

“OUR FATHER”

Journey Home, Part 2

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Our Father in heaven...

Matthew 6:9

Earthly Fathers Are Sometimes:

1. Unreasonable (harsh)
2. Unreliable (not there for me)
3. Unconcerned (distant)
4. Unpleasable (critical)

What Kind Of Father Is God?

1. Our Heavenly Father is _____
and _____

(God) “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”
Genesis 2:16-17

(Satan) “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”
Genesis 3:1

The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation.
Psalms 145:9 (NLT)

Anytime God says no to me, it’s because He loves me.

Take delight in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. Psalms 37:4

... God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
1 Timothy 6:17

The Lord will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right.
Psalm 84:11 (NLT)

2. Our Heavenly Father is _____
And _____

“I the Lord do not change.”

Malachi 3:6

If we are faithless, he remains faithful...

2 Timothy 2:13

3. Our Heavenly Father is _____
And _____

God even knows how many hairs are on your head. So don't be afraid.
Matthew 10:30 (NCV)

- God is never too busy for me. (Psalm 145:18)
- God loves to meet my needs. (Matthew 7:11)
- God is sympathetic to my hurts (Psalm 34:18)

(Jesus) “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”
John 14:23

4. Our Heavenly Father is _____
And _____

But now God has shown us a different way to heaven --not by “being good enough” and trying to keep his laws, but by a new way...

God says he will accept and acquit us-declare us “not guilty”-if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like.
Romans 3:22 (LB)

*All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted