

# Sermon Notes

*Godly Fathering*  
*Ephesians 6:1–4*  
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## A FATHER'S LOVE LETTER

To My Born-Again Children,  
You may not know Me, but I know everything about you ~ Psalm 139:1  
I know when you sit down and when you rise up ~ Psalm 139:2  
I am familiar with all your ways ~ Psalm 139:3  
Even the very hairs on your head are numbered ~ Matthew 10:29–31  
For you were made in My image ~ Genesis 1:27

In Me you live and move and have your being ~ Acts 17:28  
For you are My offspring ~ Acts 17:28  
I knew you even before you were conceived ~ Jeremiah 1:4–5  
I chose you when I planned creation ~ Ephesians 1:11–12  
You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in My book ~ Psalm 139:15–16  
I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live ~ Acts 17:26  
You are fearfully and wonderfully made ~ Psalm 139:14  
I knit you together in your mother's womb ~ Psalm 139:13  
And brought you forth on the day you were born ~ Psalm 71:6

I am not distant and constantly angry, but am the complete expression of love ~ 1 John 4:16  
And it is My desire to lavish My love on you ~ 1 John 3:1  
Simply because you are My child and I am your Father ~ 1 John 3:1  
I offer you more than your earthly Father ever could ~ Matthew 7:11  
For I am the perfect Father ~ Matthew 5:48  
Every good gift that you receive comes from My hand ~ James 1:17  
For I am your provider and I meet all your needs ~ Matthew 6:31–33  
My plan for your future has always been filled with hope ~ Jeremiah 29:11  
Because I love you with an everlasting love ~ Jeremiah 31:3  
My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore ~ Psalm 139:17–18

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## A FATHER'S LOVE LETTER (continued)

And I rejoice over you with singing ~ Zephaniah 3:17  
I will never stop doing good to you ~ Jeremiah 32:40  
For you are My treasured possession ~ Exodus 19:5  
I desire to establish you with all My heart and all My soul ~ Jeremiah 32:41  
And I want to show you great and marvelous things ~ Jeremiah 33:3  
If you seek Me with all your heart, you will find Me ~ Deuteronomy 4:29  
Delight in Me and I will give you the desires of your heart ~ Psalm 37:4  
For it is I who gave you those desires ~ Philippians 2:13

I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine ~ Ephesians 3:20  
For I am your greatest encourager ~ 2 Thessalonians 2:16–17  
I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles ~ 2 Corinthians 1:3–4

When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you ~ Psalm 34:18  
As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to My heart ~ Isaiah 40:11  
One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes ~ Revelation 21:3–4  
And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth ~ Revelation 21:3–4

I am your Father, and I love you even ~ John 17:23  
For in Jesus, My love for you is revealed ~ John 17:26  
He is the exact representation of My being ~ Hebrews 1:3  
He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you ~ Romans 8:31  
And to tell you that I am not counting your sins against you ~ 2 Corinthians 5:18–19

Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled ~ 2 Corinthians 5:18–19  
His death was the ultimate expression of My love for you ~ 1 John 4:10  
I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love ~ Romans 8:31–32  
If you receive the gift of My Son Jesus, you receive Me ~ 1 John 2:23  
And nothing will ever separate you from My love again ~ Romans 8:38–39  
Come home and I'll throw the biggest party Heaven has ever seen ~ Luke 15:7  
I have always been a Father, and will always be a Father for the redeemed ~ Ephesians 3:14–15

My question is...Will you be My child? ~ John 1:12–13  
I am waiting for you ~ Luke 15:11–32  
Love, the Father of all who are spiritually redeemed

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