

A Father's Love

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Scriptures present the Father as the source of all creation, the giver of life, and God of all the universe... —Tyndale Bible Dictionary</i></p> <p>As Creator, God is considered Father of all. He loves all He created, but He also made a way for us to become His children, part of His family, heirs to His Kingdom.</p> <p>Read 1John 3:1</p> <p>How do you see the kind of love the Father has given to us that we should be called His children? Do you feel special knowing Him when others don't?</p> <p>Read 1John 4:9-10</p> <p>What kind of love do you find in these verses?</p> <p>Fathers love their children from the beginning, even before their children are capable of love or know what love is.</p> <p>How long did your heavenly Father pursue you before you were called His child?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 4</i></p> <p>Read John 5:19-23</p> <p>What can the Son do without the Father? What does the Father show the Son? What kind of works will the Son do compared to the Father?</p> <p>A good father's love causes us to love them in return. Our love is expressed through obedience and becoming more like them. Doing what they do.</p> <p>God the Father is love, therefore the Son only experienced perfect love from His Father.</p> <p>Have you experienced love from your father that equips, lifts, and encourages to greater things? Explain.</p> <p>When the relationship between father and child is broken there is rebellion.</p> <p>Ask God to show you where you have rebelled against Him and broken relationship. Confess and repent.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 2</i></p> <p>Read John 1:10-13</p> <p>How are children born to their earthly fathers? How are we born to our heavenly Father?</p> <p>Read John 3:3-7</p> <p>What does Jesus teach about spiritual birth and becoming His Father's child?</p> <p>Read Luke 11:11-13</p> <p>How do fathers show love to their children in these verses? What do they provide for their children?</p> <p>Fathers, both earthly and heavenly, provide for the needs of their children once they are born. They give good gifts to help them grow, because they love them.</p> <p>What does the heavenly Father give to His children when they ask?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 5</i></p> <p>Read John 15:9-11 (This week's memory verses.)</p> <p>How has Jesus loved us? What does it mean to abide in His love? How do we do it? What are the benefits to following Jesus's teaching?</p> <p>There is a BIG <i>if</i> in these verses. <i>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love...</i></p> <p>What do you think happens when we fail to follow Jesus's commands? Does the Father stop loving us?</p> <p>Remaining in the Father's love through obedience means we can rest in it. When we, through disobedience, choose another way, we separate ourselves in relationship. He still loves us, but we miss the joy of His love in our lives.</p> <p>Read John 3:16-17 (Last week's memory verses)</p> <p>Consider God's heart for the entire lost world. Now consider His heart for you as His child.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 3</i></p> <p>Read 2Thessalonians 2:16-17</p> <p>What does our heavenly Father's love provide for His children?</p> <p>Comfort and hope through grace.</p> <p>Did your earthly father offer comfort, hope, and grace to you? Have you felt them from your heavenly Father?</p> <p>Comfort, encouragement, hope, and grace are all promises of His great love for you.</p> <p>Turn today's verses into a personal prayer. Ask Him to equip and prepare your heart for service in His Kingdom.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Want to learn more?</i></p> <p>Sister Talk: Going Deeper is an extension of Sister Talk: Resuscitate Your Faith. You can find more on A Father's Love by going to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SisterTalkFaith.com</p> <p>Scroll to the bottom and search Week 5/Day 2: Love to review more information on the Father's love.</p> <p>Sign up to receive blog posts by e-mail and each day's lesson will come straight to your inbox.</p> <p>Follow us on Instagram for encouragement along the journey at sistertalkfaith.</p>