



Scriptures: Psalm 68:5, John 16:26-27, John 1:11-12, 2 Corinthians 6:18, Psalm 139:13-16, Matthew 6:25-33, John 14:27, Philippians 4:7, Hebrews 12:4-11, Deuteronomy 31:6, James 1:2-3, John 10:10, John 3:16, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8, Romans 10:9, Romans 8:1

Main Idea: No matter your relationship with your earthly Father, God is our perfect heavenly Father in all aspects. Do you know Him?

Hey everyone! I hope your week is going well so far! I am so excited to be back with you again! This Sunday is Father's Day, so if you haven't planned or done anything for your dad this is your friendly reminder. Father's Day is a day we take to remember and celebrate our fathers. But I would be naïve to think that no one here struggles in a relationship with your father. Some of you may not even know your father or if you do the relationship is distant. Maybe there have been things that have happened between you to cause a strain in the relationship. Please know that you are not alone!

God has given us earthly fathers no matter the role they have in our lives, present or not. Ideally, our earthly fathers would be present in our lives and love, protect, guide, and value us. But that's not always the case because our earthly fathers aren't perfect. God tells us in **Psalm 68:5** that **"A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling."** (NIV)

So even if your earthly father isn't close, present or in your life at all you have access to a heavenly Father in God! I always found it interesting that out of all ways to describe Himself God chooses the language of Father.

[TEACHER NOTE: Here, I talked about my feelings about becoming a father. You can share your own story or use mine and say "I once heard a father describe becoming a dad like this..."]

I have to be honest with you about something, I LOVE being a dad. Last year, when Aleah was born my world completely changed, it was almost like another chamber in my heart was unlocked like an achievement on Xbox. What I mean is I thought I knew what love was from my marriage with Melissa, but this was a whole other level. The immediate flood of

emotions I had the first time I saw Aleah and held her I knew something had shifted. As long as I have breath in these lungs, I will do everything I can to love, protect, guide, and show her how much I value her.

God loves you so much! In fact, throughout His Word, He describes His love for us as a father.

“In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. ²⁷ No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.” John 16:26-27 (NIV)

He wants you to be His son or daughter, and He sent Jesus to die for us so that could happen!

“He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:11-12 (NIV)

“And, I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” 2 Corinthians 6:18 (NIV)

If we accept Jesus as our Savior, we become a child of God! God is your Father. But what does God as our Father even look like? I want to unpack what this really looks like by looking at God’s Word together.

1. God Made Us!

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” Psalm 139:13-16 (NIV)

We have to understand that God made us and knows us deeper than anyone else. You are known by Him because He made you!

2. God Provides for Us.

Like a good father, God provides for us and He does so in multiple ways. First, He provides for us physically

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:25-33 (NIV)

God also provides for us Spiritually by giving us peace.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27 (CSB)

“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:7 (NIV)

God provides for our physical needs and our spiritual needs; fathers find joy in being able to meet the needs of their children. One of God’s names in the Bible is Jehovah-Jireh which translated means “the Lord will provide.” It’s so amazing to be a child of God who takes care of us in all ways.

3. God Corrects Us.

We like to think we know what to do when it comes to living, and we can come to the point where we begin to live how we want to live and don’t want to be told otherwise. However, if we are truly a child of God then He will correct us and discipline us, if needed, because He loves us.



1. How would you describe your own relationship with your father?
2. Why do you think God describes Himself often as a father?
3. What does it mean to you to know that you have a heavenly Father who loves you?
4. How will you respond to knowing that when you know Jesus you have God as your Father?

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