

The Heart of the Father



# God created us and desires to have intimacy with us.

- Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our **image**, in our **likeness**.”
- Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breathe of life, and the man became a living being.
- Ps 139:13-17 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

- Matthew 7:9-11. Which of you, if your son ask for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

# The Father's Heart of Love for You.

- John 3:16. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- John 15:13. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down his life for one's friends.

# The Father's Heart of Compassion for You.

- Ps 103.13-14. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him, for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

- Luke 15:20 But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him, he ran to him, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

# The Father's Heart to Give Good Gifts to You.

- James 1:17-19 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the father of lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.

# The Father's Heart to be With You.

- Isaiah 41:13. For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says, Do not fear, I will help you.

- Joshua 1:9. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

# The Father's Heart to See You Flourish.

- Jeremiah 29:11. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

- “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. The history of mankind will probably show that no people has ever risen above its religion, and man’s spiritual history will positively demonstrate that no religion has ever been greater than its idea of God. Worship is pure or base as the worshiper entertains high or low thoughts of God.
- For this reason the gravest question before the Church is always God Himself, and the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like. **We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God.**”
- –A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy* (New York: HarperCollins, 1961),