

## A FATHER LIKE NO OTHER

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## WORSHIP

Praise Him Forever,  
Crown Him with Many  
Crowns, Good Good  
Father

## WELCOME

If your dad was a  
superhero, what power  
would he likely have?  
What would do you  
think he would use it  
for?

## WORD

## READ IT!

MATTHEW 6:9-15

<sup>9</sup> “Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil’ <sup>14</sup> For if you forgive other people for their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive other people, then your Father will not forgive your offenses.”

## PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

## TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about being a father?

## POINT IT OUT!

The world celebrates Father’s Day and honors fathers from all walks of life. Yet for those who do not have “fathers” (passed on early, absentees, or distant) or those who do not have “good father” examples, we will look at the example of “A Father Like No Other”—our Heavenly Father!

In the Old Testament, God is described as “Father” only 15 times. However, in the New Testament, Jesus used the term “Father” referring to God over 165 times, and if we include the epistles from the Apostle Paul and others, it is used over 200 times. The Creator of the heavens and the earth is our Father. Jesus even used a term of endearment “Abba” for us to know that God is our Father!

We will look at the famous model of prayer in Matthew 6 prescribed by Jesus and see the things we can learn about God as our Father:

## 1. PREEMINENCE

The word **pre-eminence** means above others when it comes to ranking, signifying what is “most important”. **“Our Father who is in Heaven”** is uniquely superior—there is no equal. Because of His preeminence, what must we do? **Matthew 6:9** states **“Hallowed be Your Name”**. The word ‘hallowed’ comes from the Greek word **HAGIAZO** which means to make holy, set apart, glorify, and honor Him. The opposite is to ‘profane’ His Name. When we live our lives in a way that brings shame to the Name of the Lord, we are not treating Him with the respect He deserves. A good father must be able to lead his family in hallowing and revering God’s Name. God is the **priority** in his own life and in his family. This can be observed in what consumes our time the most; what we love the most, what excites us, and what keeps us busy. **Matthew 6:10** emphasizes that it is about His kingdom, His priority. Know God’s will and do it. To show the preeminence of God in our life, it is not done by mere talking but in action and our choices and actions should always be glorifying to Him.

## 2. PROVIDER

**Matthew 6:11** states a request to **“Give us this day our daily bread”**. The word daily bread comes from the Greek word **EPIOUSIOS** which translates to as “the need for the day”. This word is unique and was probably invented by the Gospel writers. It combines two words to mean **“whatever is the need TODAY”**. A good father provides (**1 Timothy 5:8**). While there are exceptions, God expects fathers to provide for their families. It is a general rule.

**Matthew 6:25-26** reminds us not to worry because we have a Heavenly Father. If God provides for the birds, how much more will He provide for you and me? He is an amazing Provider! The



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average father spends roughly 20+ seconds for interaction with his children each day. It is so important that a father must be willing to spend time with his children to know their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. God, our Heavenly Father, does not only know all our needs but He is able to provide. **Matthew 7:9-11** shows that God also knows what is best and when best to give that something to us. **2 Kings 4:1-7** is a story that shows that even if God provides (the oil miraculously multiplied, providing for the widow in dire need), we do our part. The widow had to visit as many neighbors and borrow as many vessels as she can. God is our provider, but **we have to do our part.**

## 3. HE PARDONS

**Matthew 6:12** reminds us that God forgives (Gk. **APHIEMI**, to send away or cancel). Our Heavenly Father is a forgiving Father. Forgiveness is so crucial that a few verses down (**v.14-15**), Jesus reminds us that we must forgive. It is not an option, but a command. Because our Father has forgiven and pardoned us, He expects us to forgive others. Many family problems can be traced back to lack of forgiveness that is why fathers must develop a culture of forgiveness in the household. **Psalms 103:8, 10-12** paints a perfect picture of God's lovingkindness and willingness to forgive our great iniquities. His forgiveness is based on His compassion and grace, and it abounds in love! Many people today desire to be forgiven. It is an amazing thing to embrace that we have been forgiven and that we have a forgiving Heavenly Father.

## 4. PROTECTS

**Matthew 6:13** is a petition to our Heavenly Father to “**not lead us to temptation (peirasmos, meaning trials and hardships)**” and “**deliver us from evil (poneros, meaning pain, suffering, and evil)**”. A father protects and guides. The word *peirasmos* can be positive or negative as used in **James 1:13**. Its verb form *peirazo* is used in the verse negatively as something that causes you to sin, but there are certain trials that He allows. Just like in **1 Peter 1:6-7** where the positive form of the word pertains to that which proves our faith. Faith is crucial and it has to be genuine. When God allows trials, He allows it to refine and build us up. It is calibrated clearly as seen in **1 Corinthians 10:13**. This is a great comfort knowing whatever trial that God allows is there to build us up. No trial is beyond His ability to help us endure. Protection, as part of a father's job, is sometimes done through DISCIPLINE. **Hebrews 12:6-7** reminds us that the consequences of our bad choices are allowed so we can learn what is right and wrong. A good father disciplines not for the purpose of punishment but to train his children (**Hebrews 12:10-11**). **Ephesians 6:4** also provides instruction on how to discipline children—how to avoid over-controlling or not disciplining at all.

## 5. PASSIONATE

Our Heavenly Father loves us so much (**1 John 3:1**). It is an amazing love. God loves you so much that He is calling you to be His child. **John 1:12** tells us not everyone is considered His children because we must first receive and believe in Jesus. **Galatians 4:4** tells us God sent Jesus Christ for our redemption! It's so you and I can become children of God. To become a child of God is an amazing privilege. Make sure you and your family are connected through Jesus, to our Perfect Father – **a Father Like No Other!**

## WORKS

## APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on A FATHER LIKE NO OTHER, write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your “I will...” statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

Simple  
Measurable  
Appropriate  
Realistic  
Time-bound

“I will \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_”

## SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

PRAY CARE SHARE  
IN ACTION

Pray for the fathers around you today that they may have the eagerness to know God's will, God's ways, and God's promises in the Bible. Extend an act of kindness by encouraging them or helping them in practical ways. Share how they can know God, our Father like no other, through Jesus Christ.

WEEKLY  
PRAYER POINTS

## I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

## II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation
- Wisdom and timely, effective response to the pandemic

## III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

## IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

## V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends



So if you, despite being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

Matthew 7:11

