

## FATHER-INITIATOR

John 6:44

“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

The Father is father to all believers (Romans 4:11). We have the right to call Him *Abba* (Romans 8:15-16). We belong to God, as part of His family (Ephesians 1:4-5). What confidence believers have when facing the world with this assurance!

Each person is individually and lovingly created for a specific purpose. (Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:5, Ephesians 4:12). The Father distinguished you from all His other kids by making you unique (u-NEEK, meaning one of a kind). Jesus admits that His chosen children are drawn by the Father—the initiator—to Him (John 15:19). Because the Father gave people free will, every person must decide whether to follow Him, or the world. Deciding to believe in and follow Jesus, as the Father’s Son, is **our choice**.

At that point, the Holy Spirit then indwells us, setting us apart from the ones who choose to follow the world.

Is our having control over anything an illusion?

Not having control of your life isn’t as scary, or outrageous, as you might guess. Not even Jesus—as a person of the Triune Wonder—was in control. When James’ and John’s Mom wanted her sons to sit at Jesus’ right and left hand in His kingdom, Jesus

explained, “These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by My



Father”. (Matthew 20:20-23).

When Jesus’ disciples wanted to know the signs of the end of this present age, Jesus answered, “No one knows the day or the hour, not even the angels in heaven,



nor the Son, but only the Father.” (Matthew 24:36).

Jesus chose not to control His own death, but submit to Scripture (Matthew 26:39). “I have come to do Your will, O God” (Psalm 40:6-8, Hebrews 10:7).

Not being in control has advantages. We always have somewhere to go when seeking help. Our job is to simply obey; God handles every consequence (CON-sequences, means result of action). God provides everything we need, directs our path, and opens doors that we’re to enter. If we mess up, He makes all things work together for good for those who love Him, and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

Could victorious living be any easier?

**Take Home Nugget**

The Triune-Wonder, (Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit), wants His children to be champions. Yielding to Him empowers us, guides us, and molds us into replicas of Jesus. Could we do any better than that on our own?

J.D. Griffith

*Cast your futile efforts down,  
Down at Jesus' feet;  
Stand in Him, in Him alone,  
Gloriously complete.*

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This is devotion number 240, for follow-up lesson.