

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP CENTRE

THE FATHER HEART OF GOD

Knowing God as a Loving Father

MONTHLY SERMON SERIES | FOUR-WEEK TEACHING GUIDE

Prepared for ministry teaching and discipleship

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SERMON SERIES CONTENT

A complete four-week CFC teaching resource for preaching, Bible study, discipleship and ministry development.

THE FATHER HEART OF GOD Monthly Sermon Series Theme Scripture:

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" - 1 John 3:1

MONTHLY SERMON SERIES OVERVIEW

This series is designed for 4 Sundays (or 4 weeks), teaching believers about the love, compassion, discipline, protection, and restoration found in the Father heart of God.

WEEK 1 - GOD THE LOVING FATHER Main Text:

Luke 15:11-24 (The Prodigal Son)

Introduction

Many people know God as Creator, Judge, or King, but struggle to know Him as Father. Jesus came to reveal the Father heart of God.

Jesus constantly referred to God as "Father."

- Matthew 6:9 - "Our Father in heaven..."
- John 14:9 - "Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father."

God is not a distant Father. He is loving, approachable, merciful, and compassionate.

1. THE FATHER LOVES UNCONDITIONALLY Scripture:

Romans 5:8

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

God does not wait for perfection before loving His children. Example:

The prodigal son wasted his inheritance in sin, yet the father still welcomed him home.

The father:

- Ran toward him
- Embraced him
- Kissed him
- Restored him

This shows:

- God's love is not performance-based
- God's love pursues sinners
- God values relationship more than mistakes

2. THE FATHER IS COMPASSIONATE Scripture:

Psalm 103:13

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him."

God understands our weaknesses. Example:

When Peter denied Jesus three times, Jesus restored him lovingly instead of destroying him. (John 21:15-17)

The Father heart restores broken people.

3. THE FATHER DESIRES RELATIONSHIP Scripture:

Jeremiah 31:3

"I have loved you with an everlasting love."

God did not create humanity merely for service, but for fellowship. Example:

Adam walked with God in the garden before sin entered.

God still seeks intimacy with His children today.

APPLICATION

Ask yourself:

- Do I truly know God as Father?
- Am I still living like an orphan spiritually?
- Have I accepted His unconditional love?

PRAYER POINTS

- Lord, reveal Your Father heart to me.
- Heal every wound caused by earthly fathers.
- Help me receive Your unconditional love.

WEEK 2 - THE FATHER WHO FORGIVES AND RESTORES Main Text:

Luke 15:20-24

1. THE FATHER RUNS TOWARD REPENTANT CHILDREN Scripture:

Luke 15:20

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him..."

The father was waiting and watching.

This represents:

- God's readiness to forgive
- God's eagerness to restore

Example:

David sinned greatly, yet after repentance, God restored him. (Psalm 51)

2. THE FATHER REMOVES SHAME Scripture:

Isaiah 61:7

"Instead of your shame you shall receive double honor."

The prodigal son expected rejection but received restoration.

The father gave:

- A robe → righteousness
- A ring → authority
- Sandals → sonship

Spiritual Meaning:

God does not merely forgive sinners; He restores identity.

3. THE FATHER CELEBRATES RESTORATION Scripture:

Luke 15:24

"For this son of mine was dead and is alive again."

Heaven rejoices when people return to God. Example:

Zacchaeus encountered Jesus and his whole life changed. (Luke 19:1-10)

APPLICATION

- Stop living in condemnation.
- God's grace is bigger than your past.
- The Father still calls you "son" and "daughter."

PRAYER POINTS

- Father, restore me completely.
- Remove shame and condemnation from my life.
- Restore my spiritual identity.

WEEK 3 - THE FATHER WHO DISCIPLINES AND TRAINS HIS CHILDREN Main Text:

Hebrews 12:5-11

1. DISCIPLINE IS A SIGN OF LOVE Scripture:

Hebrews 12:6

"For whom the Lord loves He chastens."

True fathers correct their children.

God disciplines:

- To mature us
- To protect us
- To shape character

Example:

Jonah disobeyed God, and God corrected him through the storm and great fish.

The discipline was not destruction; it was redirection.

2. THE FATHER TRAINS US FOR PURPOSE Scripture:

Romans 8:28

"All things work together for good..."

God uses:

- Trials
- Delays
- Wilderness seasons
- Difficulties

to develop spiritual maturity. Example:

Joseph endured betrayal and prison before becoming governor.

The Father was preparing him.

3. THE FATHER NEVER ABANDONS HIS CHILDREN Scripture:

Deuteronomy 31:6

"I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Even in correction, God stays near. Example:

The Israelites rebelled many times, yet God continued guiding them.

APPLICATION

- Stop interpreting correction as rejection.
- Every season has a purpose.
- God is shaping your destiny.

PRAYER POINTS

- Father, help me accept Your correction.
- Build godly character in me.
- Teach me obedience and maturity.

WEEK 4 - LIVING AS SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD Main Text:

Romans 8:14-17

1. WE ARE ADOPTED INTO GOD'S FAMILY Scripture:

Romans 8:15

"You received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry, 'Abba, Father.'"

"Abba" means:

- Daddy
- Loving Father
- Intimate relationship

Believers are not spiritual orphans.

2. SONS CARRY THE FATHER'S NATURE Scripture:

Galatians 5:22-23

Children resemble their father.

God's children should reflect:

- Love
- Mercy
- Holiness
- Forgiveness
- Compassion

Example:

Jesus demonstrated the exact nature of the Father.

3. SONS WALK IN INHERITANCE Scripture:

Galatians 4:7

"You are no longer a slave but a son."

Children of God inherit:

- Eternal life
- Authority
- Peace
- Spiritual blessings
- Kingdom promises

Example:

Mephibosheth was invited to dine at the king's table continually. (2 Samuel 9)

This is a picture of grace and adoption.

APPLICATION

Live with confidence as God's child:

- Pray boldly
- Walk in holiness
- Reject orphan mentality
- Trust the Father's provision

FINAL CONCLUSION OF THE SERIES

The Father heart of God reveals:

- Love for the broken
- Grace for sinners
- Discipline for growth
- Restoration for the fallen
- Identity for believers

God is not merely seeking servants; He is seeking sons and daughters.

FINAL ALTAR CALL

"Come home to the Father."

No matter:

- your past,
- failures,
- wounds,

- sins,
- disappointments,

the Father's arms are still open.

CLOSING SCRIPTURES John 1:12

"To all who received Him, He gave the right to become children of God." 2 Corinthians 6:18

"I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters." Ephesians 3:14-15

"I bow my knees to the Father... from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named."

BONUS: SUGGESTED WEEKLY ACTIVITIES Week 1:

Testimony night on God's love

Week 2:

Healing and restoration service

Week 3:

Prayer and fasting for spiritual growth

Week 4:

Anointing service for sons and daughters of God