



PURPOSE

LIVE OUT OUR FAITH IN JESUS AND INVITE OTHERS INTO LIFE WITH HIM

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DEVOTION

GOD THE FATHER

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Devotion to God is a commitment to continually deepen our relationship with God and orient our lives around that priority.

LUKE 11:2-4 ESV

² And He said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

MATTHEW 6:9-13 ESV

⁹ Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread, ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

We can grow in our devotion to God when we see Him as our Father.

MARK 14:36 ESV

And He said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Remove this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will.”

ROMANS 8:15-17 ESV

¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

GALATIANS 4:1-7 ESV

¹ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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We can grow in our devotion to God when we relate to Him as “Abba,” who intimately loves us.

1 JOHN 3:2 ESV

Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.

We can grow in our devotion to God when we understand that “the spirit of adoption” means God deeply desires to make us His children.

JOHN 1:18 AMP

No one has seen God [His essence, His divine nature] at any time; the [One and] only begotten God [that is, the unique Son] who is in the intimate presence of the Father, He has explained Him [and interpreted and revealed the awesome wonder of the Father].

JOHN 14:9 ESV

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’”

Devotional Challenge 1:

- **Start a Journal (notebook or google doc)**
- **Write: “Abba Father, because I am your child I want to tell you...”**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Looking at the Lord’s prayer, how does viewing God as our Father help us to understand why God cares about these requests? How does viewing God as our Father help us in praying for others?
2. How does it feel to call God “Abba Father” (akin to “Daddy” or “Papa”)? Knowing God welcomes this level of intimacy, how does this change what you can invite Him into?
3. How does the “spirit of adoption” help you to feel valued? What would it look like to live intentionally as a member of the household of God?

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