

Confronting Spiritual Dwarfism

The term “*midget or dwarf*” are often used synonymously, as both terms mean someone who has been short in stature since birth. In the 19th century and the first half of the 20th century, the term *midget* was a medical term referring to an extremely short but normally proportioned person.

Another form of dwarfism is known as *psychogenic dwarfism*, also known as psychosocial dwarfism or stress dwarfism, caused by extreme emotional deprivation or stress.

This disease affects children between the ages of 2-15 and is very progressive. As long as a child is left in the stressing environment his or her cognitive abilities continue to degenerate. It can cause the body to completely stop growing but is generally considered to be temporary; regular growth will resume when the source of stress is removed. Children under these circumstances have extremely low levels of growth hormones.

You may wonder why this information was included in our study, but this is all relevant to where we are as a Body, and what we need to confront. In the 21st century the appropriate terminology for dwarfism is known as *vertically challenged*. A *vertically challenged* individual is one that is aging but not growing.

In our churches we have midgets in the *spirit realm*, *dwarf ministries* and even *dwarf churches*. There are churches that have been in existence for many decades and have not grown at all. This is not due to a shortage of people in the community; this has to be evaluated for what it is. We need to be giants in the spirit. We have to grow, we must grow, and we are commanded to grow.

I prophetically speak to your spiritual D.N.A., and I command your spirit to come into alignment with the purpose of God; no more midget anointings, no more midget gifts, and no more midget ministries. I declare breakthrough in your spirit. I declare breakthroughs in our churches and call the Body of Christ into genetic alignment. I rebuke the spirit of dwarfism over the church of Jesus Christ. We can't keep quoting “*where two or three are gathered in his name.*” We can't use the word of God to justify any level of dwarfism.

In the book of Genesis 33:10-13, Jacob is finally confronted by Esau his brother and is fearful for his life. Esau however is non confrontational and falls on his brothers neck and they both begin to weep. Jacob is relieved to find that his twin brother harbors no resentment against him for swindling him out of his birthright.

As Jacob is urged by his brother Esau to continue on their journey, he makes what I consider to be a profound statement.

Verse 13 says “And he said unto him, my Lord knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me; and if men should overdrive them one day all the flock will die.”

Jacob as a shepherd knew that he could not move forward because of the developmental state of his flock and the weariness of the children.

As long as our churches are filled with under developed people and spiritually immature children, the Body of Christ cannot go forward. It does not matter how much vision a leader has, he can still find himself stagnated by the inability of people who are immature. That is why the Father gave us the Five Fold Ministry. Eph. 4:14 states, *“That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine....”*

The Apostle Paul said it this way in I Cor. 13:11, *“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”* Paul helps us to understand that our spiritual awareness is in direct association to our spiritual development. *“But when I became a man”* or when I began to mature as a Christian, I began to make decisions that reflected my growth.

It is my prayer that the eyes of your understanding will be opened as your spirit man is renewed by the revelation of God’s word.