

Talk to Me

LEARNING TO PRAY LIKE JESUS



SERMON NOTES



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"OUR FATHER"

DO WE KNOW WHO WE'RE TALKING TO?

OUR FATHER

- Greek—*Pater*; Aramaic—*Abba*
- Because God is our Father, we only pray to God
- Mulan—"You'll Bring Honor to Us All"

[Mulan]

Ancestors, hear my plea
Help me not to make a fool of me
And to not uproot my family tree
Keep my father standing tall.
Scarier than the undertaker
We are meeting our matchmaker!

[Townspeople]

Destiny, guard our girls
And our future as it fast unfurls
Please look kindly on these cultured pearls
Each a perfect porcelian doll.

WHERE DO WE SEE GOD AS FATHER?

- Israel

²²Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, Israel is my firstborn son, ²³and I say to you, "Let my son go that he may serve me."

Exodus 4:22–23a

⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Isaiah 64:8

- David

¹⁴I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵but my steadfast love will not depart from him,

2 Samuel 7:14–15a

- Jesus
 - Jesus is the better Israel who remains faithful to his Father
 - Jesus is the eternal Son who will redeem Israel

GOD AS FATHER

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Galatians 4:4–7

- God, not our earthly fathers, is the model for fatherhood

GOD AS OUR FATHER

Prayer is never solitary. We are never alone when we pray. We are with Jesus and all others who follow him.

Eugene Peterson, *Tell It Slant*, 168

- God is our Father because we are in Jesus
- God is our Father therefore we pray together

IN HEAVEN

- Our Father is transcendent—God is infinitely exalted over creation
- Our Father is immanent—God is personally related to and involved in creation.

ARE WE GOING TO TALK TO HIM LIKE THAT?

"LET YOUR NAME"

WHAT IS THE NAME OF GOD?

¹³Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Exodus 3:13–15

- YHWH—LORD

- Adonai—Lord

“BE HONORED AS HOLY”

- We honor God’s name as holy because it stands in for who he is—to honor God’s name is to honor him
- We don’t make God’s name holy; it already is

HOW DO WE HONOR GOD’S NAME AS HOLY?

- Obedience
- Worship

CLOSING

- Is God your Father?
- How will you honor God’s name?