

*Experience*  
*the Love of the Father*

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**1 Jn. 3:1**

*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*

**John 1:12** *Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—*

**John 1:13** *children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.*

**Salvation leads us  
into the Experience  
of the Fatherhood of God**

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- Identity

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**Eph. 3:14** *For this reason I kneel  
before the Father,*

**Eph. 3:15** *from whom his whole family  
in heaven and on earth derives its  
name.*

***Salvation Changes our Identity!***

**Spiritually Dead**

Eph. 2:1,5

**Spiritually Blind**

2 Cor. 4:4

**Spiritually Alive**

Jn. 3:5-8

**Spiritual Sight**

1 Cor. 2:14, 15

**Enemy of God**

Rom. 5:10

**Reconciled to God**

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**Child of the Devil**

Eph. 2:3; 1 Jn. 3:10

**Child of God**

Jn. 1:12; Gal. 3:26

**Citizen of the  
Devil's kingdom**

**Acts 26:18 Col. 1:13**

**Citizen of  
God's Kingdom**

**Phil. 3:20; Col. 1:13**

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**1 Jn. 4:10** *This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

- Value

**1John 4:14** *And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.*

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- Love
  - Protection

- Love

- Protection- I am Safe

- Love
  - Belonging

- Love

- Belonging- I am wanted

- I am Important to  
to Somebody

- Love

- Intimacy

- Love

- Intimacy- I am worth knowing  
I am worth loving

- Love

- Intimacy- I can give joy,  
pleasure, and  
honor to another

- Love
  - Security

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- Security- I am Secure

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**Rom. 8:38** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

- Love

**Rom. 8:39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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- Identity: If I don't know who I am

# What Happens when these Needs aren't met?

- Value

# What Happens when these Needs aren't met?

- Value: When I feel worthless  
I'm not good enough  
... smart enough

# What Happens when these Needs aren't met?

- Love

# What Happens when these Needs aren't met?

- Love- If I am not secure in God's Love

# Experiencing the **Grace & Truth** of the Father's Love

# Experiencing the **Grace** of the Father's Love

- Grace is Unmerited Favor

- Favor: “the state of being approved or held in regard”

- Grace is the Generous  
Expression of God's Love

- **1 Pet. 5:10**- The God of All Grace
- **Acts 20:32**- Word of His Grace
- **Acts 20:24**- Gospel of His Grace

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Rom. 5:2 *through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.*

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**Eph. 2:8** *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—*

**Eph. 2:9** *not by works, so that no one can boast.*

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- **Eph. 2:10** *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

# Experiencing the **Truth** of the Father's Love

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Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

# God's Word is Truth

John 17:17

Sanctify them through your  
truth, your word is truth.

**John 8:31** *To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.*

**John 8:32** *Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

Experiencing  
the **Trustworthiness** of  
the Father's Love

1. Our Heavenly Father is God

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God's Fatherhood and His Sovereignty

# God's Fatherhood and His Sovereignty

Sovereignty: God has supreme rank, power and authority over everything

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*But we often don't see the whole picture*

**Isa. 64:8** *Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the **potter**; we are all the work of your hand.*

**Rom. 8:28** *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.*

## **2. The Ways of God in Fathering Us**

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Heb. 12:5 *And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,*

Heb. 12:6 *because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.”*

Heb. 12:7 *Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?*

Heb. 12:8 *If you are not disciplined  
(and everyone undergoes discipline),  
then you are illegitimate children and  
not true sons.*

Heb. 12:9 *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 our spirits and live!*

Heb. 12:10 *Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.*

Heb. 12:11 *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.*

# Experience the Love of The Father

Application

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## **1. Walking in Obedience**

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*Obedience is a Love Word*

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“If you love me, you will obey  
what I command.

John 14:15

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**2. Where are you with Your Heavenly Father?**

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Application: Walking in the Father's Love

**3. Where are You with your Earthly  
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What do you feel:

- Betrayed
- Abandoned
- Devalued
- Wounded
- Hurt
- Abused
- ?
- ?

### 3. Where are You with your Earthly Father?

- What is the Result? (I am or I feel):
- Hurt
- Angry
- Worthless
- Unlovable
- Damaged
- Hopeless
- Doomed to repeat this in my generation

### **3. Where are You with your Earthly Father?**

**Moving from Hurt to Healing**

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## **Moving from Hurt to Healing**

**From: Pain Wounding, Shame,  
Paralysis, Being Stuck**

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**From: Vengeance and Judgment**

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**Moving from Hurt to Healing**

**To: Forgiveness and Mercy**

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#### Forgiveness

**Matt. 6:14** For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

**Matt. 6:15** But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

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## Forgiveness:

- Is not ignoring the Pain

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#### Forgiveness:

- Is releasing the offender from owing us anything and trusting God to heal us

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## Forgiveness:

- Is an Act of Faith
- Is an Act of Love

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## Forgiveness is an Act of Faith

Heb. 10:38 Now the just shall live by  
faith

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## Forgiveness is an Act of Faith

**Heb. 11:6** And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

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**Forgiveness is an Act of Love**

- I do it because I love Him**

**John 14:15**

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**A Way of Forgiveness**

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#### **A Way of Forgiveness**

- Ask for His Grace to forgive

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#### **A Way of Forgiveness**

- List Specific Offenses against you

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#### A Way of Forgiveness

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#### **Faith:**

- Trust that God is Just

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- Forgive Them

Deut. 32:35 *It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them.”*

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- Forgive Them

#### **Faith:**

- Trust that God is Merciful

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- Forgive Them

### **A Sample Prayer of Forgiveness**

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Lord, I recognize that You have totally forgiven me. You have commanded me to forgive others just as You have forgiven me. I choose to forgive \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (actions and effects) \_\_\_\_\_.

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I ask that You forgive me for not forgiving as You commanded. Help me to reconcile my relationship with \_\_\_\_\_ . I choose to release this hurt and anger and I release \_\_\_\_\_ from any debt owed me.

## A Sample Prayer of Forgiveness

In the authority and name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I take back any ground I have allowed Satan to gain in my life because of this conflict. I ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### 3. Where are You with your Earthly Father?

- Breaking the Power of Generational Sin

Exo. 20:4-6

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