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God – our Extraordinary Father!

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Ordinary People; Extraordinary God

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But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. ⁶And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." ⁷Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir. (Galatians 4:4-7, NLT)

- 1. God our Father has chosen to _____ us as His own children and has _____ His love on us.**

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. (1 John 3:1-3, NIV)

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. ⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. ⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. (Ephesians 1:3-6, NLT)

- 2. God our Father chose to _____ the ultimate price to _____ us from our sins through His son, Jesus.**

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have

eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:16-17, NLT)

**3. God our Father will take care of all our _____
as we seek to honor Him with our lives and actions.**

Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! ⁹ Fear the LORD, you his godly people, for those who fear him will have all they need. ¹⁰ Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the LORD will lack no good thing. (Psalm 34:8-10, NLT)

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. (Matthew 6:33, NLT)

**4. God our Father loves us so much that He is willing
to _____ us as His children so that we
can grow in spiritual maturity and holiness.**

⁵ And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said,

“My child, don’t make light of the LORD’s discipline,
and don’t give up when he corrects you.

⁶ For the LORD disciplines those he loves,
and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.”

⁷ As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? ⁸ If God doesn’t discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all. ⁹ Since we respected our earthly fathers who disciplined us, shouldn’t we submit even more to the discipline of the Father of our spirits, and live forever?

¹⁰ For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God’s discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it’s painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way. (Hebrews 12:5-11, NLT)

- **David is an example of a parent who _____
in the area of discipline with his children.**

⁵About that time David's son Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith, began boasting, "I will make myself king." So he provided himself with chariots and charioteers and recruited fifty men to run in front of him. ⁶Now his father, King David, had never disciplined him at any time, even by asking, "Why are you doing that?" (1 Kings 1:5-6, NLT)

5. God our Father shows His _____ towards us when we _____ against Him through our sin.

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (Romans 5:8, NLT)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9, NLT)

Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

⁶Therefore, let all the godly pray to you while there is still time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment.

⁷For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory.

⁸The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you. (Psalm 32:5-8, NLT)

6. God our Father loves us even when we do not _____ Him.

¹⁰This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. . . .¹⁹We love because he loved us first. (1 John 4:10 and 19, NLT)

¹¹The Lord said, "Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas. When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying to me right now. ¹²I have shown him a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so he can see again."

¹³"But Lord," exclaimed Ananias, "I've heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem! ¹⁴And he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name."

¹⁵But the Lord said, "Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the

people of Israel. ¹⁶ And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name's sake." (Acts 9:11-16, NLT)

**7. God our Father has made us _____ with Jesus
and is at work preparing our _____
where we will be with him forever in heaven.**

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. ¹⁷ And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. ¹⁸ Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. ¹⁹ For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. (Romans 8:15-19, NLT)