

# FINDING HOPE DAILY


- Everyone needs a daily dose of **HOPE**
- Everyone needs to know they are *loved* . . unconditionally



## MEMORY VERSE:

### 2 PETER 1.4

- *Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

- 2 Peter 1.4, NIV
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# WHAT DOES IT MEAN – GOD IS YOUR FATHER?

- What was/is your earthly Dad like?
- How does that shape your thinking about God the Father?
- What does the Bible say about God the Father?
- What was Jesus relationship with His Father?



## JEREMIAH 31.20

- Is not Ephraim my dear son,  
the child in whom I delight?  
Though I often speak against him,  
I still remember him.  
Therefore my heart yearns for him;  
I have great compassion for him,”  
declares the LORD.



# 1. THE O.T. PICTURE:

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# ROMANS 8

- <sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.



- <sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.





- And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs— heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. *Romans 8*



## 2. GOD CALLS US BY *HIS HOLY SPIRIT*

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○ Abba Father, as conveyed through Jesus and Paul, reflects the knowledge of knowing that God *knows us better than we know ourselves* and He established paths for us before we took our first steps as humans.

- <https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/the-wonderful-implications-of-god-being-our-abba-father.html>



## 1 JOHN 3

- See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.



- But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.



### 3. YOU ARE LOVED!

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## A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER:

- Dear heavenly Father, something's going to capture my attention and preoccupation, as this day begins and continues. It could be things and people that irritate me, circumstances and stories that overwhelm me, disappointments and failures that anger me, or mirages and fantasies that deceive me.



- But in response to this encouraging Scripture, I choose to lock my gaze on your great love for us in the gospel.
- Father, the sheer bulk of your love for us in Jesus is staggering—even extravagant. According to your own Word, you haven't been miserly, measured, or careful with your love. You've been lavish—over-the-top, immoderate, intemperate!





- We believe, help our unbelief. *Everything* we want, and more than we can imagine is found in the riches of your love.
- By your love, you've adopted us as your beloved sons and daughters. Right now—in the very moment, we already have *all* the legal rights and personal delights that come with being your children.



- You cannot love us more;
- you will not love us less.



- And by your lavish love, Father, one Day you will make us as lovely as and as loving as Jesus. We ***WILL*** be made like Jesus! Hallelujah, so many, many times over. This rest of our momentary, broken, selfish, yearning and longing lives, are ***nothing***, compared to an eternity of being with and being like Jesus. We forsake our whining for your worship.



○ Father, by this blessed hope, we will seek to dance, repent, and love to your glory today. So very Amen we pray, in Jesus pure and perfect name.

- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/scotty-smith/a-prayer-for-beholding-gods-lavish-love/>



# GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU:

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- *you will not love us less.*

