

COMING HOME PART 1
“THE FATHER HEART OF GOD”
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INTRODUCTION

- One of the biggest issues people have with God, is trust. Trust is built on safety, security, and stability.
- You have got to trust God's character and many of us don't.
- Jesus started teaching on prayer by saying, “Our Father.”
- Jesus' message was, your Father is a good God.

I. A GOOD FATHER

- The Sermon on the Mount was about changing people's thinking. A picture of the kingdom.
- Matthew 7:7-10, “...¹¹ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask Him.”
- So many misconceptions about who God is.
- God is crazy about people, but so many of us don't believe that.
- Hosea was a prophet who had to deal with Israel at its worst, dark idol worship. This broke God's heart.
- Hosea 11:1-4, “...⁴ I led Israel along with my ropes of kindness and love...”
- Psalm 103:13-14, “The LORD is like a father to His children, tender and compassionate to those who fear Him. ¹⁴ For He knows how weak we are.”
- Zephaniah 3:17, “He is mighty to save, He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”

II. A GOOD FATHER WHO DISCIPLINES

- God really does love you and He really does correct you as well.

- Discipline isn't rejection, it is correction or redirection.
- God corrects us out of love.
- Hebrews 12:5-7, “...the LORD disciplines those He loves...remember that God is treating you as His own children...”

III. HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO YOUR FATHER'S LOVE

- Many of us are broken and that makes responding to Jesus' love hard.
- I Samuel 15:17 says Saul was, “Little in his own eyes.”
- Insecurity bred pride that made him fear what people thought of him.
- Fear of man always leads to disobedience and rebellion.
- Saul's rebellion was, “as the sin of divination and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.”
- The bible says God adopted us. We didn't earn being God's child, and we don't deserve it.
- Ephesians 1:5-6, “God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure...”

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- Don't allow shame or fear to keep you from His love.
- Psalm 68:5-6, “A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families.”
- Romans 8:38-39, “...nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”