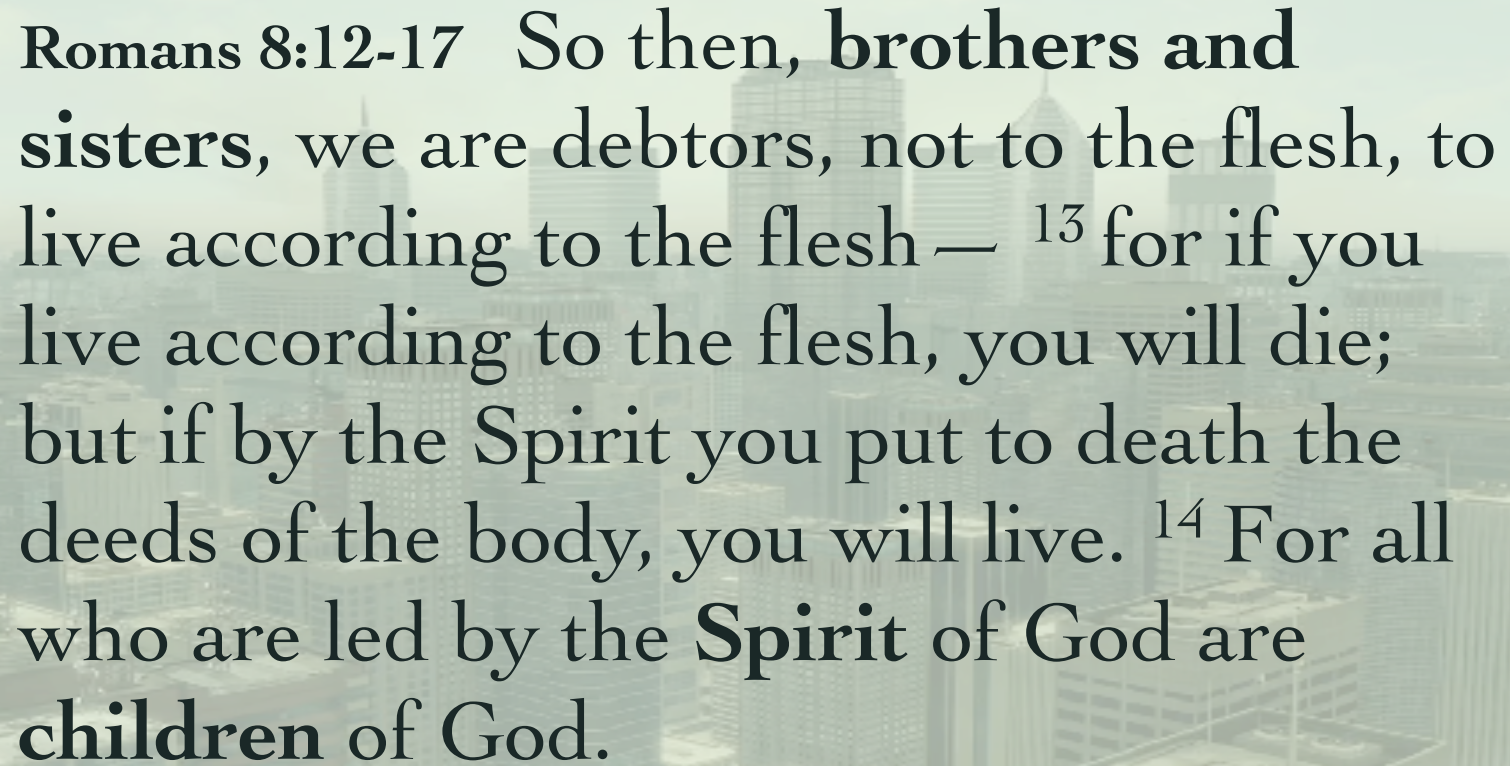
Holy Spirit our Witness



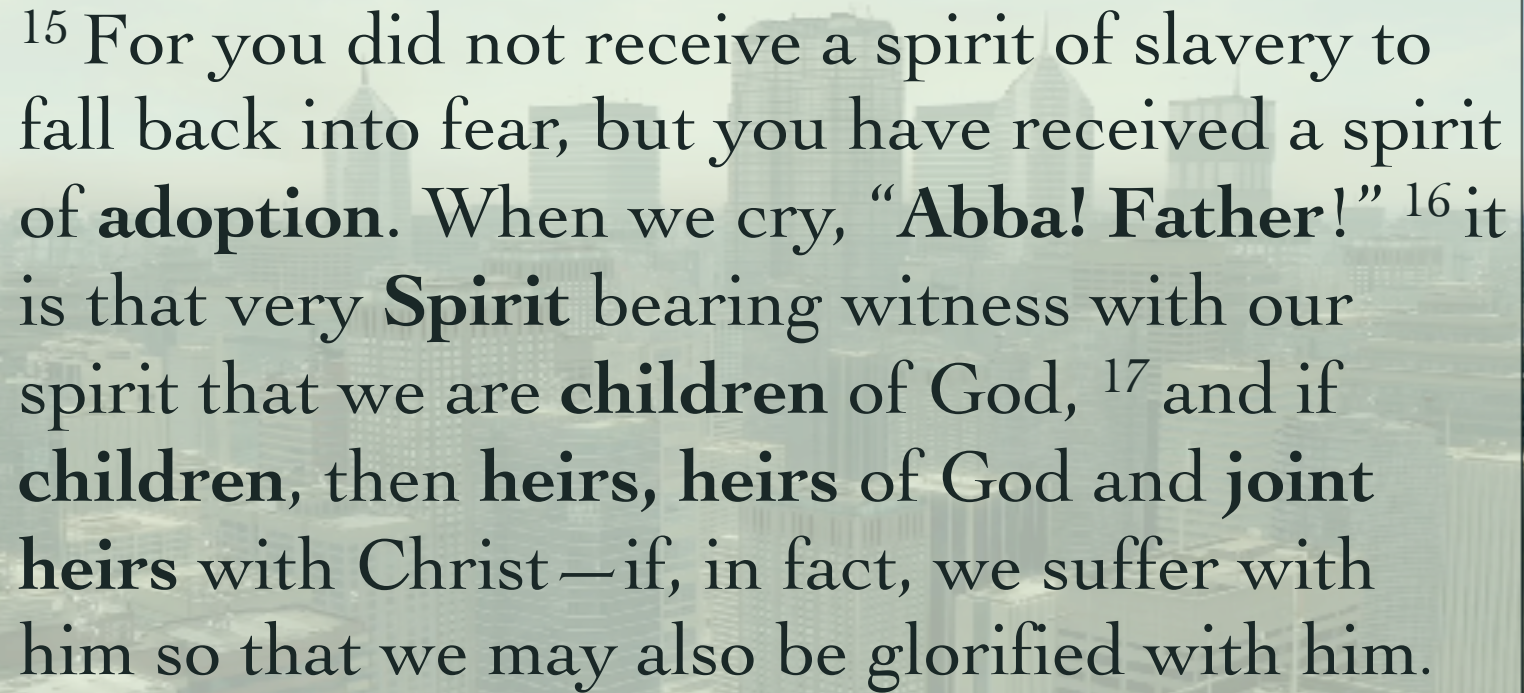
Brothers and Sisters



Adopted

An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, with numerous skyscrapers and buildings. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text. The text is in a black serif font and is centered within the box. The background shows a clear sky with some light clouds and the city buildings in shades of blue and grey.

Romans 8:12-17 So then, **brothers and sisters**, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the **Spirit of God** are **children of God**.

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¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of **adoption**. When we cry, “**Abba! Father!**” ¹⁶ it is that very **Spirit** bearing witness with our spirit that we are **children** of God, ¹⁷ and if **children**, then **heirs**, heirs of God and **joint heirs** with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Familial Models

🏙️ Prioritize - Divine/Human Family (Matthew 12, John 19)

🏙️ Pray – Boy with Demon (Mark 9)

🏙️ Proselytize – Brining Little Children (Mark 10)

🏙️ Protect – Maternal Instinct (I Kings 3)

🏙️ Pedagogy – Training (Proverbs 22)