



## FATHER POWER—John 1:12

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Our own upbringing formed our understanding of fatherhood. And sometimes our perception and understanding, of course, first comes from our own fathers. That means how we grew up is going to affect the framework absolutely and how we see or understand FATHER POWER and FATHERHOOD. There is power that comes from **KNOWING GOD AS A FATHER** and having a healthy experience with our fathers releases something in our life that is extremely powerful. And that's really what we want to go after.

⚠ However, not all of us have had the opportunity to grow up with this power that comes from knowing healthy fathers growing up. And perhaps *we may have barriers in our life, or even in our soul that might be holding us back from developing a deeper intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father.*

So that's what we want to go after. We want to go after **FATHER POWER** and *benefiting from the healthy roots of our earthly and spiritual fathers*. But ultimately we want to delve into where this all comes from...

### TRUE FATHERHOOD COMES FROM A REVELATION OR OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

➡ There is no father like our HEAVENLY FATHER.

Any time you mention the FATHER, you'll notice His presence will come. That's why when Jesus said to pray to our Heavenly Father you say, "Hallowed be Thy Name"—There's something about when we reference Him sincerely from our hearts, HIS PRESENCE comes immediately.

➡ So please *be sensitive and mindful of the PRESENCE OF GOD* today. May God's Spirit touch you in a powerful way. I want you to just kind of get into this **place of rest and peace** because **your Heavenly Father is with you.**

- HE KNOWS *your name*
- HE KNOWS *your address*
- HE KNOWS *what you might be going through in your life*
- HE WROTE A BOOK ABOUT YOU. Before you were even born, He wrote it down. He took that much thought about you.

You didn't even exist, and your HEAVENLY FATHER began to write— not just a chapter, but the Psalmist said, "a whole book". Before we existed the FATHER thought about you. He took time. Before He made everything He actually thought about you. And that's incredible if you think about how many people have lived—but THE FATHER THOUGHT ABOUT YOU. He thought about what your personality would be like—what traits of the Father you would actually carry in your personality—what you would do—where you would go—where you would live. He thought about all of that before you were ever born.

So if He thought about you and He wrote a BOOK ABOUT YOU, how much more doesn't He know today!? We are His children. That's why **when we talk about Him He is here because HE LOVES TO BE WITH THIS CHILDREN**. He knows where you are today. He knows the thoughts you were having when you were getting ready for this service. He knows everything that you think. He knows everything that's going on in your heart, even things you don't know about—because HE IS YOUR FATHER.

And that is one of the **FATHER POWERS**. That's part of God's power coming into your life because you begin to stabilize and rest in it, "Wait a minute. God, **You've got a plan for me. You've got a purpose for me. You've got everything handled for me.**" **And He knows your past.** He knows where we've been. In fact He knew our past before it was. He knew what we do, how we'd mess up. What mistakes we made. But He also wrote about *our victories—how we would grow—how we would overcome—how we would step into the purposes and plans the HE HAS FOR US.*

➡ And rest assured—HE CERTAINLY KNOWS OUR FUTURE. Your future is secure!

*Ephesians 2:10—For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

God has actually reserved a Future for us. We're His workmanship. In other words: His masterful art pieces. We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works. He has a future.

So **He's very diligently, intentionally and powerfully involved in our everyday lives.**

➡ He is diligently involved in our lives. The Psalmist says, "*Oh God I pray that you order my steps.*" The NLT says, "*You get involved in every detail of my life,*" The Hebrew also says, "*God order my seasons.*" —*Reference?*

GOD ORDERS OUR SEASONS. That's also Good News. Because sometimes you might be going through a difficult season. But rest assured—*It's just a season! The season will turn.* It will change. And God will bring you out of that season. Whatever you might be in, the Good News is: Your Future is better than your past has ever been. Amen!

### **YOUR FUTURE WILL BE BETTER THAN YOUR PAST HAS EVER BEEN**

*John 1:12-13—But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

This type of SONSHIP is not just being born of blood nor of the will of the flesh or human origin—but of God. Those of you that have received Jesus already you've been BORN of the will of God. In fact, **you're BORN OF GOD. That is the first area of understanding FATHER POWER** for you—regardless of where you've been, how your earthly father was, what experience you had growing up with respect to fathers, or even in respect to authority. The GOOD NEWS is: If you have received JESUS, then you are BORN OF GOD and the will of God, and "*you have the right to be children.*" The Greek actually means "*the power of right*". There is a right that you come into to be A SON or A DAUGHTER of GOD when you're born again.

➡ When you choose to know Jesus you have the right to be a child, and everything that comes with being a child of God.—That is something God wants us to get a hold of!

➡ *To be a Child of God is a powerful statement.* **The GOD of the Universe, the creator of everything**, the One who knows everything—**We are His son, his daughter.** Which means we're connected. **WE CARRY HIS NAME.**

➡ I feel today THE FATHER WANTS US TO KNOW that we are His children, HIS FAMILY. And there is a right that comes when you're a child of God.

