

Our Heavenly Father

Matthew 6:1-18
June 20, 2010

What is your response?

- a) Warm and fuzzy
- b) Depressed
- c) Angry
- d) Confused
- e) Jealous
- f) Skeptical
- g) Other

God is our Father

- How do we relate to God?
- God is a Father
- Abba, Father!

Jesus called God "Abba"

"And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."
(Mark 14:36, ESV)

We can call God "Abba"

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(Romans 8:15, ESV)

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What is God like as a Father?

- The fatherly characteristics of God
- God and our earthly fathers

Experiencing God's Father Love

- Become God's child

Born again

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be **born again** to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"
(1 Peter 1:3, ESV)

Adopted into God's family

"⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive **adoption as sons**."
(Galatians 4:4–5, ESV)

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