Wisdom Unlocked: The Ways of God



S#4 Episode #12 The Father Heart of God

The image of God you carry around in your heart and mind affects the way you live your daily life. For too many of us, that image is flawed, Scripture refers to God as our Father. That can be a source of comfort if you have a good relationship with your dad. But if you didn't, it's an obstacle that is hard to overcome. Listen as we discuss how our Heavenly Father desires to "re-parent" us.

Scripture References

Everlasting Father - Isaiah 9:6 Father of the Fatherless - Psalm 68:5 Father in heaven - Matthew 6:9

Our Heavenly Father knows us and loves us completely - Psalm 139:1-6 Our Father in heaven knows everything about us (Matthew 10:29-30) He loves us even when we were at our worst (Romans 5:8) He is affectionate toward us and lavishes His love upon us (Deuteronomy 33:12; 1 John 3:1) He loved us so much that He adopted us into His family (Galatians 4:4-7) He calls us by name (John 10:3) He is our "Abba" (Hebrew for "Daddy") - Romans 8:15 His love for us will never end (Jeremiah 31:3) His love is a giving, self-sacrifical love - John 3:16 Our father in heaven loves us as much as He loves Jesus (John 17:23) Our Heavenly Father is always present (Psalm 139:7-12) Our Heavenly Father created us uniquely with purpose (Psalm 139:13-18)

Our Father's giving heart

He is generous aand a giver of life (Matthew 7:11) When He disciplines us it is out of love and not anger and to get us back on track (Hebrew 12:7-13) He doesn't compare us with others; He is impartial (1 Peter 1:17) He gives us the desires of our hearts (Psalm 37:3-5) He makes us His heirs (Galatians 4:4-7)

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