And **there are many benefits that come from that RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER**, just like there's many benefits from knowing Jesus and experiencing Him as the Son of God, manifested in the flesh as the lamb who was sacrificed for us. But also that He's our elder brother. And He was not insecure that *He was willing to share His own FATHER with us, who is our FATHER.*

*Hebrews 2:11—For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified {set apart to Him} are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,*

In John 17 Jesus said this, that the FATHER's dream is: He wants the world to know two things...

- that *HE sent His Son JESUS*
- and that **HE LOVES US**—those that have received Jesus-**AS MUCH AS HE LOVES JESUS HIMSELF.**

➡ I He wants **to show off to the world HIS LOVE FOR US** and wants *THEM TO KNOW* in the testimony and experience of their life, **through our lives**, that *THEY WERE LOVED* as much as Jesus is loved *BY THE FATHER.*

*John 17: 22-23—And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*

The Love that the Father and the Son share for one another is infinite, immeasurable, perfect—and that same Love is the LOVE our Heavenly Father wants to bestow upon us, and wants us to experience and grow through our life.

Experience with earthly fathers forms our relationship with the heavenly Father.

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We can develop a mindset about our Father in heaven, and work out our salvation—even if we had not that experience in the natural.

No matter how old we are—WE ALL NEED FATHERS

Testimony of Pastor Faisal that the heavenly Father became His FATHER and made up for the gap. Genuine Healing of our soul comes from the Father.

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*Romans 8:37-38—Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

The measure of Love of our heavenly Father is the measure of love we have for other people.

Example of Kathryn Kuhlmann—The power of her relationship with God allowed the power of God to heal people. Like people were being healed by the shadow of Peter by being close enough in his vicinity.

*Romans 8:2—because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.*

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Acts 10:38

Example of John G. Lake—The confidence comes from a relationship with the Father over time.

God is not a respecter of person.

So if you want to have a relationship with the Father you can have it.

The power of God starts with a RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER

Having that Relationship with the Father is like a bed rock in place.

The Father wants us to know Him as a FATHER. This will cause things in your soul come to the surface. And sometimes we resist Him because we are afraid of what might come to the surface.

There has never been a more fatherless society than today.

Fathers carry something.

## HOW TO DEVELOP A RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR FATHER

There is nothing you've gone through in your life that Your Father in heaven can't make up for.

*Matthew 11:27—All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.*

Jesus is very personal about His heavenly Father. No one knows the Son except the Father.

If you have a good relationship with Jesus that came from the Father.

You can't know Jesus except by REVELATION

If you know Jesus that is evidence that you had contact with the Father.

Every time the Father speaks, the Son is revealed to you. The Father is at work in you.

It's the Father revealing Jesus to you.

**YOU GET TO KNOW JESUS THROUGH REVELATION NOT THROUGH FACTS. WHICH COMES FROM THE FATHER**

*Matthew 10:19—But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak;*

The Spirit of the Father will speak in you and through you

*Galatians 4:2—And because you are sons, God has sent forth **the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”***

The spirit of the Son is crying Abba Father

*Matthew 11:27—All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.*

That is how relationship works:

The only one that can reveal the Son to you is by knowing the Father

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### **OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS A GIVER NOT A TAKER**

The Father reveals the Son through the Holy Spirit

*John 14:6-7—If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him*

Jesus was the one the revealed the Father.—In Jesus we have automatically seen the Father.

There is no competition among the trinity.

There is always something new to discover about the Father.

Jesus became man that we can have a picture of the Father.

The Holy Spirit is stirring us into this relationship with the Father.

All starts in this RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER.

*Matthew 11:28—Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

Jesus gives us a REVELATION of the Father. That's what settles you.

*Psalm? (there is a rest in you)*

Jesus had to come. When we get to know Jesus, we get to know the Peace Jesus experienced in the Father.

*Mark 15:34-37—And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.*

The moment Jesus separated from the Father, He no longer lived. Then He said, My God, why did you leave me?—He never had experienced separation from the Father. And that's when He died.

Your relationship with the Father is so sure because of what JESUS did.

Your relationship with the Father will last forever, for all eternity.

*John 6:57—Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.*

It was the separation with the Father that killed Jesus. He could not survive without the Father.

*John 6:58—This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.”*

Now you will never be an orphan again!

Your heavenly Father is more than enough.

When you get to know your heavenly Father, you become SECURE...

Peace comes

Provision will be made

He's your protector

You can learn to be a good father by getting to know your heavenly Father.

Your identity comes from Him

*Identity is not about WHO you are, it is about WHOSE you are*

Your security, your rest, comes through JESUS

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We have relationship with people by KNOWING THE FATHER.—We learn from God.

**KNOWING THE FATHER IS A PROCESS**

Jesus grew up with Joseph and he learned from His earthly father who was a good man, a man of character.—Joseph had to raise up Jesus to one day die.

God saying, *Son, when I raise up my sons, they will live*

Faith works through love

*2 Corinthians 13:14—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.*

You're allowed to have communion with the Holy Spirit

*1 John 1:3—that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.*

Our relationship is with the Father and the Son—through the Holy Spirit.

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