



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**FORGIVENESS IS NOT PRETENDING LIKE IT DIDN'T HAPPEN OR DIDN'T HURT.
THAT'S LYING!**

FORGIVENESS IS A DECISION TO RELEASE THE BITTERNESS THAT UN-FORGIVENESS CAUSES!
But It does not mean you have to continue in an abusive or unGodly relationship with them!

SERMON HANDOUT for June 15, 2025



OUR FATHER

Luke 11:1-2a NKJV

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INTRODUCTION

Disciples Prayer – Jesus' teaching Disciples to Pray ... (John 17 is the "Lord's Prayer")

Why OUR FATHER? BECAUSE...

- For some of us "our fathers" are not and were not perfect. For some of us "our fathers" often failed to meet our expectations and in many cases still do.
- For some of us, our fathers, were not affectionate, didn't often show concern, were often hard, and in some cases unforgiving when it came to our shortcomings and mistakes.
- For some of us we couldn't count on them to show up or to step up when we needed them.
- God KNOWS we needed a Father WHO WAS NOT like the father's we experienced...That's why He says call Him "FATHER!"

Someone defined a Father as: *A Man who cares for his family. He shows his children the way they should go in this world. He protects and works hard for his family. He sets a good example and makes sure his family doesn't go without — even if he does.*

WE HAVE TO LEARN FROM DEFINITIONS, NOT FROM DEMONSTRATIONS!!!

THREE PRINCIPLES IN THE PHRASE “OUR FATHER”

1) IT'S _____ : WE CAN POSSESS HIM!

- "OUR FATHER," "OUR" - first person possessive pronoun, Indicates that the speaker and the group they are addressing (or praying with) share a relationship of ownership or belonging with god, seen as their father.
 - **OUR** = ἐγὼ **EGŌ**; a prim. pronoun of the first pers.; only; my or mine —
 - Possessive means demanding someone's total attention and love.
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2) IT'S _____ : WE HAVE INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH HIM!

FATHER = πατήρ, πατρός M;

ABBA: Greek transliteration of an Aramaic word; speaking of one who combines aspects of supernatural authority and compassionate care for his people. Also, can be translated “daddy!”

Speak of a personal intimacy He desires to have with us. Illustrated by...

- Knowing what you have need of before you ask... (Matthew 6:8)
- Knowing the very numbers of hairs on your head (Luke 12:7)
- Knowing our raising up and our laying down (Psalm 139:2-3)
- Knowing the inner workings of who we are (Psalm 139:13)

That's personal... (1 Samuel 18:1 NKJV)

- *THAT'S HOW GOD LOVES US AND HOW WE ARE TO LOVE HIM!*
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3) IT'S _____ : NOTHING YOU CAN DO CAN BREAK THIS RELATIONSHIP ONCE YOU HAVE ENTERED INTO IT!

- **IN HEAVEN** – “ouranos” (οὐρανός,) — often considered the supernatural dwelling place of GOD and other heavenly beings.
 - ‘Heaven’ – permanent dwelling place of GOD and all who would follow and believe in Him.
 - Our relationship with Him is as permanent and everlasting as heaven!
 - † Deuteronomy 33:27 NKJV
 - † John 10:29 KJV
 - † John 1:12 NKJV
 - † 1 John 3:2 NKJV
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